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Adam T. Kline

*Flagler Beach City Manager
Candidate Report*

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Cover Letter and Resume

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Adam T. Kline
May 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Suzie Johnston and council members,

As a matter of introduction, my name is Adam Kline. I am a dedicated public service professional with over 34 years of service. I have worked tirelessly toward quality public service, holding the ideal that keeping citizens interests above all other interests equates to success. My 34 years of service encompassed a vast variety of community, operational, and administrative responsibilities at both, township and village government levels.

Throughout my career at the White Lake Township Police Department, Lansing Township Police Department, and now at Oakland Township I have managed departments, projects, initiatives, and people. Throughout my tenure I have distinguished myself as a character-based leader, committed the tenants of honesty, integrity and service. I believe serving the community interests must be the core principle of every employee.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Development / Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a graduate certificate in Criminal Justice from University of Virginia. I graduated the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2006 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in 2012. I have also attended numerous administrative, organizational and supervisory training seminars in the course of my employment and have graduated from Saginaw Valley State University's Certified Public Manager Program.

I have been very successful in accomplishing all goals as a government executive and community leader, and am looking forward to continuing that practice with the City of Flagler Beach. I believe my experience, knowledge, and ability to communicate demonstrate that I can function at the highest level in a manner that will exceed your expectations.

Sincerely,
Adam T. Kline

Adam T. Kline

10169 Hegel Goodrich, MI. 48438 cell 248-255-8778

Professional Profile

Objective

Provide accurate portrayal of work experience and education in effort to better familiarize The City of Flagler Beach with my skill sets, experience, and education as it pertains the city manager position.

Skills Summary

- Organizational Operations
- Municipal Planning
- Major Projects
- Equipment acquisition
- Budgeting
- Union/Management Negotiations
- Personnel coordinator
- Benefits Coordinator
- Internal Investigations
- Annual Reports
- Community initiatives
- Board of Trustee liaison

Professional Experience

June 2019 – Present

Oakland Township Manager

- Oversee and direct all departments at the Charter Township of Oakland
 - Facilitates communication with/between all Trustees.
 - Tracks the progress, relevant timelines, necessary actions, and eventual completion of the Township’s projects and initiatives by submitting a monthly report and milestone calendar to the Board of Trustees.
 - Assists in administration, enforcement and execution of Board policies and resolutions.
 - Works with financial officer to prepare, review, and monitor all financial budgets.
 - Supervises, evaluates, aid and advises in all interdepartmental matters involving Oakland Township
 - Works with multiple contracted entities on major projects with in Oakland Township

November 2016 – June 2019

Lansing Township Chief of Police

- Direct all activities of the police department
 - Implements goals, objectives, policies, procedures, and standards for the department
 - strategically plans for the use of resources, coordinates activities, and ensuring high quality service
 - Hire, Discipline, Organize, and review all the department staff
 - Develops and implements emergency management plans
 - Organizes and prepares police budget
 - Negotiation team for union contracts

December 1987 – November 2016

White Lake Township Chief of Police 2014-2016

- Direct all activities of the police department
- Lieutenant/Commander Investigative Division 2013-2014
- Lieutenant/Commander Patrol Division 2010- 2013
- Patrol Sergeant 2005-2010
- Detective 1994-2005
- Patrol Officer 1987-1994

January 1984 – January 1987

U.S. Army

- Aerial Observer
- OH-58 Helicopter Mechanic

August 2003 – Present

Village of Goodrich

- Planning Commissioner

Education

- SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY – University Center, Michigan
Certified Public Manager program, 2020
- CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY – Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
BS-Community Development/Public Administration
- FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY – Quantico, Virginia
Graduate Certificate – University of Virginia, 2012
- NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY – Evanston, Illinois
Police Staff and Command, 2006

Candidate Introduction

Adam T. Kline

EDUCATION

- Central Michigan University – Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
BS-Community Development/Public Administration 2011
- FBI National Academy – Quantico, Virginia
Graduate Certificate – University of Virginia, 2012
- NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY – Evanston, Illinois
Police Staff and Command, 2006
- SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY – University Center, Michigan
Certified Public Manager program, 2020

EXPERIENCE

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|---|----------------|
| Oakland Township Manager, Oakland Township Mi. | 2019 – present |
| Lansing Township Police Chief, Lansing Township, Mi. | 2016 – 2019 |
| White Lake Township Police Chief, White Lake, Mi. | 2014 – 2016 |
| White Lake Township Police Department, White Lake, Mi. | 1987 – 2014 |
| • Lieutenant/Commander Investigative Division 2013-2014 | |
| • Lieutenant/Commander Patrol Division 2010- 2013 | |
| • Patrol Sergeant 2005-2010 | |
| • Detective 1994-2005 | |
| • Patrol Officer 1987-1994 | |
| United States Army, Ft. Hood Tx. | 1984 – 1987 |
| Village of Goodrich Planning commissioner, Goodrich Mi. | 2003 – present |

BACKGROUND

Oakland Township, Oakland County population is just over 20,000 and fiercely rural, in a county with a population of 1.26 million. Oakland Townships work force is made up of approximately 50 employees broken down between several departments, parks and recreation, building, fire, historic district, and administration. I directly supervise all administration and department heads. Oakland Townships general budget is approximately 4.6 million and the overall budget is approximately 14.8 million.

The three most important issues facing our township are:

1. Roads or more importantly the condition of our roads are by far the most hotly contested issue our Township. From the gravel road being reconditioned by gravel, limestone, or chip/seal. The idea of paving our gravel roads with asphalt or continue to recondition them and the consideration of cost. The grading of gravel roads and road right of way issues along with dust control and chemical used or how many applications are

necessary. Everyone has an opinion and most information is subjective at best. We have over 34 gravel roads in the Township, the discussion about roads and their condition is a yearlong conversation. To compound the issue the roads are not maintained nor owned by the Township but rather they are owned by the State and maintained by an elected Road Commission. This is by far the most important issue facing Oakland Township and its residents.

2. New regulation forced on the Township by the State of Michigan concerning water storage in community well connected to over 150 homes is the second most important issue facing the Township. The Township has been mandated to build two separate water storage facilities with upgraded pump stations and iron removal and if the township refused the State of Michigan would not issue any water permits for new buildings. Although this may be enticing to some residents and board members, other developers have threatened lawsuits over the refusal or delay in building water towers for storage. Currently Oakland Township is building two ground water storage tanks in the amount of roughly 22 million dollars with no financial assistance from State funds. The Township will soon be constructing a third water storage tank in 2024. These projects are costly, unwanted/controversial for residents, and time consuming to construct.
3. Our third most important issues facing Oakland Township is our storm water system and area flooding. Oakland Township topographically consists of larger areas of wetlands with residential homes placed in close proximity to those wetlands. With the increase in residential homes and non-porous surfaces such as driveways, garages, and barns uphill from other residential areas. Structures built to contain, slowdown and or divert the storm water into the natural flow of the wetlands is inadequate. During recent rain events in our area several homes were damaged due to flooding. With no monies to fix the issues and dry summers that hide recall of flooding this issue will return to cause more damage. The Township looks to seek assistance with planning, financing and constructing new methods to allow the unobstructed flow of storm water in tributary streams, rivers, and ultimately out to the lakes.

GENERAL, MANAGEMENT STYLE AND EXPERIENCE

My interest in Flagler Beach is twofold one is the area itself; I am a retired law enforcement officer and have always planned to move to the state of Florida after retirement. Life's plans as they sometimes do change or adapt and I continued to work. The plan still continued to be to move to an area where I and now we felt comfortable in later in life. The second response to my interest is one in the form of government. I am searching for a position that allows me control over issues that I will ultimately be held responsible. When the City of Flagler Beach advertised for a position of City Manager, I read your advertisement and spoke to my family, it felt as if this community fit my interests. I have always felt a strong belief toward service and as a continuation of my law enforcement service and if given the opportunity the City of Flagler Beach matches with my interests.

Adam T. Kline

I often describe my management style as situational with an emphasis on collaborative. Each situation calls for a little different style, but I often believe that more eyes on the problem or situation the better the outcome. I am empathic and honest toward employees as a base and if I don't have an immediate solution, I look to find one. My staff would agree with that assessment, and I think they would include that most of the collaborative decisions made are with citizens' interests first and self-interest last.

Elected Officials would vary on who you speak with to what they would have to say about me. I would suggest that the elected official that wants total input and final decision making would not have a lot of favorable things to say. However, an official that works with staff, and inputs without self-interest would have more favorable things to say about me. All would say that I am honest and extremely ethical.

I would say that my strengths are honesty and integrity with all issues. I have a strong work ethic and often do not choose the path of least resistance. I problem solve through facts and attempt to stay clear of emotional solutions however recognize that the emotion does sometimes exist. My weakness is experience in the government portion of management. I spent most of my career as a law enforcement officer with some local part time government experience. I have spent the four years as a Township manager and am learning every day. To combat my weakness and inexperience I learn, collaborate, and listen in every experience I can.

Annual performance reviews with employees are regularly completed, depending on the employee depends on the metrics. Firefighters are to have different expectations than administrative personnel. Parks and recreation employees again have different expectations than accountants. Metrics are inclusive of their job descriptions and duties. All employees are expected to perform their respective duties to the best of their ability, communicate if difficulties arise, and always serve without self-interest.

I consider myself successful in many of my achievements. Successfully married for 25 years, later graduate of college, two time chief of police, FBINA graduate, and so many more. I think about my time at the White Lake Police when I was faced with campaigning for an unpopular millage renewal and little internal support. I fund raised, walked the neighborhoods talking to citizens explaining my vision for their police department, advertised, did newspaper and television interviews and ultimately was successful in getting the millage passed and continuing the serve the citizens of White Lake.

My biggest failure was failing my first sergeant's exam and watching another officer take the position that I knew I was better suited to take. Why this failure was my biggest is because it was of my own doing, I did not study as I should have, I was overconfident in my belief that I had all the knowledge I needed and could just skim the necessary text for the test. I can say that I learned from that experience and do not nor have not taken preparations lightly. If I failed to gain a position then it was not from a lack of preparation for the position.

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I have fired several people, two in my career as police chief and three in my position as Township Manager. I handle all in the same manner, documentation of steps taken along the way, including all discipline that led to the discharge and any appeals that may have occurred. I have handled the discharge interview and any after interviews needed for follow up questions or concerns. In terms of how I felt, in a couple cases it was a sense of relief and accomplishment because of their actions. In others a sense of frustration due to not responding to chances given to improve performance. It is a part of the job and I have never shied away from it; the responsibility is the chief or managers, however it always comes with what is best for the citizens.

The challenges facing the person that takes this job will be first to gain trust from the community, that you will act in their interest and continue the work of the government that has been interrupted. Second will be to identify issues that face the community, gain information on the issues facing the city and then prioritize the response to the issues in way that best benefits all the stakeholders. Third will be to find formal and informal leaders of the community that share my sense of integrity and understand that issues affecting the area who may also speak for larger groups and gain their confidence as to lean on them for collaborative decisions. Lastly for me, if I were to earn the position would be to familiarize myself with the culture due the fact that I have only visited the area and have never lived there.

My first six months at Flagler Beach would be taking care of the challenges that I mentioned above. Identifying stakeholders and gaining trust from community, staff, and partners of the community is priority. Examining methods and processes that are being used for efficiency and correctness, changing what needs to be changed. And probably looking for a place to live.

I work well with the media; I have done several on camera interviews as Police Chief and one as Township Manager. I have also done phone and newspaper interviews about pressing issues. I have nothing in my background that would embarrass the City of Flagler Beach. Social media is necessary to inform the public about City Flagler Beach events, emergencies, accomplishments and blemishes. Social media is how a lot of citizens now communicate and gain information about local communities. I have used social media in the past to exactly that, I feel that it is a valuable tool.

I do not anticipate any community activists contacting the City regarding me or my job performance, my background is clear of any controversy.

In my leisure time I like to spend time with my family, either traveling or pleasure boating. My wife and I like to travel to different (warm) areas for relaxation and fun (mostly during cold northern months).

Adam T. Kline

SIX ADJECTIVES OR PHRASES I WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE MYSELF

- Highly Ethical
- Honest
- Approachable
- Teachable
- Trustworthy
- Structured

REASON FOR DEPARTING CURRENT POSITION

The reason that I am looking to depart my current position is that I am interested in having more responsibilities to control the issues that I am to be held accountable. I am also searching for an area and a position that I can finish my working career. Township government and other governments similar to it often contract out their responsibilities to other entities or even private contractors. City management has more identifiable and direct methods to attend to citizen's needs. The City of Flagler Beach is an area that I can dedicate my talents to and finish that working career.

CURRENT / MOST RECENT SALARY

Total compensation at Oakland Township is \$113,400, including vehicle allowance. Cellphone, vehicle gas, membership in the FBINAA Michigan chapter and accommodation to FBI National Academy conferences were benefits included in my position.

CB&A Background Checks

**Background Check Summary for
ADAM THOMAS KLINE**

Criminal Records Checks:

Nationwide Criminal Records Search	No Records Found
County	
Genesee County, MI	No Records Found
Oakland County, MI	No Records Found
Ingham County, MI	No Records Found
State	
Michigan	No Records Found

Civil Records Checks:

County	
Genesee County, MI	No Records Found
Oakland County, MI	No Records Found
Ingham County, MI	No Records Found
Federal	
Michigan	Results Pending

Motor Vehicle	
Michigan	No Records Found

Credit	Excellent
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Personal Bankruptcy	No Records Found
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Sex Offender Registry	Not Listed
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Education	Confirmed
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Employment	Confirmed, except for Charter Township of Oakland (06/2019 – Present)
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Social Media	Nothing of Concern Found
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**Background Check Summary for
ADAM THOMAS KLINE**

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681-1681Y, credit and bankruptcy information are very sensitive and should not be used in the consideration of hiring. The information is included for each candidate because we do not want you to be surprised if third parties raise what they consider to be a concern. Also, some states have limited the reporting to seven years, so any records older than that will not be available in those states. In addition, motor vehicle reports are limited to three to seven years, depending on the state.

**Background Check Summary for
ADAM THOMAS KLINE
Personal Disclosure**

Personal Disclosure Questionnaire

Name of Applicant: ADAM KLINE

The following questions are designed so that we will be able to make full disclosure to our client concerning your background. Please answer them honestly. Cutting corners or misrepresenting your past will result in you being eliminated from all further searches conducted by this firm. We understand that frivolous charges are sometimes made and that charges do not mean you were guilty. We also understand that you may have been wronged and needed to seek compensation. The bottom line is that we want to be certain that our client is fully informed. If you have any questions, please contact us for clarification.

Please explain any yes answers on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony?
Yes No
2. Have you ever been accused of or have been involved in a domestic violence or abuse incident?
Yes No
3. Have you ever declared bankruptcy or been an owner in a business that did so?
Yes No
4. Have you ever been the subject of a civil rights violation complaint that was investigated or resulted in a lawsuit?
Yes No
5. Have you ever been the subject of a sexual harassment complaint that was investigated or resulted in a lawsuit?
Yes No
6. Have you ever been charged with driving while intoxicated?
Yes No
7. Have you ever sued a current or former employer?
Yes No
8. Please list links to all your social media accounts (Facebook / Instagram / LinkedIn / Twitter, etc.) and your personal web page if you have one. FB - ADAM KLINE LINKEDIN - ADAM KLINE
TWITTER @ATK_282
9. Is there anything else in your background that, if made public, would cause you, our client or our firm embarrassment if it came to light through the press or any other mechanism?
Yes No
10. Please provide a list of any lawsuits in which you are or have been a party either as plaintiff or defendant.

Attested to: 
Signature of Applicant

Please email this form via PDF DOCUMENT to Monique@cb-asso.com or via fax to (561) 621-5965 no later than 5:00 PM MST 06/14/2023.
(Note: Please be sure to sign the form with your actual signature if you are sending Fax or PDF Document)

CB&A Reference Notes

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Jack Curtis – Township Supervisor, Oxford Township, MI 248-628-9971

Mr. Curtis has known Mr. Kline since 2013. Mr. Curtis is the Township Supervisor for the neighboring community of Oxford. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Kline regularly attend County meetings together. Mr. Curtis knew Mr. Kline when he was a police officer and Chief of Police in nearby White Lake Township. They also interact on a social level and have dinner together on occasion. Mr. Curtis appreciates him as a Manager who knows his job and applies his experience from his past positions to solve current problems.

The position of Township Manager in Oakland challenges Mr. Kline in many ways. Oakland is sometimes referred to as “the billionaire’s mile,” since people come to the Township to build and buy expensive homes. Oakland has experienced a large increase in population in recent years, which necessitates an expansion in infrastructure. When Mr. Kline works with the developers and engineers involved, he sometimes needs to be aggressive to achieve satisfactory results. He makes sure they complete the required tasks in the proper order. Sometimes development decisions are controversial, but no controversy has resulted from Mr. Kline’s conduct.

Mr. Kline is diligent about attending the meetings to which he is invited. He actively participates during County meetings with other municipality governments. Mr. Curtis and the other Township Supervisors respect Mr. Kline’s opinions. The solutions he suggests during these meetings benefit many communities that have similar problems.

