

Board Allots Funds For Test Wells To Serve Proposed Water System

Approve \$2,500 For Land Options And Drilling To Establish Source Of Water For Dry Areas

Action was taken by the Township Board Tuesday evening appropriating \$2,500 for the securing of options on sites and the drilling of test wells to provide a source of water for the development of a system in the southern and eastern sections of the township.

The resolution was introduced by Elise Avery, Trustee, and was adopted unanimously. Prior to the passage of the resolution, action was taken to rescind the motion, approved by the Board several weeks ago, calling for the allocation of \$2,500 to secure the services of financial consultants to determine the feasibility of drilling wells.

New Grade School Construction On Schedule Again

Work At High School Not Yet Resumed

Major attention of the Farmington Township School Board at its regular meeting held Monday evening was focused on buildings under construction in the school district and the proposed construction of a complete athletic field at the high school.

A report by a representative of the school architect revealed that work on the three new elementary schools is now progressing well. Construction on the school at Middlebelt and Fourteen Mile Road is ahead of schedule while work on the school at Grand River and Colfax is on schedule again. The third elementary school, at Shawanawee and Tuck Road, is slightly behind schedule but gaining time rapidly, the architect's representative stated.

FULL SCALE construction operations on the high school gymnasium, auditorium addition have been resumed. Last week, the difficulties resulting from the filing of bankruptcy proceedings by the Ellis Construction Company, contractor for the addition, have not been resolved. The contractor has been authorized to complete the work, was submitted to the Board for study. A provision in the contract waiving responsibilities of the contractor.

Herbert Neal, representing several subdivisions in the central portion of the Township, expressed some concern over the proposed location of the wells. He suggested that the action be taken in order that the solving of one problem doesn't create another. Neal added that geologists have advised that the drilling of wells in a specific area may have a damaging effect on existing wells. Dr. Godlaw pointed out that Pat and Hirt, engineers, have reported that there is sufficient water available in the Township for everyone and that actually some water is going to waste while other areas remain dry. Neal emphasized that they were not against the project but were interested in avoiding additional water problems.

POST OFFICE BOX RENTAL FEES TO INCREASE JULY 1

Effective July 1, box rentals for the Farmington Post Office will be increased on the basis of a new fee schedule, Henry Trompeter, Postmaster, announced this week.

Under the new schedule, the three month rental fee for No. 1 boxes will be increased from \$1.10 to \$1.50. The No. 2 boxes will be increased from the present fee of \$1.40 for three months to \$2.25. The No. 3 boxes will be increased from \$2.25 to \$3.00 for the three months period.

Rental collections under the new schedule will begin on June 20 for the third quarter. Patrons may, if they wish, pay the rental fee for the entire year rather than on a quarterly basis.

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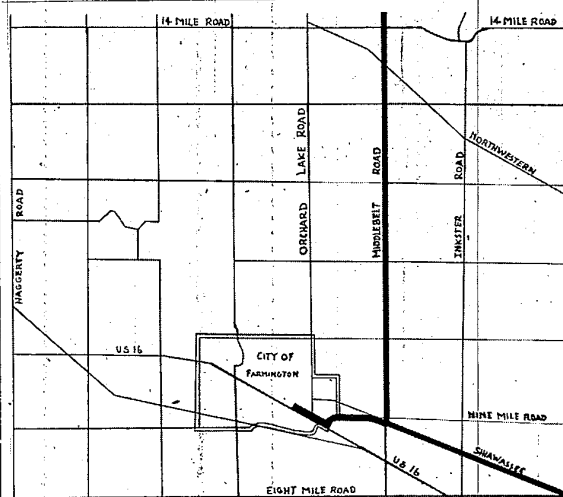
THE STRANGE LIGHT that broke forth over the Farmington community Wednesday happened to be the sun. We mention this in case you were as bewildered as we were over the sight of this unusual object. Unfortunately, "Old Sol" has been conspicuous by his absence for more time than we like to remember. This brings us to another item of local news.

It was explained that the action was taken to remove the building. Dr. Godlaw, the condition was a health menace and that immediate steps should be taken to eliminate the situation.

ELECTION WORKERS in the Farmington and Clareneville School District are now singing a new theme song as a result of the vote on Monday. The title is "Time On My Hands" and they had plenty of it during the 13 hours that the polls were open. Only 140 voters turned out to mark their ballots in the Farmington election while 105 showed up at the polls in Clareneville. Putting it another way, only 2.1% of the registered electors in the Farmington District bothered to vote on Monday. All told, that spells plenty of "Time On My Hands" for the election workers and an indelible record which can never be erased. We sincerely hope that this record will stand as a challenge to every citizen, so that a recurrence of it shall never happen again!

CONGRATULATIONS to the 184 seniors of the Farmington and Clareneville High Schools who will receive their graduation diplomas Thursday evening. We wish you young men and women the very best of luck in their future endeavors. Regardless of the activities they undertake, there will be many new responsibilities and opportunities along the path. We are confident that the training and experiences they have received will enable them to reach the objectives they seek. One phase of their education is completed and another is about to begin. We wish them well, for the future is in their hands.

