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Board Approves Basic Design For New Schools

Prepare Legal Forms For Securing Of Sites

Preliminary approval was indicated by the Farmington Township School Board to the basic design for the proposed elementary schools and gymnasium addition to the new high school at the regular meeting of the Board Monday evening.

Peter Tarpana, representing Eberle Smith Associates, school architects, presented a tentative plan for a basic 14 classroom elementary building. He explained that the plan incorporated the features suggested by the Board and administrative staff. A number of additional changes were recommended by the architect and discussed on both the elementary school plan and the gymnasium addition.

THE BOARD approved a motion to refer plans to the administrative staff for detailed study and recommendations. It was agreed that any suggested changes would be discussed at a special meeting to be held next Monday evening. O. E. Danckel, superintendent, pointed out that although the basic design was approved, the final plan will contain this number of rooms. Some may be larger, others smaller, depending upon the particular location. Under the present proposal three new grade schools are to be constructed.

It was announced at the meeting that legal drafts are being prepared for other options to buy or preliminary purchase agreements on three proposed sites in the district. The proposal forms are expected to be ready by the special meeting next Monday.

The Board approved a dedication resolution relating to the senior high school site to the City of Farmington for road purposes. The dedication will allow for the extension of Hospital Street north of Shawasssee. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the final plan will be ready by the special meeting next Monday.

DELIVER CHASSIS FOR NEW CITY FIRE TRUCK

The chassis for the new Farmington City fire truck has been delivered to the city by James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week.

The G. M. C. chassis was transported to the Peter Tarpana, architect's office, during the week end. The installation of the equipment is expected to take approximately 30 days. Tennant stated that the new truck should be available and in operation early in August.

AROUND THE BLOCK

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United Fund Selects New Officers



It didn't take the new officers of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest very long to get down to the business of following the ratification of the new constitution and by-laws and the election of a Board of Directors, the new officers began going over plans for the next United Fund campaign to be held this fall. The newly elected officers are, left to right, Mrs. Fred Harrison, secretary; Joseph Benson, president; and Dr. James Cunningham, vice-president.

Formation of the newly organized Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest was completed last week with the ratification of a new constitution and by-laws and the election of a 21-man Board of Directors. The action was taken at an open meeting held Friday evening at the Farmington Town Hall. Approximately 30 persons attended the meeting. The constitution and by-laws were approved by a vote of 21 to 0. A list of candidates submitted for the new Board of Directors, several suggestions were offered regarding the policy of the organization as well as the conduct of the annual campaign. The Board agreed to take the suggestions under consideration.

NEWLY ELECTED members of the Board are: one year terms, Mrs. Fred Harrison, Mrs. Glenn Land, Max Miller, John Hunt, Tracy Conroy, F. E. Searle and James Tager; two year terms, Alfred Benson, Joseph DeKes, Joseph Koehnle, Donald MacKinnon, Mrs. Franklin Cottone, Mrs. Donna Dates and Bernard Adams; three year terms, Donald DeGroot, Dr. James Cunningham, Harry Farmer, Arthur Groop, Robert Brown, Mrs. Leo Kelly and Sylvester Phene. Immediately following the adjournment of the open meeting, the Board held its first session on Monday, May 10. Alfred Benson was elected president with Dr. Cunningham as vice-president; Mrs. Fred Harrison, secretary; and Joseph DeKes, treasurer.

A special committee was appointed to recommend a campaign chairman. The committee, consisting of Tracy Conroy, Harry Farmer, Robert Brown and James Tager, is to submit its recommendations to the next meeting of the Board. Joseph DeKes was appointed chairman of the Budget and Admissions Committee.

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Council Expected To OK Record Budget Monday

Estimated Figure Set At \$238,000 For '54 - '55

A detailed discussion of the proposed \$238,000 city budget for the year 1954-55 was conducted by the City Council at the annual public hearing held Tuesday afternoon at the Municipal Building.

The new record budget, as proposed, represents an increase of approximately \$4,000 over the 1953-54 requested budget. These figures are subject to some change prior to final adoption by the Council at its regular meeting next Monday. Only two persons were present in addition to the Council at the public hearing Tuesday.