Mr. Kline’s history as a police officer and police chief has given him a great deal of practical knowledge. His “street smarts” enable him to quickly understand situations and problems and apply his experience to propose solutions. He is known for making the right decision the first time. Mr. Kline is also skilled at anticipating future problems and making plans to avoid or address them.

Mr. Kline’s experience with the police department has benefitted the community in other ways as well. When Oxford recently hosted Tough Mudder, a fitness event that attracted 6,000 visitors, Mr. Curtis asked for Mr. Kline’s help in managing the police officers and fire fighters assigned to the event. His efforts helped make the event a success.

Mr. Kline is a great leader. He rallies his staff around the Township’s vision. He steers his team toward the best available decision and then helps implement it. He also makes excellent hiring decisions. In recent years, Oakland Township has had difficulty recruiting a sufficient number of new police officers and firefighters. Mr. Kline works with these departments to manage changes of leadership and recruit new staff. The department heads value his insight during this process.

Mr. Kline interacts well with members of the public. In group settings, he excels at understanding the concerns and the mood of the crowd. This enables him to respond in a positive and professional manner to whatever topics arise. He maintains a cool demeanor, even during tense discussions. He also gets along with residents on an individual basis.

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Mr. Kline's other skills include a solid understanding of finance, the ability to communicate frequently and effectively with elected officials, and prompt completion of work. When Mr. Curtis or other Supervisors in the County ask him to do something, they never have to wait long.

Mr. Curtis knows of nothing in Mr. Kline's background or conduct would concern a citizen or an employer. He would gladly hire Mr. Kline as the Manager in Oxford if he could. He will make a great Manager for any location.

Words or phrases used to describe Adam Kline:

- Cool,
- Calm,
- Collected,
- Smart,
- Experienced,
- Friendly, and
- Professional.

Strengths: Quickly understands problems, applies his life experience to find solutions.

Weaknesses: Would like to please everyone but cannot.

Dan Keller – Chief of Police, White Lake Township, MI 248-935-6739

Mr. Keller has known Mr. Kline since 1998. They worked together at White Lake Township Police Department for 18 years. Mr. Kline helped train Mr. Keller as a detective. Mr. Keller appreciates his leadership style and considers him a mentor. Mr. Kline advanced in the department just ahead of Mr. Keller and then shared what he had learned in the position. The two were neighbors in White Lake, and they maintain a friendship outside of work.

Mr. Kline excels as a leader. His 25 years in leadership positions have allowed him to fine tune his skills. He knows how to build a good team. He encourages them to work together to make decisions and contributes his own ideas as well. Mr. Kline varies his leadership style depending on the situation. He takes charge and rallies his staff when needed, but he also allows his subordinates to lead when appropriate. He keeps his staff informed through regular meetings.

Mr. Kline makes great decisions when hiring personnel. In White Lake, the Police Department encountered difficulty filling positions. Mr. Kline took the time to consider each candidate carefully and thoroughly research their background. He searched until he found qualified candidates who would fit in well with the Department.

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Mr. Kline is innovative. When he identifies a way to improve the Township, he assigns a team to research it. If the idea is approved, he takes the lead in implementing it.

Mr. Kline often attends community meetings. In group settings, he gives good speeches. He also gets along well with individual residents. As a Police Chief, he listened to citizens when they had concerns about the conduct of police officers. He tried to help them understand the officers' actions or make things right if an officer behaved inappropriately.

Mr. Kline values community interactions. When he became Chief of Police in White Lake, he felt the Department was not sufficiently community oriented. To improve their relationship with residents, he proposed and implemented the Vacation House Check program. Residents use the program to request police checks on their property while they are out of town. The program quickly became very popular and is still used today.

Mr. Kline is fiscally responsible. As Police Chief, he was responsible for the Department's budget. He was always careful to spend tax money wisely. He is calm under pressure. He does not allow stress to overwhelm him. He confronts problems directly and works harder to accomplish his goals.

To Mr. Keller's knowledge, Mr. Kline has not been involved in any controversy. He is an upstanding individual with great integrity. Nothing in his background would concern an employer. Mr. Kline has been an excellent Manager for White Lake Township. The residents of the community appreciate the work he has done there. He is an excellent candidate for the position.

Words or phrases used to describe Adam Kline:

- Hard working,
- Team player,
- Knowledgeable,
- Determined,
- Leader, and
- Caring.

Strengths: Leadership, team building, making decisions.

Weaknesses: None identified.

Howard Shifman - Attorney, White Lake Township, MI 248-594-8700

Mr. Shifman has known Mr. Kline since 1997. When they met, Mr. Kline was a Patrol Officer in White Lake Township. When he advanced to the position of Chief of Police, he had many

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opportunities to work with Mr. Shifman, a management attorney representing the Township. Their working relationship lasted about 19 years. Mr. Shifman has enjoyed watching Mr. Kline's growth as a leader through the years.

Mr. Kline has a great deal of experience as a leader. He held many leadership positions in White Lake Police Department. He started as a Patrol Officer, then advanced to a Detective and worked his way up to Chief of Police. In each position, he was chosen to assemble and lead a team.

Mr. Kline manages his employees with skill. He excels at organization and communication, which helps him and his staff complete tasks on time. He is proactive about reaching out to others for information instead of waiting for them to contact him. He regularly meets with his team to keep them informed of events and situations. Mr. Kline also makes excellent hiring decisions. He is a good judge of candidates' talents. In White Lake, he chose and trained his replacement as Police Chief, who has done excellent work for the Township.

Mr. Kline cares about the public. As Chief of Police, he made sure his officers followed the rules and treated residents with respect. He worked to educate the public about police work and maintain good relationships with the community. When interacting with citizens, his low-key approach puts people at ease.

Mr. Kline understands financial materials. During his time as Police Chief, he prepared budgets for the Department. He examined the budget to find ways to help the Department grow. He made plans for the future and considered how they could continue to deliver quality service and police protection. In addition, he skillfully negotiated bargain agreements with local officials. Despite his strong financial abilities, he prefers to leave these matters to the experts and spend time with his staff and the public.

Mr. Kline values innovation. In White Lake Township, he made many changes to the Police Department to make it more efficient and able to serve a rapidly growing community. His efforts transformed the Department from a small organization run by the County to a strong entity capable of serving a large, modern municipality.

Mr. Kline responds well to stress. He stays calm under pressure. His steady approach allows him to thoughtfully respond to problems.

Mr. Shifman is not aware of any controversy involving Mr. Kline. Nothing in Mr. Kline's conduct or behavior would concern a citizen or employer. Mr. Shifman highly recommends Mr. Kline for the position. He will make an excellent City or County Manager, provided he fits in well with the organization.

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Adam T. Kline

Words or phrases used to describe Adam Kline:

- Smart,
- Steady,
- Confident,
- Approachable,
- Adaptable, and
- Great leader.

Strengths: Organization, leadership.

Weaknesses: Finance. His knowledge is adequate, but he prefers other tasks.

Chris Barnett – Township Supervisor, Orion Township, MI 248-766-1918

Mr. Barnett has known Mr. Kline since 2018. Mr. Barnett is the Supervisor for Orion Township, which borders Oakland Township, where Mr. Kline is the Manager. Mr. Barnett appreciates Mr. Kline’s responsiveness. They have a good working relationship.

Mr. Kline frequently works across community boundaries with other local governments like Orion Township. They work together on projects and brainstorm ways to solve problems and save money. While this is not a requirement of his position, Oakland Township has benefitted from this collaboration. However, Oakland’s Board of Trustees would usually prefer not to rely on other communities. By continuing to meet with other local governments, Mr. Kline risks his position but feels it is worthwhile.

Mr. Kline takes an active leadership role with his staff. He enjoys working alongside his team in the field. He makes commendable decisions when hiring personnel. He has participated with Orion Township in conducting joint recruitments. During these events, he demonstrated his skill in identifying talented candidates.

Mr. Kline regularly attends community meetings representing the organization. He is experienced and skilled in communicating with the public, both in group and individual meetings.

Mr. Kline is dedicated to serving his community under any circumstances. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he implemented many changes to procedures. He also participated in Zoom meetings with Mr. Barnett and other local government officials on a weekly basis to strategize. Together they identified creative ways to connect with and support their residents during lockdowns.

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Mr. Kline has good financial skills. He is responsible for creating the budget for Oakland Township. His careful management has helped the Township achieve a strong financial position.

Mr. Kline reacts well to the daily stress of his position. He does not allow stress to interfere with his ability to complete tasks in a timely manner.

Mr. Barnett is not aware of anything controversial that has resulted from Mr. Kline's actions. Nothing in his background or conduct would concern a reasonable person. Though his relationship with the Board is strained, it is not a result of his job performance.

If he could, Mr. Barnett would hire Mr. Kline without hesitation. Mr. Kline is an excellent Township Manager and will be an asset to any municipality or county government.

Words or phrases used to describe Adam Kline:

- Innovative,
- Hardworking,
- Team builder,
- Caring, and
- Smart.

Strengths: Excellent collaborator.

Weaknesses: He does not get along well with Oakland's current Board of Trustees.

Larry Sheldon – Chief of Police, Village of Lexington, MI 248-720-9596

Mr. Sheldon has known Mr. Kline since 1995. They worked together for the Police Department of White Lake Township. For part of this time, Mr. Kline served as the Chief of Police and directly supervised Mr. Sheldon. Mr. Kline is a fantastic coworker and boss who is invested in his job.

As Police Chief, Mr. Kline held daily staff meetings. He ensured that his lieutenants were well-informed and then trusted them to make the right decisions. However, he had the final say over important matters. Mr. Kline also makes great hiring decisions. He was a good leader.

Mr. Kline gets along well with the residents of his community. During community meetings, he is articulate and well-spoken. He is personable when interacting with members of the public one-on-one. He is customer service oriented, but he will not bend the rules for anyone.

Mr. Kline manages time wisely. His time in the Police Department has trained him to expect new tasks at any moment. He begins new tasks without delay and stays caught up on his work.

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As a Police Detective, Mr. Kline oversaw many serious cases involving major crimes, including homicide and armed robbery. He handled these incidents with skill and treats people with respect. These situations taught him how to handle high pressure situations.

During stressful situations, Mr. Kline stays cheerful and calm. He makes admirable decisions, even under pressure. He becomes even more determined to accomplish his goals. He takes control of difficult situations through hard work.

Mr. Kline welcomes change. He continually looks for ways to improve the organization. During his time as Police Chief in White Lake, he worked to make the Department more efficient. He streamlined procedures to curb overtime use, which saved a great deal of money.

Mr. Kline has not been involved in any controversy to Mr. Sheldon's knowledge. His conduct and background are appropriate for service in local government. Mr. Kline has done excellent work for Oakland Township. He will make a great Manager wherever he serves.

Words or phrases used to describe Adam Kline:

- Firm,
- Friend,
- Kind,
- Determined,
- Family oriented, and
- Good person.

Strengths: Strong personality, good leader.

Weaknesses: Needs to let his guard down more often.

Jamie Moore – Human Resources Director, Independence Township, MI 586-873-5790

Ms. Moore has known Mr. Kline since 2019. When he accepted the position of Township Manager in Oakland, Ms. Moore served as Assistant Town Manager. She worked for him for four years before accepting a new position in a neighboring community. He is a prompt and conscientious manager.

Mr. Kline continually strives to improve himself to better serve his community. In his previous position as Police Chief in Lansing, Mr. Kline gained valuable skills and a unique insight into the community's needs. However, he had no practical experience as a Township Manager when he took the position in Oakland. He therefore made education and training a top priority and completed a Certified Public Manager program within a year.

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Mr. Kline is adaptable. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Township needed to make many changes. Mr. Kline took the lead in implementing social distancing measures, changing policies and procedures, accommodating the needs of his staff, and rearranging schedules. Even during this stressful period, he successfully completed tasks in a timely manner.

Mr. Kline takes an active approach to leadership. He enjoys working alongside his staff, but he is careful to respect the Township's chain of command. He holds meetings every other week with the department managers. During these meetings, he keeps his staff informed of what is happening in his area of government. Mr. Kline also makes excellent decisions when hiring personnel.

Mr. Kline regularly attends meetings with Oakland's elected officials, as well as County meetings to represent the Township. He interacts well with people in a variety of local government positions.

Mr. Kline is also experienced in communicating with members of the public. His time as a police chief offered him many opportunities to interact with residents and hone his communication skills. He is careful not to say anything that would offend people. When residents become upset or demanding, Mr. Kline stays calm and collected.

Ms. Moore is not aware of any controversy involving Mr. Kline. To her knowledge, nothing in his background or conduct would embarrass an employer. The staff and residents of Oakland Township have only good things to say about him.

Mr. Kline has served Oakland Township with skill, and he is ready to advance to the position of City or County Manager.

Words or phrases used to describe Adam Kline:

- Calm,
- Collected,
- Professional,
- Kind,
- Fair, and
- Conscientious.

Strengths: Deals well with people, has a calm demeanor.

Weaknesses: Has little experience as a manager of a municipality.

Reference Notes
Adam T. Kline

Maggie Bobitz - President, Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce, MI 248-651-6700

Ms. Bobitz has known Mr. Kline since June 2019. Ms. Bobitz is the President of the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce, an organization that serves businesses in Oakland Township and two other municipalities. In addition to its regular meetings, the Chamber hosts leadership trainings, networking events, and other community events. Mr. Kline attends these meetings and events whenever he is invited.

Mr. Kline's position in Oakland Township presents him with unique challenges. Oakland is a bedroom community which invests heavily in outdoor spaces. Residents strongly resist further development, even to the point of rejecting a proposal to build a gas station in the Township, which has none. Mr. Kline is committed to the residents of his community and faithfully represents their interests to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kline has many desirable attributes that qualify him for the position. He maintains an organization at a high performance level. He makes good hiring decisions. When needed, he keeps his colleagues informed of what is happening in his community. He has experience in dealing with the public both one-on-one and in a group, and he gets along well with residents.

Ms. Bobitz knows of nothing in Mr. Kline's conduct or behavior that would prevent him from serving honorably in local government. To her knowledge, Mr. Kline has not been involved in any controversy.

Ms. Bobitz is sorry to learn of Mr. Kline's potential departure from the area. He will make a great city or county manager. She recommends him for the position.

Words or phrases used to describe Adam Kline:

- Professional,
- Leader, and
- A fine manager.

Strengths: Good leader.

Weaknesses: None identified.

Keith Szymanski – Senior Manager, Plante Moran, Southfield, MI 248-223-3591

Mr. Szymanski has known Mr. Kline since June 2019. Mr. Szymanski provides auditing services to Oakland Township on a yearly basis. He also serves as a financial consultant for the Township whenever the need arises.

Reference Notes
Adam T. Kline

Mr. Szymanski appreciates Mr. Kline for his cooperation during the yearly audit. Mr. Kline keeps him informed of what is happening in his area of government when needed. He also provides the required materials for the audit in a timely manner.

Mr. Kline has good financial skills. He understands financial reports and uses the information appropriately. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Kline consulted with Mr. Szymanski about how to spend two million dollars that Oakland Township received from the federal government. They discussed ways to spend the money while complying with regulations. Mr. Kline then took leadership in implementing these plans in his community.

Mr. Szymanski is not aware of Mr. Kline's involvement in any controversy. He knows of nothing in his background or conduct that would concern a citizen or an employer. Though his interactions with Mr. Kline are limited, Mr. Szymanski recognizes him as a professional and intelligent manager.

Words or phrases used to describe Adam Kline:

- Professional,
- Understanding,
- Cooperative, and
- Good manager.

Strengths: Professional.

Weaknesses: None identified.

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The Record
June 7, 2023

Oakland Township water rate increase approved

Author: Stacy Sobotka

Water and sewer rates are going up in Oakland Township. The Oakland Township Board of Trustees approved the new water and sewer rates from the Oakland Country Water Resource Commissioner at their meeting May 23. The water supply base rate will remain at \$50 per quarter. The volume charge for the water supply system has increased five dollars from \$20 to \$25 per thousand cubic feet for usage over 1,500 cubic feet per quarter. The cost recovery rate will remain at \$14 per thousand cubic feet for usage over 1,500 cubic feet per quarter. For residents in the Southwest Water District, the cost recovery rate will remain at \$14 per thousand cubic feet for usage over 1,500 cubic feet per quarter. The cost recovery rate fixed charge for those in the Southeast Water District will remain at \$50 for usage up to 1,500 cubic feet per quarter per metric equivalent unit. The cost recovery rate will remain at nine dollars per thousand cubic feet for those in the Southwest Water District. Residents who live in the Plum Creek system will remain at \$20 per customer per quarter. For sewer rates, the board chose the option of rates without charging residents sewer debt. It will increase \$4.01 per \$101.39 per unit per quarter.

There was also a public hearing on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) water storage project. The project will ensure that the township's Southwest district will maintain water pressure to residents and provide stored water in case of an emergency. Matt Kennedy of consulting firm OHM shared details of the proposed water storage tower. A one million gallon water storage tank and booster station will be constructed at The Crossings subdivision, with total costs to be \$15.3 million, with \$3 million already invested by the township, Kennedy said. The DWSRF is part of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), and provides low interest loans for major water projects such as this one. The project is targeted for the 2024-25 fiscal year with a 20-year loan. "The rates are not yet set for fiscal year 2024, but they're usually around two percent," Kennedy said. Water storage is required for systems that serve more than 150 users as required by state drinking water standards. There are 2,000 users in the Southwest District. The draft documents are due to EGLE on Nov. 17. Final documents are due to EGLE on Feb. 16 and construction is expected to be completed in 2027. No water disruptions are expected during the construction period. Multiple well houses will be able to supply the storage system. When asked by Oakland Township Treasurer John Giannangeli if a 30 year loan was possible, Kennedy said those loans only applied to significantly overburdened communities.