VOTERS APPROVE MILLAGE LEVY FOR SCHOOL SITES



SEWER FACILITIES for Farmington City and Township as well as Westwood Township and parts of West Bloomfield and Southfield Townships have reached the advanced planning stage with the filing of cost estimates and construction specifications. The proposed route of the interceptor, shown by the heavy line, will extend from a connection with the Detroit System near Eight Mile and Evergreen along Eight Mile to Shawanawee and then northwest to Middlebelt. The interceptor will then continue north along Middlebelt through the Township. The City will be serviced by a main starting at the Rouge River and continuing southeast along Grand River to Nine Mile and then along Nine Mile to Shawanawee, where it will connect with the principal interceptor.

City To Open Bids Postpone City-Township Meeting On Water Project

Council And Board To Arrange New Date For Conference Originally Set For June 16

Bids on the installation of new water mains as well as pumps and controls for the enlargement of the city system will be submitted at the regular meeting of the Council next Monday.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that proposals have already been received for pumps and controls to be installed at the new wells south of the Cut-Off along the south side of the City-Off to Gill Road. Two pumps will be put in as well as a pump house to house the necessary controls. The two wells were drilled last fall preparatory to their connection with the city water system.

L. N. Hayden, engineer for the project, is securing bids for the water main. It is expected that they will be submitted to the Council on Monday, along with the proposals on the pumps and controls. The proposed main will extend from the new water well in the vicinity of Pickett with a Cut-Off to Gill Road, then north on Gill to Grand River and then southeast to a connection with the present system at Pickett. A line will also be extended to the north side of Grand River in the vicinity of Pickett with a connection leading to the reservoir.

Section 36 Water Controls In Effect

Regulations controlling the use of water taken from the Section 36 system in southeast Farmington Township became effective on Monday, June 13, and will continue in force until September 3.

The regulations provide that properties bearing odd house numbers may use water for outside uses only on the odd calendar dates while properties bearing even house numbers may use outside water only on even days of the calendar. Provided, however, that there shall be no restrictions of use on Sundays.

Properly fronted on one or more streets shall, for the purpose of the rules, be considered as one street.

Ground Work For U.S. 16 Project Expected To Get Under Way In July

Construction work on base preparation for the relocation of U.S. 16 from Farmington to Brighton is expected to begin late in July, according to unofficial reports.

The initial phases of the project will include ground work for the various grade separations to be constructed along the highway. These separations will be installed at the major intersections in the form of cloverleafs or overpasses. According to plans, such an overpass is to be constructed at Farmington Road and the Cut-Off. Other phases of the ground work will include filling and drainage construction.

The State Highway Department is now in the process of completing negotiations for right-of-way along the route of the new limited-access road. An offer to purchase approximately nine acres of property along the south of the Cut-Off and west of Gill Road was made to the Council last Monday. Action was taken to reject the offer and to request a higher price. It was explained that the action was taken in view of the fact that a larger amount of property was involved in the offer than was originally requested.

NO DEFINITE schedule has been announced regarding when the initial work will begin. The project will cover the expansion and relocation of U.S. 16 from just west of Middlebelt Road to the Cut-Off of Brighton. An additional lane is to be added along the south side of the Farmington Cut-Off to permit both east and west bound traffic. In fronting on one or more streets shall, for the purpose of the rules, be considered as one street.

Paul Bagwell, Head of the Department of Communicative Skills, Michigan State College, will address the 117 Farmington High School graduates at exercises to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium on Thomas Street beginning at 8:00 p.m. Bagwell will speak on the subject, "The Changing Face of Michigan." The President of the Farmington School Board, will present the diplomas to the seniors.

The 67 graduating seniors at Clareneville High School will be presented their diplomas by President of Central Michigan College, Dr. Charles Anasapah, Head of Education speak on "What Are My Chances?" The Clareneville exercises are scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium at Middlebelt Road. The presentation of diplomas will be made by Fred Bailey, president of the Clareneville School Board.

Three Injured In Crash At 13 Mile, Middlebelt Road

Youth Hit By Car In Parking Lot

Four persons were injured and a young boy shaken up in three separate auto accidents in the Farmington area last week.

The first of the three mishaps occurred Saturday morning at the intersection of 13 Mile and State Street in a parking lot off Grand River. Michael Randall, 2 1/2 years old, of 23725 Beacon Drive, was struck by an auto when he ran directly in front of it as it turned into the lot. He was taken to a local doctor and found to be uninjured.

Howard W. Remaley, 19223 Merriman Court, driver of the auto, was not held.

THREE PERSONS were injured late Sunday afternoon in a two-car crash at the intersection of Thirteen Mile and Middlebelt Road. Injured were Art Osterman, injured pelvis and lacerations of the scalp; Mary Lou Dossett, scalp lacerations; and David J. Harris, possible fractured shoulder. All were taken to the hospital and held in the same auto.

