

Road to nowhere?

Unhappy council OKs repair deal

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STAFF WRITER

With a grimace and a grumble, the Farmington City Council approved a maintenance agreement for Farmington Road with the Road Commission of Oakland County.

The contract calls for a 5-percent increase in money reimbursed to the city for maintaining the county road. The county will pay the city \$13,705.72 — a rate of \$8,062.18 per mile.

City officials want more money, saying it costs the city more than twice that amount for the upkeep

of Farmington Road. County officials said the budget is already in place, though.

"I think we should get more money from them," said councilman Richard Tupper. "This cop out of saying that the budget is already made, I don't think we should buy that."

"Donn Wolf's our representative . . . I guess we're going to have to put the pressure on him."

Maintenance done by the city includes patching, cracking sealing, sweeping, landscaping, snow and ice removal.

City manager Frank Lauhoff

met with road commission chairman Rudy Lozano, maintenance supervisor Thomas Mezler and Wolf. While pointing out the city appreciates the 5 percent increase in reimbursement — the second increase in seven years — it doesn't keep up with the inflation.

Lauhoff said the road commission representatives promise to review reimbursements in the future. Other cities have similar agreements with the county.

The city contends it provides a higher level of maintenance than the county could.

Said Lauhoff: "They're aware of the situation."

Councilwoman Jo Anne McShane wondered if the city could also be paid for materials, but Lauhoff said the bulk of the cost is labor.

Another option might be to let the county handle part of the chore. Tupper nixed that idea.

"I think we ought to think hard and long before we let the county take over any maintenance part of the road," Tupper said. "We're sitting in the south end of the county, and it would take three days to get to us."

OBITUARIES

MARY KAE HARTY
Mrs. Harty, 75, of Birmingham died Aug. 12.

Mrs. Harty graduated from Visitation High School in 1938 and attended the University of Detroit. She worked as a personal legal secretary for Wayne County Friend of the Court from 1937-45.

Mrs. Harty was an avid reader and golfer. She was a member of the Michigan Ladies Seniors Golf Association and Western Golf and Country Club. She was skilled in dress design and needle crafts. She also enjoyed tennis and bridge.

Survivors include her husband, Paul; daughters, Carole Ledoux and Marilyn Thompson; brothers, John and James; five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

The family is accepting memorials in the form of Mass cards.

MURIAL K. SIMON
Mrs. Simon, 78, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 14 in Etsford

Continuing Care Center. Born in Detroit, Mrs. Simon was a homemaker.

Survivors include her cousins, Frances Tocco and Virginia Hassell.

Services were Aug. 17 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. David W. Sherwin of Redford Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Memorials may be made to the Society for the Blind or the Humane Society.

LEON JOSEPH MISURA
Mr. Misura, 69, of Farmington died Aug. 15.

Born in Richmond, Mich., Mr. Misura was a pharmacist. He was a familiar figure around the Farmington area. He was frequently seen walking his white West Highland Terrier.

Mr. Misura was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his companion of 20 years, Ruth Trombley; daughter, Roberta Campion; son,

David; sister, Wanda Krajniak; six grandchildren.

Heeony-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington is handling the cremation. His ashes will be dispersed at Seely Park in the Upper Peninsula. A gathering of friends and family will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the tuition assistance program at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. Send memorials to Sister Regina Doelker, RSM, Principal, c/o Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile, Farmington Hills 48336.

GENEVIÈVE SUSAN STOCK
Mrs. Stock, 95, died Aug. 16 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Stockbridge, Mich., Mrs. Stock was a school teacher.

Survivors include her husband, John; sons, James, Lawrence and Vincent; daughters, Mary Corby and Lorraine Christensen; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated today, Aug. 19, at Our Lady of Sorrows

Catholic Church, Farmington. Burial was in Bunker Hill Cemetery, Ingham County.

Arrangements were made by the Heeony-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

HARRIET T. ALBERS (WILLIAMS)
Mrs. Albers, 88, of Chelsea, formerly of Farmington and Cleveland, died July 26.

Born in Onarga, Ill., Mrs. Albers was a retired executive secretary. She was a member of retired Executive Secretaries Club and member of 1st United Methodist Church in Farmington.

Survivors include her daughter, Harriet A. Peramp; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Edward L. Duncan officiating. Burial of ashes will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to the church or Chelsea Retirement Center.

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