The board then approved a resolution to adopt the project plan for the 2024-25 fiscal year and appoint Township Manager **Adam Kline** as the designated representative.

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C & G News (MI)
April 19, 2023

Portion of Clarkston Road in Oakland Township closed through June

Author: Mary Beth Almond

Clarkston Road, between Adams and Lake George roads in Oakland Township, has temporarily closed to through traffic through late June.

Craig Bryson, the spokesperson for the Road Commission for Oakland County, said the Road Commission issued a permit allowing a private developer to close that 1-mile section of road. The closure, which began April 10, is necessary for the contractor, Ajax Paving, to pave the gravel road in conjunction with a private housing development.

The affected section of Clarkston Road carries approximately 1,240 vehicles per day, and Bryson said traffic will be detoured to Adams Road to Stoney Creek Road to Lake George Road, back to Clarkston Road, and vice versa. Access to homes and businesses within the closed section of Clarkston Road will be maintained throughout the closure.

Oakland Township Manager **Adam Kline** said he’s spoken to some township residents who have concerns about increased car speeds, but he doesn’t anticipate that being an issue. “I know some residents who aren’t too excited because they believe speeds may increase, but if there is no sign on the gravel road, then it’s 55 mph, according to the state, so that road will probably drop in the speed limit after being paved,” he said. “It will just be a nicer road to drive on. It won’t cause the dust from the gravel anymore, and there is also less noise to the surrounding homes as people are traveling.”

Work on this section of road started in 2022, with the installation of storm sewers and drainage structure improvements, and it will wrap up with the paving of the road this spring. The developer paving the gravel road is saving the taxpayers quite a bit of money, according to Bryson, who said it typically costs about \$3 million-\$4 million for that type of project.

“The positive thing here, from our perspective, is we get a public road that was gravel paid at no tax dollar expenditure thanks to the developer,” he said.

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C & G News (MI)
January 11, 2023

Oakland Township celebrates major projects in 2022, looks ahead

Author: Mary Beth Almond

Oakland Township had a busy 2022, according to Township Manager **Adam Kline**.

The largest projects within township borders last year, he said, focused on two state-mandated water storage facilities, which will continue to be constructed over the next couple of years “Anytime you have a water district with over 150 users, you have to have water storage on-site for those particular units,” he said.

Last year, crews broke ground on a multimillion-dollar groundwater storage facility in the township’s southeast water district, off of Rochester Road, near Whims Lane. The \$5.6 million project includes the construction of a new half-million-gallon groundwater storage tank facility for the township’s southeast water district, as well as all of the required pumps, generators, control systems and site improvements to operate the system. **Kline** anticipates the project will be completed in late summer of 2023.

In a statement, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash said his office is proud to be a part of the project and to have the ability to reduce the rates for Oakland Township residents over time. “In collaboration with the township, we are confident this solution will allow for additional capacity while helping us protect the environment regionally during heavy rains,” Nash said in a statement.

Township officials also secured a location for a new 1 million-gallon groundwater storage tank for the township’s southwest district, which **Kline** said will be located off of Kern Road, near Briarbrooke Lane, on some township-owned property that includes a wellhouse.

Construction on that project, which is expected to cost around \$12 million, will likely occur in 2024, according to **Kline**. “We still have to go out for bid, and we have to go out for bond, so it’s going to be a while. I would say the actual construction might be a year off, but we’re hoping to move right along with different phases that we have to do on that project,” he said.

The township added various safety paths, including the one on Gallagher Road, near the Paint Creek Trail, in 2022. “There is actually a space that they did not complete there — the homeowner was not willing to give us the right of way to put the path in there — so it was kind of broken up,” **Kline** said. “The homeowner has since rethought the consideration, and we’ll probably be working on that next year to complete that whole trail.”

Other major projects, according to **Kline**, included a bridge replacement on Dutton Road, the repaving of Rochester Road and the opening of the Fox Nature Preserve, off of Predmore Road. “The Parks and Recreation Committee did a great job on that, working with the Board of

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Trustees, and obtained that property,” he said. “It’s now open, but there is still a lot of work to be done, and that will all be done in different phases.” In 2023, **Kline** hopes to complete the major projects that were started last year, upgrade road pavement projects and continue to upgrade the township’s parks, looking at more grants and more federal money to increase the usage of the parks and preserve the parks the township already has.

Kline also looks forward to welcoming a new township supervisor in the new year, following the resignation of former Township Supervisor Dominic Abbate for personal reasons in November. The deadline, by law, for the township’s Board of Trustees to appoint a replacement is 45 days after the resignation — or Jan. 14. The board’s next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 10, after press time.

If the board fails to appoint someone by the deadline, Township Clerk Robin Buxar said it will go to a special election. “In this situation, either the board appoints someone to fill the remaining term for the supervisor within 45 days from the date of resignation or the township will have to conduct and pay for a special election, with the only candidates on the ballot chosen by the respective local Democrat and Republican party,” she said.

Personally, **Kline** said it’s his goal to solidify township personnel in 2023. “We have a little bit of turnover, so we want to increase our longevity. We want to make sure we keep the people we have,” he said.

He said the township is always looking to add on-call firefighters and part-time firefighters to the team. **Kline** also hopes to upgrade the maintenance department in the new year. “I’m constantly looking at the inner workings to see how we can do it better,” he said.

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Oakland Press (MI)
November 15, 2022

Holly and Keego Harbor reject public safety millages

Author: Matthew Fahr

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

Voters approved continuing police services through the Oakland County sheriff's department. The current rate of 1.62 mills will continue for six years starting with the December 2023 levy.

"The sheriff's department does a great job for us here and everyone is very happy with the service they provide," said township manager **Adam Kline**. "Having the continuity of funding shows the confidence people out here have in the department.

The proposal passed with 7,441 yes votes and 2,920 no. The contract with the sheriff's department pays for 12 full-time and part-time officers for coverage throughout the township. Based on the current 2022 total taxable value, the millage will collect \$2,861,600 in the first year.

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C & G News (MI)
August 10, 2022

Road projects could mean delays for motorists in Rochester Hills, Oakland Township

Author: Mary Beth Almond

Motorists driving through Oakland Township and Rochester Hills may notice traffic congestion in certain areas. On Aug. 8, the Road Commission for Oakland County began resurfacing Rochester Road from Tienken Road north to Lakeville Road in Rochester Hills, Oakland Township and Addison Township. The contractor for this project is Ajax Paving. The \$3.5 million project — which includes paving with asphalt and new pavement markings — will be paid for through federal road funding and Road Commission dollars. “It’s a simple resurfacing project where we are going to put down 2 inches of asphalt on the existing road to extend the life of the road, and I believe it’s about a 9-mile stretch, so this is a major project,” said Craig Bryson, of the Road Commission for Oakland County. “This is part of our preservation overlay program, so this is intended to preserve the existing road and prevent it from deteriorating to extend the life of the road.” During the work, which is expected to wrap up in mid-October, the road will remain open to traffic with flaggers directing motorists in the work zone. Bryson said motorists should expect some delays because the area is heavily traveled. “At the southern end, near Tienken, it carries about 17,500 cars a day, and it drops traveling north to Lakeville, which sees about 9,800 cars a day,” Bryson said.

Bryson said the commission also recently issued a permit allowing a private developer to close Clarkston Road in Oakland Township, between Adams Road and Lake George Road, to through traffic Aug. 4 through late November. The closure, Bryson explained, is necessary for the installation of storm sewers and drainage structure improvements by the developer’s contractor, Ajax Paving, who will then pave the 1-mile section of the gravel road in conjunction with the private development. “The contractor is actually going to pave 1 mile of gravel road, which is a great deal,” Bryson said. “It’s typically about a \$3 million-\$4 million project if we do it, so that is saving taxpayers quite a bit of money.” Bryson said the developer hopes to complete the paving this year, but depending on weather and other factors, it’s possible the paving could be completed in the spring of 2023. The affected section of Clarkston Road carries approximately 1,240 vehicles per day, and Bryson said traffic will be detoured to Adams Road to Stoney Creek Road to Lake George Road, back to Clarkston Road, and vice versa. Access to homes and businesses within the closed section of Clarkston Road will be maintained throughout the closure.

“I don’t think the closure will have much of an impact, other than on the surrounding neighbors and things like that — I’m sure they will see some delays, but I don’t believe they will be major,” said **Adam Kline**, Oakland Township manager. “For the people in that area it will be an inconvenience, but once it’s done, it will be a much better all-season road once it’s paved, which will be much better driving,” Bryson added.

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WXYZ, ABC 7 (MI)
August 19, 2022

Oakland Twp. said 'discrepancy' led to massive water bills for some residents

Author: Staff Writer

Oakland Township is making an apology to residents after a miscalculation that sent some water bills through the roof this week. Residents in the township got a letter this week letting them know "a discrepancy in the methodology used to calculate their bill was discovered."

The reason? The state now mandates townships have water storage for many community wells. As a result, a \$5.4 million water storage facility is being built off Rochester Road south of Snell to serve nearby neighborhoods. Around 750 residents served by it have to pay for an approximately \$300,000 a year bond payment for the next 30 years.

One customer showed us her bill when we asked her how much more she was paying. She previously paid about \$300 per quarter. "It's \$1,638 for three months. It's crazy," Megan Rooney said.

According to the letter to residents, an adjustment will be issued to customers in advance of their next quarterly bill. The township did say residents will see a rise in the bill to cover the cost, and it should be an average annual increase of \$400 in their water bill.

Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash said it will make the system more reliable and safe. "We are putting in a 500,000-gallon storage tank and a related pumping station and a way of using chlorine as a disinfectant. We are doing these things to keep up the water quality, system reliability, and for public health," said Nash.

"It is expensive. The township board thought they were picking the fairest way, the more you use the more you pay," said **Adam Kline**, Oakland Township Manager.

Kline says the township has been having meetings about this for years, but they could have been more vocal about when payments would start. There are other neighborhoods that have already been assessed such fees for water storage and others that soon will also have to pay for such a project.

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C & G News (MI)
June 22, 2022

Oakland Township to gain new \$5.43 million groundwater storage facility

Author: Mary Beth Almond

A multimillion-dollar groundwater storage facility is in the works for Oakland Township’s southeast water district. Moody’s Ratings Services and Standard & Poor’s recently awarded their highest credit ratings to Oakland County for its \$5.43 million Oakland Township 2022 water supply system improvements bond series. The bonds went on sale in May.

The bonds, officials explained, will finance the construction of a new groundwater storage tank facility for the township’s southeast water district, as well as all of the required pumps, generators, control systems and site improvements to operate the system. “It’s a wellhouse we previously owned in the Knorrwood Pines area for the southeast water district. I think there are 360 users in the water district, and a state agency requires us to — after so many users in one district — have storage in case the pumps go bad or you have a fire or something like that,” Township Manager **Adam Kline** said. The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner’s Office operates and maintains Oakland Township’s seven Type 1 water systems — which are referred to as the Knorrwood Knolls, Oakland Hunt, Plum Creek Southeast, Southwest, Twin Lakes and Wynstone systems.

In the southeast water district, six wells provide the pumping capacity for the well water-supplied system, which features two pressure districts, north and south, in the water system. The water system, officials said, was designed to allow water to move between pressure districts if there is a significant pressure drop.

When construction is complete, officials said, Oakland Township will meet the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy’s requirements for water systems with more than 150 living units. “It will hold, I think it’s going to be, a half a million gallons of water,” **Kline** noted. “So residents should have uninterrupted service, if there were ever anything where we would need to fall back on the reserves — like if a pump breaks down.”

The bond series spans 30 years, officials said, to reduce the impact of the annual rate increases to the township’s 780 water customers. In a statement, Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash said his office is proud to be a part of this project and to have the ability to reduce the rates for Oakland Township residents over time. “In collaboration with the township, we are confident this solution will allow for additional capacity while helping us protect the environment regionally during heavy rains,” Nash said in a statement.

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C & G News (MI)
June 12, 2022

Oakland Township granted extension to open Fox Nature Preserve to the public

Author: Mary Beth Almond

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has granted Oakland Township an extension of 90 days to get the newly named “Fox Nature Preserve” open to the public.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund allocated over \$3 million to the township to help fund its purchase of the property on Lake George Road, adjacent to the Lost Lake Nature Park. The \$3,081,000 grant covers the majority of the purchase price of the 235-acre addition, and was combined with just over \$1 million in matching funds from the township’s land preservation millage. “When we agreed to purchase this park using the grant funding, the understanding was that it will be for the purpose of a combination of natural area preservation, as well as offering recreation opportunities. This is an area that will be open to the public, and the main recreation activity will be trials — that’s what we had in the grant application and that’s what the intention is,” said Parks and Recreation Director Mindy Milos Dale.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant agreement originally required the township to open the property to the public within 90 days of acquisition, by April 26. However, at the request of township officials on April 22, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has approved a 90-day extension. “We’ve been given an extension, until July 26,” Milos Dale explained.

Over the winter, the township’s stewardship team began working on the property to get it ready to open to the public. “This property is beautiful, but there were a lot of invasive woody plants out there because the previous property owner had let it go wild, thinking it was the best thing for the property,” Milos Dale said. “Some people, when they look at green, they don’t understand what is native versus what is not, and what’s a problem versus what is not.” The wintertime, she said, is the best time to complete invasive shrub management work to remove dense populations of bittersweet, swallow-wort, buckthorn and others with a process called forestry mowing.

“When we have a dense area of invasive plants, they come in with this equipment that is capable of cutting down and basically shredding these invasive woody plants. . . . Then we come in afterward and we seed with native plants, so that the void left by the killing of the invasives is then filled by our native plants instead,” Milos Dale explained. The Fox Nature Preserve and the existing Lost Lake Nature Park, she said, share a special oak forest between their boundaries. “We were also girdling small maple trees to encourage the regeneration of oak trees and ground cover in that area. When the maple trees start coming into the special oak forests, they shade out everything,” Milos Dale added.

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Some neighbors, alarmed with the stewardship work — which included removing woody invasive plants, girdling small red maple trees to encourage the regeneration of oak trees, and removing phragmites and invasive shrubs in the wetland area around Clam Lake on the property — voiced their concerns to the township’s Board of Trustees, which put a temporary halt on the work in early spring. “The board wanted a little more input prior to larger things being done, like clearing of fields and things like that,” said Oakland Township Manager **Adam Kline**.

Since then, Milos Dale said, the Parks and Recreation Commission has held various public meetings with residents to explain its stewardship work in more detail and has resumed work on the property. The commission has also communicated its processes in more detail to the Board of Trustees, she said. “If you are not familiar with these stewardship techniques and the goals and the methods, it could be alarming to the average person — and I think that is what happened here,” Milos Dale said. “What we found — and it’s the case in everything — is that good communication is everything. ... Every new park, you’re always going to have concerns, because it’s a new thing. People are hesitant about any change, so there is always this initial period where you have to have good communication to keep making progress.”

The township is now working to meet the July 23 opening deadline.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recently approved the remaining stewardship work for the property for this calendar year, which, after press time, was headed to the Board of Trustees for consideration. “The girdling and the forestry mowing has been completed for this year. We needed to do those during the winter, so we won’t be doing any more of that this year,” Milos Dale noted. “But we have proposed that we continue with the work in those areas to make sure that we don’t have other invasives return and that we replace the invasives with natives. So we will be continuing work out there, but it will be different tasks than what we have done. We still have to get final approval on that, but I think we are well on our way.”

The original plan also called for the existing buildings on the site — which Milos Dale said include a ranch house, a couple of smaller barn-type buildings and a very large barn — to be repurposed for a park visitor center, storage and maintenance. However, she said it didn’t make sense financially to repurpose the ranch house and smaller barn-type buildings following building inspections, though the commission is proposing that the large barn be kept. “The Parks Commission just approved hiring a structural engineer to do analysis work on what initially would need to be done to stabilize that structure, so the Park Commission is recommending that the house and smaller structures be demolished and the larger one be retained and stabilized and used. That will be coming to the Board of Trustees at one of their meetings in the very near future here for their approval,” she said.

Ben VanderWeide, the township’s natural areas stewardship manager, said the 235-acre expansion property protects ecological links to the existing Lost Lake Nature Park, Addison Oaks Park and the Bald Mountain State Recreation Area. It protects the west branch of Stony Creek and Clam Lake; it contains important wetlands, like bogs and fens; and it includes fields with remnant native vegetation. It offers access to over half a mile of the west branch of Stoney

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Creek and increases access to three lakes — Clam Lake, Tamarack Lake and Green Lake, up in the northern part of the township. VanderWeide said the property includes some “really unique habitats” — including submergent marshes, southern shrub-carr, rich tamarack swamps, black spruce bogs, southern wet meadows, southern shrub-carr, mature oak forests and prairie fen, to name a few. The new property will provide over 4 miles of internal trails — including connections to the Lost Lake Nature Center and Oakview Middle School in Lake Orion — and increased access to hiking, wildlife observation, hunting and nature programs.