Authorize Farmington School Board To Spread 2 1/2 Mill Tax For 1955

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The vote on the millage proposal was 88 yes and 60 no, with one ballot left blank. Mrs. Downing received a total of 138 votes while Hammill received 133 votes. The Board approved a resolution certifying the vote. It is estimated that the 2 1/2 mill tax levy for 1955 will create a fund for the purchase of approximately \$100,000 which will be used to purchase sites for future school buildings.

Board Rejects Bids On Botsford School Addition

Refuse All Proposals Because Of High Cost

At a special meeting of the Clareneville School Board held Monday evening, action was taken to reject all of the bids on the school addition and to readvertise the project.

The sealed bids were received and opened by the Board at its regular meeting Thursday evening. A total of six general contractors bids, seven mechanical bids and five electrical bids were received in connection with the project. Following the opening of the proposals, the Board moved to table the bids under advisement.

The Board stated that the bids were being rejected because, in their opinion, they were too high. Plans for the proposed addition include seven classrooms plus a multi-purpose room and kitchen. It is hoped that the addition will be ready for use this fall.

Advise Adoption Of Zoning Map

The City Planning Commission Wednesday evening approved a motion to submit the present report following a request from the City Council at its regular meeting June 20 with the recommendation that it be adopted at the earliest possible date.

Prior to the Planning Commission action there was some discussion on whether or not an additional public hearing should be held. Councilman James Cavender expressed the opinion that sufficient hearings have been held and that the matter should be acted upon immediately. Mayor Robert Lindberg stated that they felt another hearing should be held because of the lapse of time since the last public meeting.

SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS BIG BOOST IN FARMINGTON

According to the annual school census, conducted during May, the average age of 7,683 children in the Farmington Township School District or an increase of 23% over the 1954 census figure.

The census covers all persons in the District up to 19 years of age. Of the 7,683 children recorded this year, 2,370 are below five years of age. This represents 34.4% of the total figure. The balance of 5,313, or 69.1%, are between the ages of 5 and 19 years.

Officials stated that in 1947 there was an average of 161 in each year below school age. By 1954, the average had increased to 334. The average of the age groups five to 19 has increased from 133 to 314. While the average increases in the census over the preceding seven years was 12.5%, the increase between 1954 and 1955 is 23%.

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Plan To Appeal Action On Permit

The Daehle Trucking Company has been given until Saturday, June 18, to halt operations on the removal of soil from property in the vicinity of Farmington Road and Fourteen Mile Road or file a written appeal with the Township Board of Appeals.

Officials indicated Tuesday that the Daehle Trucking Company would probably file an appeal prior to the deadline. Notices of intent to revoke the permit of the company were served on the officers and their attorneys by a Township Constable last Wednesday. According to the notice, the owners have ten days in which to appeal the action of the Township Board. The Board declared its intent to revoke the permit at a special meeting held June 1.

The Board action was based on the fact that the permit was issued for the removal of topsoil, which was removed and gravel had been removed and sold contrary to the provisions of the permit. It was also stated that the removal and sale of sand and gravel constitutes the operating of a commercial business in a residential zone and is in violation of the zoning ordinance.

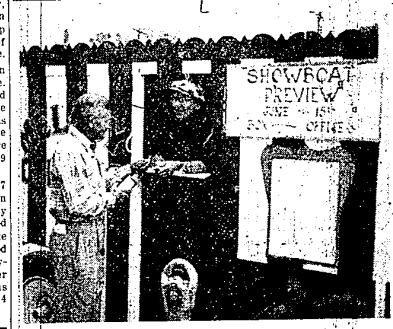
The notice stipulates that it is the intention of the Township Board to hold the principal and his surety liable for any and all damages suffered by reason of the violations.

TOWNSHIP NAMES PLANNING BOARD, ROAD COMMITTEE

The Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, approved the appointment of a five-member planning board and a seven-member road committee, as directed by the electors at the Annual Township Meeting held in April.

Membership on the new planning board includes Harvey Freeman, Charles Chesapeake, Thomas Corneil, Carl Matz and Percy Gagnon. Several persons attending the meeting stated that they felt this group should be more widely representative of the Township. However, the Board approved the appointments as selected.

Members on the road committee include Carl Lathrop, Floyd Cairns, Ralph Corneil, Donald Ward, Watson Kinney, Robert Schulkins and Robert Harris.



ANOTHER CUSTOMER steps up to the Melody Circus wagon to purchase a ticket for the special "Farmington Night" to view the Broadway musical, "Showboat," which was presented Wednesday evening before a near capacity audience. James Reed, president of the Farmington Faculty Club, makes the sale to Dick Lyon. The "Farmington Night" program has various youth activities, including the Farmington Baseball for Boys program. The "Showboat" presentation was held in the Melody Circus Theatre on the grounds of Botsford Hall.

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