LARGEST SINGLE item in the estimated revenues is \$32,659, to be received from general property taxes. Police Department expenditures, including court fines and fees, violation bureau, and parking meter fees are estimated at \$55,500. Revenue from the water and sewer department is estimated at \$122,000. Other available tax and Motor Vehicle Highway Fund moneys are estimated at \$32,800.

An estimated \$85,000 has been set up in the budget for Public Works Department expenditures. This includes approximately \$43,000 for street construction, repairs and maintenance; the next largest expenditure is in the Police Department, which is estimated at about \$44,000. Capital outlay, including the new fire truck, general equipment, new water mains and new sewer and water mains, are listed in the proposed budget at \$30,650, which is approximately \$1,000 less than last year's revised figure. General Government expenses are estimated at approximately \$37,700, and sewer and water department costs at \$14,500.

The proposed bonded capital outlay budget is set at \$130,000. This includes financing of the sewerage disposal plant, estimated at \$30,000; off-street parking, \$175,000; new sewers and water mains, \$10,000; and special assessment improvements, \$8,000.

License Bureau Days Changed

Starting next week, the new Farmington Township Driver's License Bureau will be open on Monday afternoons and Friday afternoons from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. instead of Tuesdays.

The shift in schedule was made by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office due to a conflict with the existing hours of the Township. The Farmington Township Bureau officially opened on Tuesday to serve the unincorporated areas in the southwest section of the township.

The Bureau has been set up in the Clarenceville Fire Hall on Wheeler Street, one block east of Middlebelt Road. In addition to the existing license, road tests are being provided by an officer from the Sheriff's Department. Four bureaus are being established in the county outside of Farmington. The bureaus are located in Farmington Township, Troy Township, Orion Township and Holly.

County-Wide Vote To Appear On June 14 Ballot

Voters of the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts will be asked on June 14 to vote on two special questions pertaining to the education of handicapped children.

In order that the voters of the area may be better acquainted with the questions and the principles involved, The Enterprise is presenting this feature article. It is not intended as a statement for or against the proposal, but rather to present the facts.

All electors of the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts, as well as the balance of Oakland County, will vote on the two questions. This pertains to all voters in both Districts whether they live in Oakland or Wayne Counties. Two proposals will appear on the special ballot. One requests permission to come under the provisions of the Special Education Act of 1954 while the other pertains to the raising of 1/2 mill for two years to finance schooling for handicapped children in Oakland County.

Committee To Investigate New Sites For Proposed Township Office Building

Two Clarenceville Seniors Honored

Kenneth Jacobson and Dolores Koening have been named Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively, of the 1954 graduating class of the Clarenceville High School.



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Selection of the outstanding students was announced this week by school officials. Both Jacobson and Miss Koening will participate in special commencement activities. Jacobson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jacobson of 19345 Weyer, Livonia. He maintained a 3.78 scholastic average out of a possible 4.0 during his high school career.

Dr. Charles L. Anasch, president of the Central Michigan College of Education at Mt. Pleasant will be the principal speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Clinton Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America to be held Thursday evening, May 13, at the Farmington High School gymnasium.

Dr. Anasch is a member of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America and of the Board of Region VII. He holds the Silver Beaver and the Silver Anpele Awards for distinguished service to boyhood. The title of his address is "A Significant Triangle". All Scout Leaders in the Clinton Valley Council are invited to attend this meeting, which will begin with a dinner at 7:00 p. m. Officers and members of the Executive Board for the coming year will be elected, and the Annual Report of the Council will be presented. Several special awards to outstanding Scout and Cub Leaders will be made, including three Silver Beaver Awards. Names of recipients of the Silver Beaver Awards remain a closely guarded secret until the moment of presentation.

Zoning Hearing Set For May 25

A public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance will be held Tuesday evening, May 25, at the Farmington Town Hall, Leo Kelly, chairman, announced this week.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p. m. Members of the Zoning Board were contacted early in the week in order to complete the details for the hearing. It is expected that all of the members of the Board will be present at the public meeting.

The proposal before the Board for consideration and recommendations concerns a parcel of land owned by the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for the calendar year 1954. Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, announced this week.