The Fox Nature Preserve is not yet open to the public, and Milos Dale wants to remind residents to stay off the property until an official opening announcement is shared. “We have to make sure that the access to the property — meaning the vehicular parking area and pedestrian access on trails — is all set up correctly and safely. We’re working on that right now, so I don’t want people to think the park is open. As soon as it is ready to be open — and we are trying to get this done by our deadline — there will certainly be a big announcement,” she said.

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Detroit Free Press (MI)
November 12, 2021

Oakland Township proposals for Paint Creek Cider Mill property turn vicious

Author: Emma Stein

The gloves came off in Oakland Township this week as two small business owners fought tooth and nail to lease the space currently occupied by the Paint Creek Cider Mill. The township's Board of Trustees picked the newcomer's proposal as the winner, but the decision was reversed after online harassment from residents forced the winner to withdraw her bid. "This disparaging of a good person is disgusting," said trustee Dave Mabry at a Nov. 9 board meeting.

For the past nine years, Ed Granchi and his family have owned and operated the Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road, serving cider and donuts during the fall and a full menu that allows them to stay open year-round. They have a concessionaire agreement with the township, Granchi said, and each year he places a bid for the space. This year, Alaina Campbell, sitting president of the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce and owner of the Cookies and Cream ice cream shop in Lake Orion, placed a bid for a business in the space. And she won.

A fishy extension?

On Oct. 26, the Oakland Township Board of Trustees voted to lease the property to Campbell. At a Nov. 9 meeting, she withdrew her bid and the decision was reversed. What ensued in between was an outpouring of support for the Granchi family, allegations of favoritism within the board and some tears.

Granchi alleged that he submitted his bid on time and was the only person to submit a proposal, but that the township randomly extended the deadline, allowing Campbell to submit hers. "(The extension) seemed fishy because of (Campbell's) current situation of being president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and potential relationships with certain board members or people at the township," he said.

Oakland Township manager **Adam Kline** said that isn't true. Originally, the township opened the RFP (Request for Proposal) in July on the website and the official state of Michigan bid net site, **Kline** said, but by the time Sept. 16 came around, there were no bids. "That's when I actually got ahold of Ed and asked him if he knew anything about it," **Kline** said. "And he said no, which, which was a little concerning for me. We'd been out there for a couple months and we didn't have any bids. The 16th is usually my staff meeting day, we had no bids on the 16th, so I extended it to (October) first and then we got to bid in on the 21st and then the one on the 30th."

Kline added that Oakland Township wholeheartedly disputes the claim that there was any foul play involved in the decision. Campbell said she had no idea about the extension, she's leaving her position at the chamber of commerce and was looking to expand her business and contribute to the community. "We did nothing wrong. You know, we just we saw an RFP out there, and we thought it would be a great opportunity," she said. "And we put in a proposal. We never dreamt

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in a million years that anything like this would ever happen. Our intention was never to put anybody out of business. We didn't know what the situation was. As a business owner, I just saw a space and an opportunity and submitted a proposal."

The proposals

Granchi argued both online and in conversation with the Free Press that his proposal was objectively better business for the township. His bid included promises of freshly pressed cider as long as the apples are around, as well as other food, including donuts, year-round. He noted a recent inclusion of handcrafted soda.

Granchi proposed being open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and serving a full menu, including weekend brunch, pizza, sandwiches and barbeque, and said many customers stop by during lunch for a quick bite when they don't have time to go into town. He offered to increase monthly rent to \$2,625 a month, starting Jan. 1, and increase rent \$100 per month each year.

According to the meeting agenda, Campbell's business idea incorporated a wide variety of things. She wanted to use the space to sell ice cream and baked goods, consistent with her current ice cream business. She also wanted to expand it to sell seasonal specialties like cider and donuts, and hot chocolate in the winter.

She emphasized wanting to make it a community space that would support other local businesses and said she would host pop-ups and showcases. As a way to help food start-ups, she proposed selling their products, allowing them to use her kitchen and hosting cooking classes to build a following.

She proposed a rent of \$1,200 per month, with the caveat that the rent payment would increase as the business gets on its feet. Hours of operation would be Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., but subject to change after the end of the year.

The power of social media

Not many people in Oakland Township cared about Campbell's intentions — they saw a small, family business in their community about to shutter its doors and they stepped up to the plate. Running a business in a small town enabled him to make close connections with other families in the community, Granchi said. Many outraged friends of the Granchis posted online and reached out to board members, asking them to reconsider. The pressure worked, and the Paint Creek Cider Mill was added back to the agenda for the Nov. 9 meeting.

"I've made quite a few relationships with people over the years and just families coming in," he said. "It's been an emotional roller coaster, going through all of this, and having it voted down. And then all the support was very overwhelming that I impacted as many people as I have. I was caught off guard with that as well, in a positive way." Granchi's wife, Kristen, posted on Facebook, saying their family was devastated and claiming that Campbell's proposal for the space was a worse business decision by the township. The post garnered more than 700 shares and 250 comments. Granchi said his grandfather was a cider maker in Ohio in the 1950s, and

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now he's been able to see his own children take an interest in the process. It runs in the family, so to speak. Reading online comments was unbearable for Campbell, she said through tears. "When you've done nothing but support your community in every way you can can be try to be you know, the kindest person you can always be, that's that's who I am," she said. "That's who we are. And it was shocking. The things that people who don't even know us, the things that people were saying, and in just making up lies, outright lies."

The withdrawal

The Nov. 9 board meeting was full of Granchi fans, ready to step into the ring. But as it turned out, the fight was unnecessary. Campbell said the joy of her proposal being selected quickly turned to heartache. "The misinformation and hurtful comments have saddened us to the core," her withdrawal letter reads. "We followed the RFP protocols with the highest integrity. Being business owners for three years, we've never encountered an experience like this. It's painful and deeply troubling. We've come to the conclusion that we must take the high road... We can't continue and be a part of this negativity and painful fighting."

Oakland Township Board of Trustees treasurer John Giannangeli voted in favor of Granchi's proposal originally and requested a reconsideration be put on the agenda for the Nov. 9 meeting. He said it was never his or the board's intention to disparage Campbell and he hopes she'll find a property to bring her proposal to life somewhere else in town.

This incident brought to light issues with the RFP process, Giannangeli said. "It is clear from the tremendous response that the current process for existing leases needs to be modified to provide adequate notice to our residents to make sure we have their comments before a final decision is made," he said to roaring applause from the Granchi supporters in the crowd.

Trustee Mabry, on the other hand, originally voted for Campbell's proposal and said he was disappointed in residents' behavior. "This disparaging of a good person is disgusting," he said. "If Mr. Granchi believes this is the way a business should be performed, it is not."

Because Campbell withdrew her proposal, the board rescinded the motion to choose her proposal and is moving forward with a lease renewal for Granchi. And just like that, the Paint Creek Cider Mill lives to see another day.

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The Record
October 6, 2021

Frequent power outages frustrates Oakland Township residents

Author: Stacy Sobotka

Oakland Township has been dealing with power failure issues after a series of severe storms. The issue was brought up at the Oakland Township Board of Trustees meeting Sept. 28. One resident said he had been without power for five days and had to throw away \$500 worth of food. He also was unable to talk to anyone at DTE Energy to find out how long the power outages would last.

Oakland Township Clerk Robin Buxar said the township is working to get better communications from DTE Energy in the cases of power outages and will include them in email and text blasts to residents. “The board’s looking at it, but we hear you and hopefully we will have improvements,” she said.

Township Manager **Adam Kline** said he had been in touch with DTE Energy’s CEO Gerry Norcia and said heavy storms were to blame as well as delays in trimming trees in affected areas. “They do have plans to upgrade and I also know there were also some plans for reimbursement for people that lost things up to \$500. You have to go to their website and fill out paperwork,” he said.

Kline said there have been a series of planned power outages in the area to allow DTE Energy to perform maintenance and repair work. He also said Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has been holding town hall meetings on power outages and has launched an investigation into why power outages are continuing throughout the region.

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The Record
August 18, 2021

Pandemic state of emergency ended

Author: Stacy Sobotka

Lacking further instruction from the state, Oakland Township is ending its pandemic state of emergency. The board of trustees approved a resolution to rescind a state of emergency order at their meeting Aug. 10. “At this particular time, there’s no additional state guidance from the health department. Nothing else has come out at this point in time. It’s not necessary to have this in effect,” said Oakland Township Clerk Robin Buxar. “If there is one that comes forward in the future, we can always revisit this at that time.”

Oakland Treasurer John Giannangeli expressed concern about the number of increased COVID-19 cases, especially the Delta variant and suggested possibly going back to virtual meetings. “I don’t know if this board will continue to be in person or if there’s other boards and commissions that would prefer to do virtual for whatever reasons they might have,” he said.

“I would like to have open meetings but I would also like to have virtual meetings available,” said Trustee Lana Mangiapane.

Township Manager **Adam Kline** said that was not possible. “We just couldn’t do the combination of in person and virtual. You have to purchase new equipment for the combination,” he said.

After hearing a presentation from Kevin Szymanski of Plante Moran on their annual audit, which showed the township was financially sound, the topic of ransomware attacks came up. “We recommend considering having an outside party come in and look at the township’s cybersecurity,” he said.

The board also welcomed Sgt. Donald Stevenson to the Oakland Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office. He has worked in law enforcement for 15 years, with seven of those years working with the FBI. “He brings a great deal of investigative experience to our substation, which is very helpful,” said Lt. Stephen Dooley.

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Lansing State Journal (MI)
July 7, 2021

Attorney: Mason gun store reforms policies in response to lawsuit on 2018 murder-suicide
Author: Kara Berg

A Mason gun store and range has agreed to implement policy reforms in response to a lawsuit filed by the mother of a woman killed by her ex-boyfriend with a gun he rented, then stole, from the store, according to the mother's lawyer. Rachel Duncan, a 25-year-old Charlotte woman, was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend, Timothy Olin, in March 2018, after Olin rented a semi-automatic handgun at Total Firearms in Mason and walked out with the gun after target practice, police said in 2018. Olin shot Duncan multiple times inside the Lansing Township Jo-Ann Fabrics where she worked, then took his own life. Olin was forbidden from possessing a gun due to a personal protection order Duncan filed against him less than a month before her death.

Duncan's mother, Gail Duncan, filed a lawsuit against Total Firearms in September, claiming the store "irresponsibly" and "unlawfully" allowed Olin to rent the gun, leading to her daughter's death. In exchange for the lawsuit being dismissed, Total Firearms agreed to implement several reforms, including added training for employees and suicide and mental health screenings, Gail Duncan's attorney, Erin Davis, said. "It's a commitment from them that they don't want this to ever happen again," Davis said. A message left for the owners of Total Firearms on Tuesday was not returned.

Gun reforms as part of settlement

These reforms come with a "powerful" public statement from Total Firearms, Davis said. It outlines their new training, screening and reporting reforms and what to expect from the store. "Total Firearms recognizes that as a federally licensed firearms dealer and shooting range operator, it has a responsibility to take steps to ensure that people who are legally prohibited from possessing firearms, or are a danger to themselves or others, do not obtain firearms," a sign in the store reads. "Rachel Renee Duncan was killed on March 26, 2018, with a gun stolen from Total Firearms. In order to reduce the risk of prohibited persons and people who are a danger to themselves or others obtaining firearms, Total Firearms has strengthened its existing policies and implemented other policies that go beyond state and federal law."

The gun store trains employees to screen customers looking to obtain a firearm, to detect people buying guns for others, firearms trafficking or signs someone intends to use the gun to harm themselves or others. Each customer is screened to ensure safety and all gun transfers are reviewed and approved by a store manager or second employee, who may speak to the customer before approving it. "Total Firearms is committed to doing everything it can to ensure that it has safe business practices, which prevent firearms from falling into the wrong hands," the sign in the store reads. Davis said she hopes Total Firearms "acts as a model for other businesses and acts as a ripple effect." Hopefully similar changes can be implemented other places and save more lives, she said. Gail Duncan said the settlement "ended up being more than I could've hoped for." "I wanted people to be aware that this situation happened...and could conceivably

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happen again if things weren't changed," Gail Duncan said. "The whole time, my main focus was to make sure her death hadn't been for nothing. I wanted it to mean something...I think we've taken steps to do that."

Lawsuit claims negligence by Total Firearms

The lawsuit lays out Olin's actions the night of his and Duncan's deaths, citing each place they allege Total Firearms was negligent:

- When staff asked for Olin's driver's license, but not a firearm license.
- When they didn't ask any screening questions or pick up on red flags from Olin's "clear signs" of emotional distress and mental illness.
- When they didn't conduct a background check before renting Olin the guns.
- When the range safety officer left Olin unattended on the shooting range for a period of time, according to what he told police.

A photo included with the lawsuit shows two staff members with their backs to the door and range as Olin walks past them with the gun in his hand, still wearing bulky ear protection. Olin walked out of the range, through the store and out the front door without anyone noticing he was stealing the gun, according to the lawsuit. Even when employees discovered Olin left with the gun, they didn't notify police, according to the lawsuit.

Lansing Township police determined the gun shop did not violate any laws, but federal agents "made a couple suggestions" about tightening rules, former Lansing Township Police Chief **Adam Kline** told the State Journal in 2018.

Involuntary mental health hold

Duncan called 911 on March 4, 2018, saying Olin had confronted her in the parking lot at Jo-Ann Fabrics and said he planned to kill himself in her car if she didn't go to his apartment. When an Eaton County Sheriff's Office deputy visited Olin's apartment that night, Olin told them he was suicidal, according to court records. The deputy confiscated Olin's handgun and took him to a hospital, where a doctor determined he needed inpatient evaluation and treatment, according to court records. Duncan applied for a personal protection order March 5, one day after Olin was committed. Olin stayed in the mental health ward for five days until he was discharged March 9 to an alternative treatment program. He later ordered a firearm online, and while waiting for it to be delivered to a second-hand store in Lansing, went into the store and tried to buy a used gun, police said. But a federal background check the store ran notified the employee of the restrictions against Olin, and he never received either gun, police said. So he stole a gun at Total Firearms.

Ideally, the reforms Total Firearms has implemented will make it so a tragedy like Duncan's does not happen again, Davis said. "This is not Gail coming forth, this is really a commitment by both parties to end gun violence and certainly keep this Michigan community and communities around the country safe," Davis said.

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The Record
April 8, 2020

Oakland Township: Budgets approved at virtual meeting

Author: Stacy Sobotka

The Oakland Township Board of Trustees held a virtual meeting March 31 to adopt the 2020-2021 fiscal year budgets. An executive order signed by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer states all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring among persons not part of a single household are prohibited. The board met via GoToMeeting and the public was welcome to join in.

Oakland Township Treasurer Jeanne Langlois thanked the township administration for putting everything together. “I’d like to acknowledge everyone in administration who put all that together and did it in a timely fashion. Little did we know how grateful we would be to have this ready a little bit ahead of time so we didn’t have to try to do budget workshops remotely,” she said.

Langlois also felt the budget was well prepared. “For me, it’s always been key to make sure we have a budget that’s sustainable. I think the areas that could potentially be impacted on it are certainly tax revenues depending on what happens in the greater economy,” she said. “But I believe even if there’s a significant hit to that amount but for a short period, we’re hoping; I still believe that our budget is sound and sustainable certainly for the [fiscal] year that begins tomorrow and also for the years after that. I think this is a good budget, it reflects a lot of work.” The board also adopted 2019-2020 budget amendments.

Oakland Township Supervisor Mike Bailey said officer office hours have been suspended for the month of April but residents can still contact the board with any questions or concerns. “Please feel free to call or e-mail any of our board members with any question you might have,” he said.

Township Manager **Adam Kline** said he also spoke to Fire Chief Paul Strelchuk and Assistant Fire Chief Lou Danek regarding calls to fire and EMS. “The calls are not in an uptake currently. However, they are planning and they believe they are going to be coming in an uptake. It is coming our way, all virus related. I know currently they are set [regarding] equipment,” he said.

In their board reports, the board thanked everyone in the medical and first response professions, as well as those in essential services, such as grocery stores. They also encouraged residents to stay home. “Please, please do your part in defeating this terrible, invisible enemy. Practice social distancing, not only for your sake, but for other lives you may save,” said Trustee John Giannangeli.

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The Record
May 1, 2019

New township manager hired

Author: Stacy Sobotka

Oakland Township has a new township manager. The Oakland Township Board of Trustees approved a motion to hire **Adam T. Kline** as the new township manager at their meeting April 23. Through a lengthy process, the board was able to narrow their choice down to two candidates. A meet and greet was organized to give township residents a chance to meet the candidates in person. The two candidates were **Kline** and Anthony Moggio, who is currently Rochester's treasurer.

Kline has an extensive background in law enforcement, serving with the White Lake Township Police beginning in 1987 as a patrol officer, then working his way up the ranks to chief of police, holding that position from 2014 to 2016. He then served as chief of police for Lansing Township from 2016 to the present. He also served in the Army as an aerial observer and served on the Goodrich Planning Commission.

Kline is a graduate of the Detroit Police Academy, the FBI National Academy, and has a bachelor's degree in community development and public administration from Central Michigan University.

Oakland Township Trustee Frank Ferriolo said that he was not satisfied with the pool of candidates that was provided by the search firm the township contracted with. "I feel they both fall short in their backgrounds for the township manager positions," he said. "Mr. **Kline** projects a more personal management style, built on years of experience, no doubt, that is helpful. But he faces a steep learning curve in the township manager position."

Ferriolo also brought up Ordinance 97, which lays out all of the duties of the township manager. "I composed and asked each of the candidates a question about Ordinance 97 and was not satisfied with either's response on what they would bring in their own experience in handling the job and what support they would need," he said. "I look for someone who has more municipal management experience; someone that knows the job before they get the job. Someone that will bring knowledge of township management to the table and quickly pick up the reins of the township."

Trustee Lana Mangiapane had four areas of criteria she was looking for in a township manager. They are the ability to perform under authority and be responsible to authority, someone who knows how to manage people, someone who is a leader and if they saw something that wasn't right that they would give a warning and try to correct the wrong. "I would recommend **Adam Kline** for this position. I think we have some of the best workers in this whole area. We need

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somebody in leadership that can come under the authority and be a good manager and have good oversight over our departments.”

Resident John Markel was impressed by **Kline**’s desire to keep learning. “He likes to learn. He went through the police academy, then the FBI Academy, then he went back to Central Michigan and not just seven years ago...somewhere in his forties and obtained a bachelor’s degree. That means he’s willing to learn,” he said. “I’ll take a guy who’s willing to learn and continue to learn and wants to get better every day any day of the week.”

Only Ferriolo opposed the hiring of **Kline**. **Kline** replaces Dale Stuart who recently retired from the position.

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April 10, 2018

People v. Nelson
Opinion
No. 336497

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, Plaintiff-Appellee, v. KINGYAUN DESHAUN NELSON, Defendant-Appellant.

PER CURIAM.

UNPUBLISHED Wayne Circuit Court

LC No. 15-009200-01-FH Before: SERVITTO, P.J., and MARKEY and O'CONNELL, JJ. PER CURIAM.

Defendant, Kingyuan Nelson, appeals as of right his bench trial convictions of carrying a concealed weapon, MCL 750.227, felon in possession of a firearm, MCL 750.224f, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, MCL 750.227b. Nelson was sentenced to two years' probation for the convictions of carrying a concealed weapon and felon-in-possession and two years' imprisonment for the felony-firearm conviction. We affirm.

I. BACKGROUND

One afternoon in October 2015, Detroit Police Officer **Adam Kline** was driving a patrol car with three other police officers, including Officer George Alam, who was seated in the backseat on the driver's side. Officer Alam saw Nelson, who was standing on the sidewalk, reach into his waistband, pull out an object Officer Alam believed to be a gun, and throw it on the ground. Officer Alam told Officer **Kline** to stop the car because he saw a gun. Officer Alam approached Nelson and detained him, while Officer **Kline** found the gun. Two other people were in the immediate vicinity, one of whom was charged as a co-defendant who later pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon.

At the close of the first day of the bench trial, on October 20, 2016, the trial court granted defense counsel a continuance to locate a witness. The trial reconvened on October 31, 2016, and the trial court again gave defense counsel additional time to locate the witness. On November 3, 2016, the trial court signed an order providing Nelson with an investigator. On November 11, 2016, defense counsel returned to court without a witness, stating that the investigator had not been able to personally serve the witness, who was dodging service. The trial court denied defense counsel's request for more time, noting that Nelson was out on bond and could have helped find the witness and that the investigator had time to look for the witness.

II. ANALYSIS

Nelson now challenges the trial court's decision not to grant him a third continuance, arguing that he was deprived of his constitutional right to present a witness who may have been critical to his defense. We disagree.

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"We review constitutional questions de novo." *People v Garay*, 320 Mich App 29, 38; 903 NW2d 883 (2017). We review a trial court's decision not to grant a continuance for an abuse of discretion. *People v Steele*, 283 Mich App 472, 484; 769 NW2d 256 (2009). "A trial court abuses its discretion when its decision falls outside the range of reasonable and principled outcomes." *People v Waterstone*, 296 Mich App 121, 131-132; 818 NW2d 432 (2012).

Whether the trial court abused its discretion by denying a continuance turns on four factors: (1) the defendant asserted a constitutional right, (2) the defendant "had a legitimate reason for asserting that right," (3) the defendant was not negligent, and (4) the defendant had not requested previous adjournments. *People v Wilson*, 397 Mich 76, 81; 243 NW2d 257 (1976). In addition, the defendant "must demonstrate prejudice resulting from the trial court's abuse of discretion." *Id.* In *People v Snider*, 239 Mich App 393, 421-422; 608 NW2d 502 (2000), this Court concluded that the trial court did not abuse its discretion by declining to adjourn the trial for the production of a witness because the defendant did not show how the requested witness's testimony would have been helpful.

Likewise, in this case, Nelson has not demonstrated that the production of the witness would have been helpful because Nelson has not identified the witness or shown how the witness would have vindicated his innocence. When counsel requested the second continuance, he agreed that he wanted to use the witness for his defense, contingent on talking to the witness. When he requested the third continuance, counsel stated that the witness was dodging the investigator's attempt to serve the witness (presumably, with a subpoena to testify). Likewise, on appeal, Nelson makes assumptions about the identity of the missing witness and speculates that the witness may have had critical information. Thus, it appears that Nelson does not know what the witness would have said or whether the witness would have been helpful to his defense.

We note that Nelson's brief on appeal acknowledges that he still has not found the witness. -----
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By contrast, Officer Alam testified that he saw Nelson throw a gun on the ground, and Officer **Kline** found a gun where Officer Alam signaled it would be. Both police officers commented on how quickly and seamlessly the entire incident unfolded. Nelson has not described what the unidentified witness would testify to that would so undermine this testimony as to call into question Nelson's immediate proximity to the discarded gun. Accordingly, Nelson has not demonstrated prejudice.

We affirm.

/s/ Deborah A. Servitto

/s/ Jane E. Markey

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

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Oakland Press (MI)
January 4, 2017

Chief Kline of White Lake Township Police Department retires after 29 years of service
Author: Andrea Peck

Chief **Adam Kline** of the White Lake Township Police Department has retired after 29 years of service.

Kline has been a member of the White Lake Police Department since December 1987. Previously, he spent three years in the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged in 1987. He then spent six months as a Sheriff's Deputy for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, where he was assigned to jail services. After coming to White Lake, Chief **Kline** worked in the patrol division for seven years and in the detective bureau for 11 years.

In 2005, he returned to the road patrol when he was promoted to sergeant. In 2010, **Kline** was promoted to lieutenant and served as the commanding officer of patrol operations. In May of 2013, **Kline** was assigned commanding officer to the Investigation Division. In March of 2014, **Kline** was promoted to Chief of Police. During his career, he received two department awards for meritorious service during the apprehension of criminals.

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The Detroit News (MI)
September 1, 2016

White Lake police investigate hidden camera in bathroom

Author: James David Dickson

Police in White Lake Township are investigating after a hidden camera was found in a women’s bathroom by an employee of a car dealership, Police Chief **Adam Kline** said. The 911 call came in from a female employee at Szott M-59 Chrysler Jeep at about 1 p.m. Wednesday. The woman was in the bathroom when she noticed the camera. She thought it was suspicious and called police to report it. The investigation is in its early stages, but **Kline** said “we do have some leads on the camera, as to who might be the owner.”

Kline said that “endless” charges are possible in the event a suspect is charged, depending on the extent of what, if anything, was captured by the camera, and if those images were distributed.

Kline said that while the camera was “capable” of recording, police aren’t yet sure if it was. The camera, **Kline** said, will be sent to Michigan State Police for a “detailed forensic examination.”

Thad Szott, 46, part of the family group that owns the Chrysler Jeep dealership and three others in the area, said the incident left the 100 or so employees of the dealership “shell-shocked” at the invasion of privacy it represents. “Our team is an extension of our family,” Szott said. “We’re all rattled by this.”

When the female employee encountered the camera, she immediately ran into the main office and alerted the management team, Szott said. They alerted him, and Szott ordered that no one touch it. Then he said he called 911. White Lake police showed up instantly, almost as soon as Szott had hung up the phone, he said — one advantage of being located across M-59 from police headquarters. Szott said the dealership, which has been around since 2001, will cooperate fully with the police investigation.

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Daily Tribune, The (Royal Oak, MI)
July 9, 2016

White Lake police thank residents for support

Author/Byline: Stephen Frye

The White Lake Police Department thanked its residents for being so supportive following the tragedy in Dallas, in which five officers were killed by a gunman. In turn, residents continued an outpouring of support of the White Lake officers on its Facebook page. The letter, directed at residents and business owners in White Lake, was posted on the department's Facebook page on Friday.

'Today, we have been touched by the outpouring of support you have shown your police department,' the letter from Chief **Adam Kline** reads. 'We are so grateful to serve such a supportive community. Every card, kind word, wave, and baked good the we receive from you is greatly appreciated by all of us in the department. 'Our hears and prayers go out to those brave souls and their families who were injured or killed in yesterday's shootings. 'In today's difficult times, it is reassuring to know that we have a strong, dependable relationship with your citizens. I wanted you to know we have worked hard to earn your trust and we will relentlessly pursue it for as long as you allow.'

After the posting, more than 150 people shared it and another 50 commented.

Janelle Kristi: 'Cannot thank you all enough! You all are the ones who drove by my house while we were gone, you unlocked my car when I left my keys inside, you woke us up at night when our car was vandalized by some young punks.'

Rene Perfetto: 'Thank you for your service, I don't think we say it enough, but (you are) always in our family prayers, for God to keep you and are community out of harm's way.'

Karl Bendy: 'Thank you for your service and keeping our community safe.'

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<https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/police-other-drivers-need-to-obey-laws-during-chases-too>

NewsFOX 2 Detroit
June 16, 2016

Police: Other drivers need to obey laws during chases, too

Author: Dave Spencer

WHITE LAKE, Mich. It was a dangerous police pursuit in White Lake as a driver whipped through traffic on westbound M-59. But it wasn't just that driver making the chase dangerous - police are asking other drivers on the road to obey the law as well. "Our first choice is really not to pursue, however in this case we didn't know who we were pursuing and the vehicle appeared to be stolen," said Chief **Adam Kline** with White Lake police.

It started with a routine traffic stop of 37-year-old Mercedes Morris. At first she gave police a fake name. She had warrant for not showing up to court and a suspended license, so police say she took off. Right away it was clear the lengths she would go to get away. "You can see the driver is quite erratic, goes through one red and then another one," said **Kline**, while walking us through the dash cam video. You can see the video in FOX 2's Dave Spencer's report in the video player above.

Adding to the danger were a few unforeseen obstacles -- drivers not pulling out of the way as the pursuit continued down the center lane. "It's all based on safety," **Kline** said. "Get out the way; get to right. The objective of the chase is to apprehend without any injury, without any accident."

This particular chase ended after two miles at the corner of M-59 and Ridge Road. Morris lost control and crashed into a utility pole, which cracked and fell to the ground. Dash cam video reveals she asked for help when police neared the vehicle to apprehend her. She went to the hospital to be evaluated, then to jail. She was charged with a five year felony for fleeing and evading.

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Daily Tribune, The (Royal Oak, MI)
March 25, 2016

Dispatch centers under discussion around Oakland County

Author/Byline: Carol Hopkins

Leaders in some Oakland County communities are having recurring discussions to determine whether they should retain a local dispatch center or outsource the job to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office or another community. Oakland County isn't alone. It's happening across the state, said Harriet Miller-Brown, Michigan State Police 911 coordinator. 'We've gone from more than 200 911 centers a decade ago to 143,' she said. Miller-Brown said there are pros and cons for both types of operations. 'It's the same decision you'd have when people say they prefer cable or satellite, or landline or wireless,' she said.

How agencies handle their dispatch centers is as diverse as the communities themselves. Lake Orion moved its dispatch service to Oxford Village last year. The savings, said Lake Orion Police Chief Jerry Narsh, was \$75,000. Several larger communities dispatch for their neighbors. One example is in Troy, where authorities are routing emergency services for nearby Clawson. In Auburn Hills, where officials are exploring the possibility of switching to the Sheriff's dispatch services to help offset a declining budget, the move would save an estimated \$550,000 in the first year.

On Feb. 8, a study session was held in Waterford Township to compare the cost of keeping a dispatch center within the police department versus contracting for dispatching with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, but no action was taken. Milford made the switch to the Sheriff on Sept. 1, 2015. Village Manager Christian Wuerth said officials didn't outsource for the cost savings. 'It was driven by the need to invest \$500,000 to 750,000 in technology upgrades over the next three to five years to maintain compliance with standards and unknown costs to do so in the future as technology continues to evolve,' he said. By outsourcing, 'those costs were eliminated and (funds) can be used to support other police services throughout the community. We still maintain a 24/7 office operation for the police department, and our service aides and cadets can handle some service requests that previously would have required an officer to come into the station to handle,' he added. Miller-Brown said don't expect the technology upgrades to end. As people and their technology change, she said, '911 is going to have to keep changing as well.'

Local control

The Oakland Press reached out to several communities which maintain their own dispatch center to ask about costs, and why officials prefer to stay autonomous. In Waterford, Deputy Chief Jeff James said the dispatch center - which has 10 full-time and two part-time dispatchers - is the 'nucleus' of the township. 'It is an invaluable resource to our community,' said James. In Waterford, as in most communities contacted, dispatchers handle additional duties aside from answering and dispatching staff to emergency calls.

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They also:

- Monitor all township campus cameras, prisoners, booking rooms and township offices.
- Monitor cameras inside and outside all Waterford schools and deal with all alarms.
- Observe custody exchanges and maintain lost animal lists and care for found animals.
- Input vacation home-check data for residents and act as the after-hours emergency call center for the Department of Public Works.
- Maintain information for foreclosures, repossessions and private investigators
- Assist with searching prisoners and enter warrants and information on missing persons, runaways, stolen vehicles, stolen articles, bond conditions, probation orders and vehicle impounds. Police systems such LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) are handled by dispatchers.
- Maintain social media websites and provide administrative assistance for officers.

The advantage of having a community dispatch center, said James, is that the dispatchers have a vested interest in both the community. 'Our dedicated dispatchers have a personal job knowledge of our community, which among other things, decreases our response time,' he said. 'Seconds save lives.'

Varied duties

As in some communities contacted, Bloomfield Township dispatchers administer court-ordered breath tests and answer after-hours government calls. Police Chief Geof Gaudard said the township's dispatch center staff have a low rate of turnover. 'Our dispatchers are invested in this community,' he said.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office operates the second-largest dispatch center in the state, a division where more than half a million calls are handled annually - all emergency and non-emergency calls and dispatching for the Sheriff's 15 local contracted communities, seven local law enforcement agencies and 18 local fire/EMS agencies. The nearly \$7 million department cost is offset by \$3.5 million in revenue from local dispatching contracts, according to the Sheriff's website.

'The Sheriff's Office offers a wide range of service in its dispatch center including emergency medical dispatching, emergency fire dispatching and emergency police dispatching.' Sixty-nine dispatchers work for the center. 'The Sheriff's Office provides all the same services to their local contracted communities,' said Undersheriff Michael McCabe - services such as entering data in the LEIN system and providing vacation home-check assistance. Officials stress they have never solicited communities to take over autonomous 911 centers. In the case of Waterford and Auburn Hills, community officials reached out to the county.

The dispatchers for Oxford Village handle both the village calls, adding Lake Orion police calls in 2014. Lake Orion estimates a savings of \$75,000 annually, said Lake Orion Chief Jerry Narsh. In Oxford, dispatchers only handle police calls. Medical calls are fielded by the Oakland County

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Sheriff's Office. Oxford Chief Michael Neymanowski said speed is the advantage to having in-house dispatchers. 'We get out (to the emergency) in less than a minute,' he said. Having dispatchers handle some of the other police duties such as the monitoring of prisoners is a 'huge thing,' he said. 'Then we don't need to take an officer off the street.' Troy's Police Chief Gary Mayer said the city is satisfied with its autonomous dispatch center. 'We determined that there are many advantages of having our own police service aides, including our ability to ensure adherence to police department policy and high levels of customer service,' he said. West Bloomfield Township dispatches for Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor and Sylvan Lake. Chief Mike Patton said township officials have discussed outsourcing, but not in several years. 'Everybody looks at sharing services,' he said. Costs to maintain an increasingly complex technical system continue going up, said Patton. A community must decide if they want 'more instant knowledge of the community compared to saving (funds),' he said. 'Dispatchers know addresses, they know officers' voices. They know when a chief has more anxiety in his voice. They've gained that knowledge. 'It's an expensive operation to run, but the benefits outweigh the liabilities.'

White Lake Township, Bloomfield Township and Oxford Village dispatchers are the first point of contact for the public coming through the door. 'They have local knowledge of frequent trouble areas, they know the neighborhoods and the businesses,' said White Lake Police Chief **Adam Kline**, 'and recall history on critical incidents.' 'Dispatchers are an integral part of this police department. 'We would not be as efficient, effective or as successful without them.'