The first quarter distribution amount for next fall. In addition, the State Highway Fund for the calendar year 1954, \$1,142,775.11. The receipt from the Fund are distributed to the State Highway Department, the cities and incorporated villages of the state as provided for in Act 61, Section 12, of the Public Acts of 1951.

Under the Act, all of the State Gasoline and Weight Taxes, the Diesel fuel tax and a small amount of miscellaneous fees are distributed to the various governmental agencies. The State Highway Department receives 44 1/2% for expenditure on local streets.

The Annual Spring Concert of the combined Farmington High School vocal and instrumental groups will be presented Thursday evening, May 20, in the high school gymnasium.

"Make Mine Music" is the title of this year's concert which will feature the City Glee Club, Boys' Glee Club, Choir, Falconaires, and band. A varied and colorful program is being planned by the various participating groups. By the various members of the vocal or instrumental music departments. Plans are being made for a reception following the concert.

Board Authorizes Appointment Of Special Three-Man Study Group

Action was taken by the Township Board Tuesday evening in directing the Supervisor to appoint a three-man committee to investigate possible sites for the proposed construction of a new township office building.

The motion to set up an investigating committee was proposed by Ward Earle following a discussion of the question. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, opened the discussion with an inquiry as to what action the Board should take. He added that the matter has been brought up on several occasions and added that something should be done.

A motion for the construction of a township office building adjacent to the Town Hall has been submitted to the Board by a special study committee. McCracken stated that either additional consideration be given to the committee's recommendations or a new approach to the problem should be initiated. Fred Westlake suggested that the Board begin at once looking for possible building sites in the township. Several members of the Board stated that they felt the majority of the residents preferred to have the office building in the township rather than the city.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that he would name the committee as soon as possible. The motion did not stipulate that the committee had to be appointed from the Board.

A HDQVST for an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance was presented to the Board in the form of an individual petition. The parcel in question is located on the south side of Nine Mile Road in the vicinity of Shawasssee Street, and would be rezoned from commercial to light industrial. The Board accepted the petition and directed that the question would be discussed with the Township Attorney.

Members of the Board indicated that they wished to check the ability of including adjacent property in the proposal and also to determine the attitude of the (Continued on Page 6A)

Enrollment of children eligible to enter kindergarten in the Farmington School District next fall will be conducted on May 18, 19 and 20. Miss Minnie Zielke, elementary coordinator, announced this week.

Notice has been mailed out to all parents who, according to the 1953 school census, have children eligible to start kindergarten in September. Children who will be five years old or before November 8, 1954, are eligible to enroll. New residents of the community who have children of this age but who were not included in the 1953 census, are requested to contact Miss Zielke at Farmington 2156.

Enrollment Dates

On Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 19, enrollment will take place from 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. and from 1:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. On Thursday, May 20, the hour will be from 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. and from 8:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m. Parents are requested to bring the child's kindergarten card with them when they enroll. Children are to be registered at the school nearest their home.

NEW TOASTMASTERS CLUB BEING FORMED IN NOVI

Plans are now being completed for the organization of a chapter of the Toastmaster's Club in Novi, William MacDemerd, temporary president, announced this week.

The new organization, which is to be affiliated with the International Club, now has 20 active members. The group expects to complete organization details this month with a charter presentation scheduled for next fall. In addition to MacDemerd, other temporary officers are: James Mitchell, secretary; and George Lee, treasurer.

City Receives Highway Funds

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Visiting Mayor Tours City Office

Mayor Kenneth Loomis of Farmington visited the City of Novi Tuesday evening, May 11, to inspect the city's new building machine in the Municipal Building during "Exchange of Mayors' Day" held last Wednesday night at Michigan Week-end. The Stevens were taken on a tour of the city and were honored at a special luncheon and open house during the day. While in Novi, Stevens were in Farmington, Mayor Kenn Loomis and his wife were honored guests in Paw Paw.

Joe Stevens, President Pro-Tem of the Village of Paw Paw and his wife, Mrs. Harold Quinn, secretary, operate the building machine in the Municipal Building during "Exchange of Mayors' Day" held last Wednesday night at Michigan Week-end. The Stevens were taken on a tour of the city and were honored at a special luncheon and open house during the day. While in Novi, Stevens were in Farmington, Mayor Kenn Loomis and his wife were honored guests in Paw Paw.

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