Thoughtful discussion

How a community decides to handle decisions such as dispatching takes time, said Oakland University political science associate professor Julie Walters. 'Determining what the community prefers itself can be a challenge,' she said. There is no one-size-fits-all solution, she added.

'There are many methods for doing this, some involve spending funds (e.g., surveys) and others can be integrated as part of usual operations (e.g., public meetings). 'Nevertheless, for the long-term success of a planned re-structuring of service provision, it is critical for an open and respectful dialogue among the decision-makers and members of the community.'

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The Lake Orion Review
March 3, 2016

Goodrich council members unchallenged in March election

Author: Elizabeth Lowe

Three Goodrich Village Council members are currently unchallenged in their bids for the March 8 village election. Incumbents **Adam Kline**, Jayme Simmonds, and Angela Adamec recently declared their intent to run for three available village seats. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be appointed to four-year terms; the remaining elected council member will be appointed to a two-year term.

In compliance with the Village of Goodrich charter, which states the council must attempt to ensure that two candidates run for each seat, the council nominated village residents Steve Keehn, Pat Schierup, and Edmund York during its Feb. 9 meeting. Nominees did not accept the appointments. Since the council is not obliged to appoint replacement candidates, **Kline**, Simmonds, and Adamec are currently running unopposed.

Although it's past the deadline to file a petition to run for a council seat, a village resident could still run as a write-in candidate by contacting the Goodrich Village office and the Genesee County Clerk's office for the appropriate forms. Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent form with the village office by March 5, said village clerk Gloria (Jeanie) Bradley.

The Citizen asked **Kline**, Simmonds, and Adamec to discuss their qualifications for the offices for which they are running:

Adam T. Kline, of 10169 Hegel Road, in Goodrich, has lived in the Village of Goodrich since 1998. **Kline** currently serves as Goodrich Council president pro tem, and is seeking re-election to a seat on the council. **Kline** is employed as a police detective.

Education:

Associate's degree from Central Texas College. **Kline** is currently working on his bachelor's degree from Ferris State University through a program at Mott Community College in Flint.

Political experience:

'I was appointed to the village council after the recall, and then was elected to a four-year term. **Kline** has also served on the Village of Goodrich Planning Commission since 1999.

Skills or experience **Kline** can bring to the office:

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‘I believe that the skills and experience that I’ve obtained in my position as a police detective are helpful in any law enforcement issues that arise such as new laws or village ordinances that come up for a vote. It has also been helpful in dealing with the tough decisions that sometimes have to be made in the village. I believe that my position as union president is helpful in dealing with any personnel, grievance, and discipline issues. Further I believe that my position with the union helps with the art of negotiation, both with individuals and with village personnel.

Why **Kline** feels he’s the best candidate for the office:

‘I believe that I will serve with the village (as a whole)’s best interest. I am committed to the village as a community and will strive to do what is best for Goodrich. I believe that my experience and commitment make me the best candidate.

What **Kline** hopes to accomplish if elected:

‘I would like to accomplish some of the issues that are already in the works such as the completion of Village Park and the completion of the village complex. I would also like to take another look at the form of government that we operate with, versus the city form of government.’

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Oakland Press, The (Pontiac, MI)
February 19, 2016

White Lake Twp. police officer graduates from staff and command training

Author/Byline: Carol Hopkins

A White Lake Township police officer has graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command associated with Northwestern University. Sgt. Matthew Ivory graduated from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety after successfully completing the 10-week Staff and Command program held in Troy last year. This program, begun by the Center for Public Safety in 1983, has graduated more than 16,000 students both nationally and internationally. Ivory was among the 40 students in Class No. 376.

“We’re proud of Sgt. Ivory,” said White Lake Township Police Chief **Adam Kline**. “Here at the township we have a long line of command staff who have been through this school, and we believe that is why we are successful here.”

The school provides upper-level college instruction in 27 core blocks of instruction and additional optional blocks during each session. The major topics of study include Leadership, Human Resources, Employee Relations, Organizational Behavior, Applied Statistics, Planning and Policy Development, Budgeting and Resource Allocation.

Each student is academically challenged through written examinations, projects, presentations and quizzes in addition to a staff study paper. Upon completion, students may be awarded a total of six units of undergraduate credit from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. The Center for Public Safety was established at Northwestern University in 1936 with the specific goal of expanding university-based education and training for law enforcement.

Officials said many of the program’s graduates do go on to achieve a variety of leadership positions within their respective agencies.

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Oakland Press (MI)
January 11, 2016

Leo's Coney staff wear their support for law enforcement

Author: Carol Hopkins

Leo's Coney staff in Waterford and White Lake are wearing shirts that say, "We too back the blue." The owner of the two restaurants, Jim Christopher, recently handed out the shirts which promote the appreciation for police officers.

Christopher, who has several family members who work as police, is a "real supporter of law enforcement in all shapes and forms," said Meggan Rogers, floor manager at the Waterford Leo's at 5076 Highland Road. The White Lake restaurant is located at 6845 Highland Road. Staff can wear the shirts when they choose, Rogers said. "We love them," Rogers said.

White Lake Township Police Chief **Adam Kline** said the restaurant staff has worked with his department over the years, including assisting during Citizen Academies. "Jim always does a great job and makes us feel worthy of community support," **Kline** said.

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Oakland Press (MI)
August 11, 2015

Participants needed for Sept. 12 White Lake Police 5K Run

Author: Carol Hopkins

Participants are being urged to sign up for the first White Lake Township Police Department's 5K Run to the Dam and Back set for Sept. 12. The event benefits the department's D.A.R.E. Crime Prevention program. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. at Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Road. People can register at runsignup.com or stop in at the White Lake Police Department at 7525 Highland Road. The cost is \$25.

"The dam in question is the Pontiac Lake Dam," said Police Chief **Adam Kline**. "It's going to be a great event." All who run receive a self-wicking shirt and custom White Lake Police medal.

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Oakland Press (MI)
July 21, 2015

Friends, family, public safety honored for saving White Lake girl's life

Author: Carole Hopkins

Ashley Wood remembers how her 3-year-old daughter Miranda Gonzalez ran outside to play on May 17 at their home on Pontiac Lake Road. "We live on the other side of Pontiac Lake," said Wood. But Miranda ran around the home, and into the water. She fell in and began turning blue.

On Tuesday, White Lake officials gathered a group of neighbors, family and public safety officials to praise them for working together to save Miranda's life. One who helped was Miranda's sister, Arianna Saldana, 11, who pulled Miranda from the water. Neighbors Christopher Bradford, 19, called 911, and Jennifer Churray attempted CPR along with a passerby Terry Carpenter.

White Lake Police Officer Jessica Snow arrived and assisted the two citizens to revive Miranda. "Snow performed water rescue life-saving techniques until firefighter Bruce Flores arrived," said White Lake Police Chief **Adam Kline**, "and they continued life-saving efforts until Miranda began to take small breaths." Miranda was hospitalized for three days and has no ill effects. She squirmed in her mother's arms at the board meeting while the adults around her wiped away tears.

Snow received the police department's highest honor, the meritorious life-saving award, Monday. "It took a community effort to save Miranda's life," said **Kline**.

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Oakland Press, The (Pontiac, MI)
July 14, 2015

Into thin air: White Lake police dept. balloon travels 400 miles

Author: Unknown

A balloon that came loose from a White Lake Township Police Department open house turned up on a horse farm 400 miles away in New York State.

One day after the June 21 open house, the White Lake department heard from a man on a horse farm in Chemung, N.Y. — located east of Corning and south of the Finger Lakes — that the helium balloon had arrived in his field. The owner of the farm then contacted White Lake staff on Twitter and sent a photograph.

White Lake Police Chief **Adam Kline** saw the photo and made a quick assumption. “Because it had horses in it,” he said, “I thought the balloon landed in White Lake.” The township is home to several horse farms.

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Oakland Press (MI)
June 23, 2015

Eighth graders taking part in White Lake police youth academy

Author: Carol Hopkins

Eighth graders interested in a law enforcement career are taking part in a special week-long youth academy with the White Lake Township police.

Offered through the Huron Valley School District, this free program is intended to expose students to the various aspects associated with law enforcement. This year, 22 students are enrolled.

“We will cover leadership, teamwork, physical fitness, decision-making, integrity, defensive tactics, forensic investigations, driving safety, traffic enforcement and team building,” said Police Chief **Adam Kline**.

Students meet each day at a different location. Organizers plan to hold another academy next year, officials said

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Oakland Press, The (Pontiac, MI)
June 15, 2015

White Lake Police Dept. Open House set for Sunday, June 21

Author: Unknown

White Lake residents are welcome to come to the township's police department on Sunday, June 21, for the annual open house. The event, from noon-3 p.m., includes a dunk tank, department tours, free hot dogs and ice cream, and law enforcement vehicles including the Oakland County Sheriff's helicopter.

"It's a fun event, and it gives us a chance to thank people for letting us be their police department," said Police Chief **Adam Kline**.

A rock-climbing wall and photo booth will be onsite along with information on the township's Citizens Academy and child fingerprint kits. The department is located at 7525 Highland Road. Call 248-698-4400.

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Daily Tribune, The (Royal Oak, MI)
January 26, 2015

White Lake Police: Pot found in jars inside burned trailer

Author/Byline: Staff Writer

White Lake police are investigating the discovery of jars of marijuana inside a camper trailer that burned Saturday. The fire was reported at 3:20 a.m. at a home on Rustic Circle off Union Lake Road.

White Lake Fire crews said the blaze started inside a camper-trailer sitting next to a home and spread to the upper level of the home. The camper was destroyed and the upper level of the home was extensively damaged, officials said. A 26-year-old man was burned and has been transferred to a Detroit hospital. No cause on the fire has been determined, officials said.

Fire investigators did come across jars of marijuana, said White Lake Police Chief **Adam Kline**. 'We have not yet been able to speak with the owner so it's unknown if he is a medical marijuana patient or caregiver,' he said. If the person is not a cardholder, he could be charged with possession of marijuana, said **Kline**.

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Oakland Press, The (Pontiac, MI)
December 22, 2014

Area law enforcement ‘mindful’ of danger after NY police officers executed

Author/Byline: Carol Hopkins, The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Waterford resident David Sussman, who is a member of Waterford Police Department’s Volunteers in Police Service group, is forming a new organization, Citizens for a Safe America, a pro-law enforcement group seeking reconciliation. “Recent high-profile incidents in Ferguson and New York City have led to vicious chants in the streets: ‘What do we want? Dead Cops!’” he said. “It is time we stop the madness and begin national reconciliation.”

Sussman plans to create a Facebook page called, Citizen for a Safe America, and asks people to watch for it. Sussman, who works in project management, is urging people to show their local police appreciation, by purchasing food for them or telling them thanks. “Anytime is a good time to thank our heroes,” he said.

West Bloomfield Police Chief Mike Patton has been interviewing candidates for police officer jobs this week. “One of the questions I’m asking is how they feel about the recent events, and the perception of police officers,” said Patton. The candidates, said Patton, have answered they “feel they can make a difference.”

The issue Patton referred to was the Saturday ambush of two New York officers — Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu — who were gunned down at close range in their patrol car in Brooklyn by Ismaaiyl Brinsley, who then committed suicide. Before the attack, Brinsley, 28, wrote on an Instagram account: “I’m putting wings on pigs today. They take 1 of ours, let’s take 2 of theirs.”

Brinsley used the hashtags #Shootthepolice and #RIPerivGardner (sic), and #RIPMikeBrown — references to two black people who died at the hands of police. Garner died in a New York City officer’s chokehold in July, and Brown was shot by an officer in Ferguson, Missouri in August. Grand juries decided not to bring charges against either officer.

On Sunday, a Florida police officer died after being gunned down and run over with a car by a felon in Tarpon Springs. Officials around Oakland County are saddened by the officers’ deaths, they said. Patton said he has been notified by law enforcement agencies of an “elevated concern of copycat attacks. We are all very mindful of what has happened.”

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said there have been “a huge number of ambushes” on police officers this year. “I think what happened was an outright assassination of two young police officer that leaves an unfillable void in their children’s lives,” he said. “It’s a continuing trend that certainly the politicians in Washington and most of the media hasn’t been talking about. I don’t think it helps when people in Washington keep saying how they’re going to teach us how to build relationships and keep pointing to police as the problem in this country. Many police agencies do it right and most police officers do it right.” Danger can occur in any

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situation, Bouchard said, and that was the case Saturday. Ramos and Liu were working overtime as part of an anti-terrorism drill, according to the New York Daily News. Bouchard said the sheriff's office is constantly training its employees on situational awareness, which explains why law enforcement officers may seem a bit edgier in some seemingly-routine situations than the public would expect or understand. "You may think you got pulled over for something insignificant, but that police officer has no idea what they're walking up to in that car," he said. "It might be just a simple traffic violation where they can give you a warning or it could be somebody who is wanted for murder."

He gave an example of a friend who once performed a traffic stop on a vehicle in anticipation of giving the driver a warning for littering. "The car door got pushed open and the guy pushed a gun into his stomach and pulled the trigger," Bouchard said. "Thankfully, the gun misfired and didn't kill him ... The routine can become deadly if you're not on your game and that kind of situation is hard to explain to someone that's never been in it. That has to occur for the public to better understand the situation that law enforcement is in on an everyday basis."

White Lake Police Chief **Adam Kline** said he received national notification through law enforcement agencies about a threat against retired police officers. "That came from Colorado," he said. **Kline** said his officers are aware of the killings. "We talk and train about it. We have a sense of awareness (about police attacks)," he said. "It's a dangerous job."

In Waterford Township, Supervisor Gary Wall said a person "who would kill a police officer would kill anybody." Waterford has 51 sworn officers. "Police are there to protect and in return we should protect them," said Wall. "It's a mutual thing. They are the front and last line of defense for us."

Patton recalled in 2012, a West Bloomfield police officer, Patrick O'Rourke, was gunned down by a barricaded gunman. O'Rourke and the other police moving through the gunman's house, said Patton, were there to "see if someone was OK and he opened fire on them." Patton stressed that the "vast number of police officers working are the good guys. "We're not looking for pats on the back. It's easy to demonize police but our role is a necessary one. "Don't murder us."

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Oakland Press (MI)
August 6, 2014

Police, fire millages pass in nearly all Oakland County communities
Author: Carol Hopkins

Police and fire departments across Oakland County are celebrating after voters approved 14 of 15 public safety-related millages in Tuesday’s primary, including two in White Lake Township. Ten of the proposals were to renew existing millages. Both police and fire departments in White Lake requested an additional half mill in addition to millage renewals for four years.

Police Chief **Adam Kline** said he was pleased with the support for 4.1801 mills shown by the 3,400 to 2,322 final vote. “We (police chiefs) understand the relationship between us and citizens has to be a lot tighter,” he said. “We think we are doing a better job of that now.” **Kline** also wondered if the vote indicated Michigan’s economy might be growing.

White Lake Township Fire Chief Andrew Gurka said he was “elated” by the final vote, 3,673 to 2,050, for 1.9459 mills. “It’s a huge win for the township as a whole,” Gurka said. “The fire department is helping to maintain people’s lifestyles and keep them safe. We want to be there to serve them.”

White Lake police said they plan to maintain department services and add another officer and executive secretary. The funding means the department can continue to provide a school liaison and drug awareness officer. The fire department plans to upgrade heating, cooling and lighting equipment at three stations, and set up a retirees’ healthcare legacy fund.

Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, said that millage proposals across the state did “extremely well,” with 80 percent or more passing. “Police and fire are the gold standard for millage proposals, and because the public looks to safety and protection first, they have the edge for getting an affirmative vote,” he said. Ballenger suggested voters have watched the dysfunction among politicians in Lansing and Washington, and have decided citizens “have to do it ourselves.” “They saying ‘let’s just roll up our sleeves and get things done.’ People know their local officials, he said, and “if they screw up, voters will hold their feet to the fire.”

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Daily Tribune, The (Royal Oak, MI)
July 21, 2014

White Lake Twp. police, fire seeking approval for millage renewal plus half-mill Aug. 5
Author/Byline: Carol Hopkins

Signs are popping up around White Lake Township asking residents to vote yes on two public safety proposals in the Aug. 5 primary. The fire department ballot proposal requests 1.4459 mills be renewed for four years, and adds another half-mill, generating approximately \$1,880,000 a year.

The funding, said Fire Chief Andrew Gurka, will allow the department — which has a \$2.8 million annual budget — to maintain current services and three fire stations. The department, with 17 full-time and 27 paid-on-call firefighters, is running busier each year, staff said. In 2012, crews handled 2,346 calls and in 2013, they fielded 2,475 calls. Some of the extra funding from the half-mill would be used to upgrade fire stations.

'During the lean years, the department chose not to spend money on station maintenance,' Gurka said. One of the stations has an old heating unit that needs to be replaced. 'That's a natural gas gobbler,' said Gurka. Another station needs new overhead doors and more adequate lighting.

Retiree health-care liability is another factor in the millage request. 'We want to create a fund so we would be able to shoulder those costs,' he said. 'If it's ignored, it would be a mistake.' Gurka has also watched fuel costs steadily climb. If the millage is approved, the annual budget would be \$2.9 million. 'We are humbly asking for this, and wouldn't ask if we didn't need it,' he said.

The police department proposal requests renewal of 3.6801 mills plus another half-mill for four years, generating \$4,037,000. Police Chief **Adam Kline** said the funding is needed to maintain current staffing levels of 26 sworn officers, six dispatchers, three records staff and an executive secretary. 'This is a crucial vote for us,' said **Kline**. Were the millage to fail, the department budget would lose 85 percent of its funding. 'All costs have gone up,' he said, 'from gasoline to equipment such as weapons to health care.' The current annual budget for police is approximately \$4.6 million. 'We only want to maintain what we have.'

Kline said in the past four year, the township has grown. 'We have more retain than we ever had,' he said. With more people and businesses, traffic has increased. In 2012 the department took 17,874 calls for service and in 2013, 22,821 calls for service. 'As of the end of June 2014, we have taken 12,188 calls for service, an approximately 12 percent increase from this time last year,' said **Kline**.

In 2012, voters approved one mill for police and fire — split 65 percent for police, 35 percent for fire — for 10 years.

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The Spinal Column
July 2, 2014

Newly Appointed White Lake Police Chief Settling Into Role

Author: Mark H. Stowers

White Lake Police Chief **Adam Kline** is slowly settling into his new role as chief. **Kline** was appointed to the position in March after longtime chief Ed Harris announced his retirement.

The following are excerpts from an interview with White Lake Police Chief **Adam Kline**. On the job for the past three months, White Lake Township’s “new” Chief of Police, **Adam Kline**, is slowly settling in. The nearly three-decade policeman is ready to continue keeping White Lake residents safe and secure.

The Spinal Column caught up with **Kline** to learn more about how he is settling in to his new role and what he has planned for the future.

Where are you from originally?

“I grew up in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School. I stuck around the area for a while before I enlisted in the service (Army) for three years. I spent time in Alabama (Fort Rucker) and Texas before I got out of the service in 1987 and made my way back to Michigan. My career in public safety began when I started at the old Pontiac General Hospital working security ... in the emergency room. I then got a job at the sheriff’s department for six months and then got a call from White Lake.”

the department?

“Yes. I worked patrol on midnights, then – you can’t call it a promotion – but seven years in I was assigned to the detective bureau where I spent 11 or 12 years. Then in 2005, I was promoted back to the road as a Sargent. I was then promoted to Road Patrol Lieutenant in 2010 and then assigned to Detective Bureau Lieutenant. Then, I tested and was hired as chief. I’ve only been chief for three months.”

Has being Chief been everything you expected or more than?

“It’s almost been so busy I can’t assess it yet. We’ve done some hiring and I have an executive secretary who recently left and I have to hire a replacement. She’s lasted through three chiefs so that will be quite a change. We had an open house and now we’re in the midst of the millage campaign.”

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Can you tell me more about this millage?

“That’s for the police department, but the fire department also has a millage and we’re working closely with them. Both of us keep up the public safety and we need to pass those millages. It’s not to add anything but to keep what we have.”

So being Chief, one day it’s probably more political and the next day more actual police type work?

“You are absolutely correct. Today for example, there was a fatal accident and I had to deliver the news to the parents. The day before I was at a chief’s conference learning all the political ramifications of the position.”

Is it a big learning curve for you?

“It’s not so much a learning curve but what I’ve found is that you apply all of the lessons that you have learned as a patrolman, detective, sergeant and a lieutenant ... and use good common sense, then you will be successful.”

Has this position given you a lesson in time management?

“Oh yes and I’ve really learned how to use my Outlook Calendar (laughing.) That’s why I’m a little nervous about losing my secretary. She did all of that for me and I would just look at my phone and say, “Oh, I’ve got to be over here.” And now I’ve been doing employee interviews with every employee that we have and annual reports, so it’s been busy.”

How many men and women are currently under your leadership?

“Currently, we have 25 sworn officers, six dispatchers, three civilian records clerks and one secretary.”

And you’re going to have more hirings?

“We have to hire a secretary and we are in the process of hiring our 25th officer.”

How would you say technology has changed the role of policeman since 28 years ago?

“Technology has forced police to look at things differently. You are allowed more measures. You can tell where the crime is and go to where the crime is instead of randomly picking and choosing. You talk about that sixth sense an officer has or that gut feeling and statistically it tells you that you are correct.”

“Reporting is hugely different from the hand written stuff we used to do. When I first got here we had no computers, then a shared computer where you had print out stuff on carbon copy with a dot matrix printer. Now everything is automated. We have ticket printers in the cars, we have computers in the car. Everything is technologically based. And what I’m told is that it’s going to go even faster with voice recognition.”

Does this mean you can communicate with other law enforcement agencies easier?

“We still have radio, but in Oakland County we have one system that we are all signed up on and we can all talk to each other or talk to a central dispatch that can get those messages out to other

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agencies. When I started out we all had different radio systems and communication wasn't clear."

Are you married? Have kids?

"I'm married and have two kids from a previous marriage and I have three kids that live with me and my now current wife. They are 15, 13 and 10."

So when you're not tied to your Outlook calendar and trying to keep up with all of your teenagers, what do you do in your free time?

"I do a lot of running around with the kids to different activities. I have a daughter who dances for the Flint Institute of Music and I have a son who is a wrestler and he was picked for Team Michigan and we'll head down to Indianapolis for four days."

"We also enjoy boating. That's mostly what we do. We have a (30-foot) boat on Lake Saint Clair and we just go enjoy the water. We hang out and we like to go to different marinas and check out the new stuff. We go up the river to Lexington and we'll go down to Cedar Point."

"And I also coach football. The Goodrich freshmen team."

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Oakland Press (MI)
May 22, 2014

White Lake mock car crash used to show consequences of teen drinking

Author: Carol Hopkins

Sam Burke, 16, watched as paramedics and funeral directors covered “dead” classmates with plastic sheets after a mock drunken-driving car crash Thursday outside her White Lake high school. The assembly on the lawn “shows the real consequences and aftermath of what a small decision can lead to,” said Burke, Lakeland High School junior.

A student narrator described each facet of the crash, and as firefighters removed the injured from a smashed car, songs about dying young filled the air. The songs made it “more real,” said Burke. “It adds more emotion.”

Lakeland’s juniors and seniors watched the drama — which even included “victims” being placed inside hearses — in advance of graduation. “This was done to impress on the minds of our young adults the ramifications of making bad driving decisions — using alcohol and drugs, not wearing seat belts and texting while driving,” said White Lake Fire Chief Andrew Gurka, seated near the scene.

Police Chief **Adam Kline** said one of the most emotional moments is the arrival of “parents,” who cry and must be held back when hearing the news their child has died. “We prepare for this at least two months,” said **Kline**, “but will really start talking about it right after this one is over.”

In 2010 nationally, 408 teenagers, ages 16-17, died in car crashes, including six in Michigan, according to a Governors Highway Safety Association report.

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Daily Tribune, The (Royal Oak, MI)
April 2, 2014

Police briefs from White Lake Township

Author/Byline: Staff Writer

Burglar chased by homeowner drives away

A homeowner in the 300 block of Kent Way east of Bogie Lake Road in White Lake chased a would-be burglar recently after an alarm was triggered.

Police said they were notified at 2:30 a.m. March 24 about someone attempting to break into the attached garage. The homeowner chased a man and the man ran to a white car and drove off. The car had a loud muffler, the homeowner told police. Nothing was taken, police said, but they found tool marks on a door. 'We advise people not to put themselves into danger in such situations,' said Chief **Adam Kline**. 'If you see something out of place in your neighborhood, call us and we will check.'

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Oakland Press, The (Pontiac, MI)
November 25, 2013

Baby formula snagged in White Lake coupon fraud case distributed to charity

Author: Unknown

When a customer rolled up to a Kroger checkout with a large amount of baby formula last spring, the store's security employee sensed something wasn't right. "He followed the customers to the White Lake Kroger," said Lt. **Adam Kline** with White Lake Township Police. The customer did the same thing at that store. The security employee, working in loss prevention, alerted police, the case took shape and the criminals were nabbed.

On Monday Nov. 25, White Lake police donated hundreds of cartons of Enfamil seized from the case to area charities. "This means parents will have more formula," said Robin Maloney, executive director with Waterford-based Open Door Outreach Center. "With food stamp cuts, it's been harder for families." The formula, police said, can run as high as \$30 a carton, and is a commonly shoplifted item. The total value of the Kroger 300 cartons of formula was nearly \$14,000, said **Kline**. Reports indicate shoplifters take the pricey formula and sell it to corrupt store owners for a profit.

After the Kroger loss prevention officer saw the same big purchases happening in White Lake, he called police. "We went over and the van was open and we saw all the cartons," said **Kline**. "We started questioning them and not getting answers." **Kline** said police arrested the couple on suspicion of fraud. "Stacks and stacks" of two-for-one baby formula coupons were found in the van along with \$10,000 in cash. The formula was seized by White Lake police. A man, 56, and woman, 48, from Philadelphia were arrested and pleaded guilty to fraud, said **Kline**, adding he not know their names. He said the couple had been using the fake coupons at stores throughout Michigan and some in Ohio.

Baby formula is one of the items taken in organized retail theft rings, according to the FBI. Formula is always in demand, officials report. The thieves—called "boosters"—can make good money for their efforts, officials said. The boosters sell to fences. Street-level fences typically buy from a couple different boosters, pay in cash or drugs, and sell the merchandise in their own discount stores, at flea markets, or through online auctions, according to the FBI. Some sell to higher-level fences who repackage—or scrub—the goods and pawn them off on retailers at prices that undercut legitimate distributors.

In the White Lake case, the alert loss prevention officer even received some of the formula because he and his wife are having a baby, said **Kline**. "We thanked him for his help," **Kline** said. On Monday, officers loaded the formula into Linda Yaeger's car. Yaeger works at the Pregnancy Help Center in Waterford. "We'll give this to moms who can't get on WIC (Women, Infants, Children, a state health and nutrition program for healthy mothers and babies)," said Yaeger. "We're going to call our clients about this."

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Daily Tribune, The (Royal Oak, MI)
November 23, 2013

Death threats following death of German Shepherd killed with baseball bat

Author/Byline: Vicki Arsenault

A man accused of killing a family's German Shepherd with a baseball bat has people in an uproar according WXYZ-7.

White Lake Township Police Lieutenant **Adam Kline** told WXYZ, that the 22-year-old man is receiving death threats. Most threats have been made online and Lt. **Klein** said members of the police department are also getting similar threats.

Reportedly, the German Shepherd, Duke, left his yard and ran to the front of the neighbor's house where Duke and the neighbor dog began to fight. According to Duke's owner, Linda Lorenzen, she was watching him in the backyard, but that he ran to the front of the house when she stepped away. Lorenzo said she then saw the neighbor hit Duke with a baseball bat about 25 times. After reporting her side of the story to police, her neighbor began getting threats to burn their house down.

Police have interviewed witnesses and are waiting for results from a necropsy they may determine if excessive or appropriate force was used.

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Oakland Press, The (Pontiac, MI)
November 22, 2013

White Lake man faces charges in international child porn investigation

Author: Unknown

A White Lake Township man has been charged in an international child pornography investigation that involves federal and local officials. John William Millmine, 34, was charged Thursday in federal court with three counts of production and distribution of child pornography, following an investigation that federal officials have linked to Ireland and back. He faces a potential mandatory minimum of 15 years in prison if convicted. He was taken into federal custody pending a 1 p.m. detention hearing Monday, Nov. 25. According to White Lake police, the investigation is not finished. The White Lake man was arrested at his home on Nov. 11 by local police on state charges of criminal sexual conduct, following a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations unit's search of the residence. He remains in custody after his initial federal court appearance.

The investigation into Millmine's dealings was launched after federal agents received information from HSI Phoenix special agents and authorities in Ireland that revealed Millmine, under an online alias, had allegedly shared videos and images of himself and a toddler engaged in sexual activity. After the warrant search and Millmine's arrest at his home in the 5000 block of Labelle revealed that his Evo 4G smartphone had 20 pornographic images and 10 videos on it, the criminal complaint was filed in federal court in Detroit, said ICE spokesman Khaalid Walls. According to the complaint, an email address — with the a pre-domain ID of "lovetoddlers69" — was discovered to have been forwarding emails overseas with the pornographic materials attached. The former email address was linked to Millmine's own and his Facebook page, said federal agents in the complaint. Agents also allege that in 2009, Millmine had sexual contact with 5-year-old and 2-year-old girls in Birch Run, and in 2012 and 2013 had similar contact with another 2-year-old. He would take obscene photos of the children and distribute them through image-sharing websites, the complaint read.

Further charges sought locally

Locally, police are still investigating the case and working with ICE agents on further state charges to be presented in less than three weeks to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. White Lake Police Lt. **Adam Kline** said detectives are following up with more first-degree criminal sexual conduct charges tied to Millmine's alleged actions with two underage children — the 2-year-old and a 9-year-old, he said — that occurred in White Lake in late 2012 and early 2013. "We're doing interviews with the victims and still investigating," said **Kline**. "There could be more victims, too, but I don't think it could be anything outside of (Millmine's) relationships." Millmine has several past appearances in the Oakland County Circuit Court system. In 2004, he was convicted on several charges, including stalking, assault and battery, domestic assault and other charges. He had two personal protection orders filed against him in the same year, as well, according to court records.

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Oakland Press, The (Pontiac, MI)
February 7, 2013

Skinned animal carcasses found in White Lake

Author/Byline: Carol Hopkins

White Lake Township police are wondering what may have prompted someone to leave skinned animal carcasses alongside a road. “One may have been a coyote and the others possums or rabbits,” said Lt. **Adam Kline**, with White Lake Police. The coyote had been decapitated. The animals were covered with snow. A woman walking in the area, in the northeast section of Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area near Cross Road and Maceday Road, discovered the carcasses Jan. 19. “She was upset, yes,” said **Kline**.

Police have contacted the state’s Department of Natural Resources, said **Kline**. “There have been no other incidents of this type,” he said. No residents have reported missing animals. The carcasses still had meat on them so police dismissed the idea that the animals had been attacked by predators. “We suspect somebody wanted the skins, or it was a taxidermist dumping the animals,” said **Kline**. **Kline** added that in Michigan coyote hunting season is year-round.

Kline didn’t recall ever dealing with this type of report in the past. “Every now and then we get reports of bones or deer carcasses that people leave up there,” he said. He said the problem with carcasses is that other wild animals could gather in the area and then people walking pets could be harmed. “It’s almost like baiting,” **Kline** said.

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Oakland Press, The (Pontiac, MI)
April 11, 2012

Local News Briefing

Author: Unknown

White Lake Twp.
Police officer receives FBI training

Lt. **Adam Kline** with the White Lake Police Department has graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Kline completed a 10-week course that involved daily management and leadership classes. He also took part in a rigorous physical fitness program that culminated with a six-mile obstacle course and run known as the “Yellow Brick Road.” He earned a yellow brick that bears the session number (248) that he attended. More than 45,500 people have graduated from the academy since it began in 1935.

“The training and experiences Lt. **Kline** brings back with him to the White Lake Police Department are invaluable and second to none,” said Edward Harris, police chief.

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Oakland Press, The (Pontiac, MI)
March 30, 2011

Man posing as police officer accused of retail fraud in White Lake

Author/Byline: Dave Phillips

Posing as a police officer, a man is accused of conducting retail fraud at two White Lake Township businesses within the past week.

The most recent incident occurred around 4 a.m. Tuesday, when the man entered the Speedway gas station at 9601 Highland Road. The man took some maps from the front of the store while out of the clerk's view and then said he wanted to return them for a refund, according to White Lake Police Lt. **Adam Kline**. "He said he was an undercover police officer," **Kline** said. The clerk asked to see the receipt for the maps and the man said he would go get it from his vehicle. He never returned. **Kline** said the maps were valued at about \$58.

Police believe the incident is related to a similar one at Pet Supplies Plus on Cooley Lake Road, which occurred around 10 a.m. March 23. In that case, the suspect picked up two bags of dog food while outside the view of employees and then attempted to return them for money. The man said he was a canine officer. He did not show any identification, but employees gave him \$53 in cash for the dog food.

Police are still seeking the man, described as a balding white male who was wearing a dark jacket. Retail fraud charges will be filed against the suspect, but it's unclear if he can be charged for impersonating a police officer. "We would look into impersonation (charges)," **Kline** said. "Without showing the ID, he just implied (that he was a police officer) and they acted on that."

Anyone with information about the incidents can call White Lake police at 248-698-4400.

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Oakland Press, The (Pontiac, MI)
February 11, 2011

One dead, one hurt in accident

Author/Byline: Dave Phillips

A 41-year-old Commerce Township man was killed Thursday night when he was struck by a van in White Lake Township. Jeffrey Vanlanduyt was fatally injured while walking with his friend, 49-year-old Tracy Gougeon of Independence Township. The men were walking south on Williams Lake Road around 8:46 p.m. Thursday after their vehicle broke down near Hess Hathaway Park. The men were walking south toward a gas station on Cooley Lake Road, in the roadway, when a van driven by a 42-year-old Wolverine Lake resident struck them.

“(The driver of the van) did immediately pull over and render aid,” said Lt. **Adam Kline** of the White Lake Police Department. “He said he didn't see them until it was too late.” **Kline** said he was not sure if the vehicle ran out of gas or broke down. Gougeon was transported to POH Regional Medical Center, where he was listed in stable condition Friday.

Kline said it does not appear as though alcohol, drugs, high speed or distracted driving were factors. High snow banks in the area may have contributed to the incident. “There's not much space there,” **Kline** said, noting that there is no sidewalk in the area.

The incident was under investigation. When asked if charges would be filed, **Kline** said it “would be under review.” Williams Lake Road was closed for about 40 minutes following the accident.

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Oakland Press (MI)
January 21, 2010

White Lake officers promoted

Author: Dave Phillips

Two White Lake Police Department officers were promoted Tuesday during a White Lake Township board meeting.

Adam Kline was promoted to lieutenant and Matthew Silverhorn was promoted to sergeant.

Kline, 45, is a 22-year veteran of the White Lake Police Department and was promoted to sergeant in 2005. He will be in charge of the patrol division.

Kline and his wife, Mary, have five children. He served in the U.S. Army for three years.

Kline attended high school in Clarkston and received an associate's degree from Central Texas College before graduating from the Detroit Police Academy in 1988.

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Grand Blanc News, The (MI)
May 22, 2005

Election bittersweet for recalled council members

Author/Byline: Tiffany L. Woods

So what do the recalled members of the Village Council think now that voters have elected people who, like them, favor retaining the village? At least one of the removed council members views the whole Vacate the Village movement as a waste of time and money. "Absolutely," said **Adam Kline**, who was on the council for five years. "It was a waste. I don't think recalls are being used the way they were meant to be."

With the election of the five candidates committed to keeping the village a separate entity - Rick Horton, Edmund C. York, David Lucik, Ralph L. Morey and Rodney Pierson - residents took a step toward preserving Goodrich.

Kline, who serves as the Planning Commission chairman, said he thinks the recalled council played a role in being ousted. "Our failure was getting out our message early on," he said. "We didn't do enough to tell people what we were about."

Jayne Simmonds, who grew up in the village, said while she wanted the Loyal People of the Village to get elected, it was bittersweet to see it happen. "All the work we did, no one appreciated it," she said. "(The recall) didn't need to be done. For so many years, we were the only ones at the meetings. (Vacate the Village) didn't come." Simmonds said she delayed personal plans to move up north after no one ran against her during a previous council election. "In a way, the recall did free me but it's frustrating," she said.

The recall efforts began after the council said it wouldn't immediately put the dissolution issue to a vote until changes were made to the village charter. "It's unfortunate we got booted out because we did the right thing," said Mike Glynn, who was on the council for three years. "I stand by that." Glynn, who said he wouldn't mind sitting on the council again, has made peace with February's recall election. "It is what it is and it's in the past," he said. "We love Goodrich and I hope (the new council members) do a good job."

Simmonds, who hopes to move out of the village soon, believes something good did come out of the situation. "It made the community be aware of what was happening and get involved," she said. "Being involved is the whole part of making a town work."

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Flint Journal, The (MI)
February 23, 2005

Goodrich ousts council - Victorious Vacate the Village group planning slate of officers for May ballot

Author/Byline: Marlon Vaughn

Voters recalled all five members of the Village Council on Tuesday, giving the dissolve-the-village movement a big boost. Vacate the Village, an organization that advocates ending Goodrich as a political entity, led the drive to recall the Village Council after it refused to put a village dissolution option before voters last year. Dissolution supporters now plan to field a slate of candidates in the May special election to replace the council. "I'm pretty excited," said Co-Chairman Phil Jackson, celebrating with other group members at the Bull Ring Restaurant after the vote totals were announced. "There was a lot of hard work put in, a lot of people made this happen. This allows us to go forward."

The five council members - Angela Adamec, Mike Glynn, **Adam Kline**, Jayme Simmonds and President Keith Walworth - were booted from office in what election officials deemed heavy voting for Goodrich. A total of 572 votes were cast, according to the unofficial tally, a huge increase from the 80 to 100 votes typical of elections in the 1,400-resident village. Adamec said she was surprised by the results. "It will be interesting to see what happens from here," she said. "If nothing else, we'll all learn a lot from this."

Vacate the Village members contended that the council denied residents their rights by not putting the dissolution issue before voters. Council members argued that they were not trying to block a dissolution effort, but making sure that if it was done it was done right by updating the village's charter. "Our charter does not comply with state law," said Walworth, noting that the council on Monday presented amendments to the charter that would allow for dissolution. "If it went up for a vote, it was going to end up getting challenged (in court)." But dissolution advocates said the council's real motive for updating the charter was to make dissolution more difficult. "The people have spoken," said Patricia Wartella, Vacate the Village's co-chairwoman. "We just wanted the voices of village residents to be heard." Dissolution advocates have organized around a single issue: taxes. They say they pay way too much in taxes in Goodrich for almost no extra services. Village residents pay 7.6 mills, including 2.7 mills levied by Atlas Township.

Backers of village government have said services such as snow removal, road repair and sewer maintenance will suffer if Goodrich is folded into Atlas Township. "The village has been here for years, and they take good care of the sidewalks and streets," said Brian Smith, a 20-year resident who voted no. "I support the village." But Diane Fredericks, a four-year resident of Goodrich, saw it differently. "I haven't been able to figure out what we get from the village," she said.

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The Genesee County Elections Commission will appoint interim council members until the special council election, scheduled for May 3. Several members of Vacate the Village have expressed an interest in running for the seats. "We want to have our vote on vacating the village," Wartella said.

But dissolving Goodrich won't be as simple as electing a new board, **Kline** said. "I stand by my decision (not to put a dissolution vote before residents), and I would do it again," he said. "They'll ultimately find that was the correct decision."

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Flint Journal, The (MI)
February 9, 2005

Forum explores future of Goodrich - Dissolution would likely lower taxes

Author/Byline: Marlon Vaughn

It might be hypothetical at this point, but the possible dissolution of the village has lots of people talking these days. A Tuesday forum at Goodrich United Methodist Church focused on possible scenarios if the village of Goodrich was dissolved, including what governmental units would take over its functions and whether it would result in lower taxes for residents.

The conclusion: Nobody knows exactly what would happen. "It's a tough question to answer," said Village Councilman **Adam Kline**. "You have to think about levels of service versus taxes." The forum, organized by The Citizen newspaper, featured five panelists: **Kline**; Village Manager Jakki Sidge; Joseph Ohren, a political science professor at Eastern Michigan University; John Daly, manager-director of the Genesee County Road Commission; and John O'Brien, the county's water and waste director. About 50 people attended. They answered residents' questions that were submitted in advance on topics ranging from the impact of dissolution on taxes to who would handle snow removal.

The village tax levy is 7.6 mills, compared to 2.75 for Atlas Township. An additional 2-mill levy covers police and fire services. Panelists agreed that taxes would likely drop for Goodrich residents without the village, but there's a trade-off. "If you eliminate the village, you'll lower taxes," Ohren said. "But you're paying taxes to support a particular level of service that's not in the township." Proponents of dissolving the village have cited the high taxes for a limited level of services as their No. 1 issue. Goodrich boosters say dissolving the village into Atlas Township will diminish road maintenance, snow removal and other services. The panel was asked how snow removal would change if the village were dissolved, leaving that task to the county Road Commission. Daly said the clearing of major roads, such as M-15, is automatic, but getting to local streets could take a day longer after a major snow. "But I don't see that much of a difference between us and the municipalities (in snow removal times)," he said.

Other issues discussed included sewer and drain maintenance, garbage pickup and recreation. Ed Bohlen, a real estate developer who has built dozens of homes in Goodrich, said he worries that tap-in rates for the township - which has limited participation in the county water and sewer system - are too high. "I can't afford \$6,000 tap-in fees," he said. Conspicuously absent from the panel were members of Vacate the Village, the group that successfully led an effort to force a Feb. 22 election to recall the entire Village Council. Phil Jackson, co-chairman of Vacate the Village, said his group was not invited to participate. "(The forum) is going to be very one-sided," said Jackson, speaking by phone Tuesday before the forum. "This is the village's show."

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Flint Journal, The (MI)
February 18, 2003

Neighbors' concerns delay condos

Author/Byline: Bob Wheaton

Residents who don't want multifamily condos in their neighborhood near Goodrich Cemetery won a partial victory Monday. The Village Council delayed consideration of a developer's proposal as a result of concerns over the multiple units from neighbors who live near the cemetery at Pontiac and Cemetery streets. The Goodrich Cemetery includes burial sites for many prominent families. Among those buried there is Levi Goodrich, who founded Goodrich in 1836.

Ralph "Pete" Morey, who lives on Pontiac Street, said he and others don't think it's appropriate to have a development so close to the cemetery. Morey said he has family members buried there. Developer Mark Wiedemann said he took those concerns into consideration and decided to include a walking path as a buffer between the development and the cemetery. The path would lead to a small playground for toddlers. But council members said they hope Wiedemann can tweak his plans to satisfy concerns - possibly by replacing the multifamily condos with single-family homes. Just west of the cemetery, Wiedemann wants to build 10 attached condominiums that he said would sell for nearly \$100,000 each. His project also would include 25 single-family condos farther to the west along Dutch Road that would sell for \$140,000 to \$160,000.

Pontiac Street resident Jay Clothier is among the residents who said they don't like the idea of multifamily condos. "I love this community and chose to move here for the essence of this community," he said. "I think you lose what I wanted in this community" if the condos are allowed. Wiedemann said he's not sure he can afford the project without the multifamily condos. The only way to do it would be to reduce other costs, he said, such as by removing improvements to Cemetery Street from his plan or eliminating curbing and gutters from the development. He said he's already made changes to the project, including removing apartments that were part of his original proposal and replacing them with the multifamily condos. "What we gave is what the village wanted," he said.

Before the Village Council voted to table the proposal, Village President Keith Walworth and Councilman **Adam Kline** said they supported it. "I think the project addresses a need we have for moderately priced houses," Walworth said. Council members Angie Adamec and Mike Glynn said they opposed the project because of the neighbors' concerns. "I think some of the cornerstone families of that neighborhood don't want condos there, and I think we should respect that," Adamec said. The fifth council member, Jayme Simmonds, was absent.

The developer is seeking approval of a planned unit development. Planned unit developments give more flexibility in deviating from existing zoning, but at the same time give the village more control over specifics of the project. Weidemann agreed to provide nearly six acres of open space on the 16 acres of property - with most of the open space to the north of the property in the area next to the walking path.

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Flint Journal, The (MI)
June 8, 2000

ROAD-IMPROVEMENT SURVEY PRIORITY WITH GOODRICH OFFICIALS

Author/Byline: Linda Angelo

After ditching a controversial \$1.3-million road paving project, the new Village Council plans to survey residents to learn what type of road improvements they want. "One of the reasons why we were trying to get the roads paved was based on (a former) survey," said Keith Walworth, Council president. "It ranked up in the top three things people in the village wanted at that time. Of course, we had opposition, and a lot of people said that survey was done 10 years ago. That's one reason why we want to get the (new) survey out." Walworth is the only councilman who survived last year's recall election over the road project, which would have paved the village's remaining 12 gravel roads and assess affected homeowners an average of \$5,300.

Residents had the option of paying the full amount interest-free or paying in increments with interest added. liked neither. The Council now has four new members who are on a fast-track to learn their jobs and set different priorities. Besides the survey, the Council also is working on developing a parks and recreation plan. Councilwoman Angie Adamec said the recreation committee is considering constructing a bike path and possibly relocating the Department of Public Works building from the park downtown. "In this village, we pay extra taxes because we're a village ... and one of the things people wonder is where does my tax money go," she said. "I'm keen on parks and recreation because this is one thing people can say this is where my money went, and I can use it. I don't think the most important thing is brick and mortar."

Councilman **Adam Kline** said he hopes the recreation plan will address the need for better public accessibility to the mill pond. "You have to enter from the property owned by the gas station or climb over the guardrail," he said. "It can be improved greatly."

The new Council members currently are spending a lot of time learning about the budget process. Once the proposed budget is adopted, Walworth said the Council will proceed with implementing the survey. "We want to get a feeling about where people want us to go as far as the future of the village," he said. "One section of M-15 is going to end up being developed. It's part of progress, all we can do as a council ... is try to control that growth. We'd like to know what type of business people would like to see."

Perhaps one of the most thought-provoking questions on the survey is whether residents want the village to become a city. "There's different things you can do when you become a city," **Kline** said. "It depends on how the people feel about this. You don't have to pay double taxes. We pay the township taxes, and we pay the village. We would have more control over our tax money." Council members said they would like to update the charter and zoning ordinances but likely won't proceed until they know whether residents are interested in having the village become a city.

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Flint Journal, The (MI)
March 23, 2000

NEW COUNCIL TRIES TO DITCH ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Author/Byline: Laura Bailey

The new Village Council didn't waste any time trying to scrap the controversial \$1.3-million road paving project. New council member **Adam Kline**, who was voted in at the March 13 election, made a motion to kill the project shortly after the four new council members were sworn in Monday. But before members could vote, village Manager Jakki Sidge suggested amending the motion to ensure it was worded properly. She said she will consult with the village attorney and bonding attorney.

New council member Angie Adamec hopes to close the door on what has been an emotional issue. "I believe it is not going to go," Adamec said.

The road project, which led to the recall of four council members on Nov. 16, would have paved the village's remaining gravel roads. Affected residents would have been assessed an average of \$5,300 and would have had 15 years to pay the debt. People opposed to the project argued it was too expensive, and the majority of residents didn't want it. More than \$100,000 has been spent on items related to the road project, Sidge said, but not all of the money will be lost if the project is overturned. The engineering cost about \$85,000, and will stay current for "a number of years" Sidge said.

Other costs to the village included \$15,000 to \$18,000 in attorney fees for legal representation at Michigan Tax Tribunal hearings. The hearings were called after 29 appeals were filed with the agency by people upset with the per parcel assessment for the project. The disposition of the appeals was not immediately available Wednesday, but at least 16 of them were upheld, village officials said. That means the assessments were handled properly, and were not considered unreasonable.

A civil lawsuit filed in circuit court by residents to stop the project was dismissed without prejudice and without costs on Jan. 7, according to court records. Adamec was a plaintiff in that lawsuit.

It's unclear now whether the village's remaining gravel roads will be paved. Sidge said the village does not have the money to pay for it. "Whether we'll look into some type of program to get the roads done or not, that it up to the council," she said.

A committee of new council member Steve Keehn, Adamec and **Kline** was established to to recommend alternatives.

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Adam T. Kline
(Articles are in reverse chronological order)

Flint Journal, The (MI)
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CONTROVERSIAL PAVING PROJECT MIGHT DIE FROM LACK OF FUNDS

Author/Byline: Laura Bailey

The \$1.3-million paving project that led to the Nov. 16 recall of four Village Council members might not come to fruition.

Adam Kline, who was appointed to the council by the Genesee County Elections Commission after the recall to form a quorum, said a 1990 master plan for road improvements stipulates road projects must be economically feasible and necessary. And he said he can't find any capitol improvement plans that included paving the village's 12 remaining gravel roads, or any other projects. "I believe something has to change, but I'm not sure what," **Kline** said. **Kline** said paving Dutch Road, which leads to another dirt road, isn't "economically feasible" and also questions the cost to pave in the area behind the Bull Ring Restaurant and Lounge on M-15.

Council member Keith Walworth - the only one not recalled - originally voted against the project because he thought two of the four districts should not be included in the plan. He declined to comment on whether he would change his vote if the districts weren't included. "I would say since that original vote I've had more time to review the information and digest all of it," he said. Councilman Steve Shaffer - also appointed after the recall - could not be reached for comment.

Recall supporters said the Council ignored their concerns about high cost and spoiling the rural atmosphere when they went ahead with the project. Recalled were Village President Marcia Rockafellow and Council members Enid Pierson, Thomas Gordon and David Lucik.

Residents filed a civil lawsuit in Circuit Court to block the paving of the village's last 12 gravel roads. Many residents also appealed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal arguing that the average \$5,100 assessment was too high. The Tax Tribunal hearings were Dec. 9 and 10, but a decision has not been reached. Walworth said no decisions can be made until after those results are back.

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Flint Journal (MI)
November 23, 1999

FROM ALL POINTS

Author: Tom Gromak, Laura Bailey, Nick Chiappetta

SOUTH / GRAND BLANC
Two join Goodrich council

The Genesee County Election Commission on Monday appointed residents Steven Shaffer and **Adam Kline** to fill two of the four Goodrich Village Council seats vacated by a Nov. 16 recall.

Shaffer, an engineer, is a former Village Council member, said Genesee County Clerk Michael J. Carr.

Adam Kline, a police officer in White Lake Township, serves on the Goodrich Village Planning Commission.

The two appointees were among eight or nine people who expressed an interest, Carr said. **Kline** and Shaffer will serve until a regularly scheduled election in March.

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Flint Journal, The (MI)
October 13, 1999

MCLAREN HOSPICE AND MILES-MARTIN FUNERAL

The board also appointed Thomas Gordon, **Adam Kline** and Jayme Simmonds to the village Planning Commission. Gordon and Simmonds already serve on the commission. The three-year terms expire in October 2002.

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