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COUNCIL EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE WATER BOND ORDINANCE MONDAY

Appeal Hearing On Dirt Removal Set For June 27

Trucking Firm Seeks Action To Retain Permit

A special meeting of the Township Board of Appeals, June 27, will consider a written appeal from the Daehle Trucking Company regarding the decision to revoke their permit for the removal of top soil in the northern section of the Township.

According to officials, the appeal was received prior to the June 18 deadline. It is expected that a large delegation of property owners from the Farmington Road - Fourteen Mile section will attend the meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. The Township Board initiated action to revoke the permit at a special meeting on June 1, following a series of protests from property owners. The Board has charged that the terms of the permit were violated since other than top soil was being removed and sold by the Daehle Company.

THE BOARD OF APPEALS, at a regular meeting last Thursday, denied a request from Dr. H. E. Viergut, 32509 Grand River, to move his house from its present location in the City to a new site on Tuck Road near Grand River in the Township. Bernard Girard, Attorney, representing Dr. Viergut, stated that the property where the house is located has been sold and that he was petitioning the Board for permission to move the building. Dr. Viergut stated that the house would be used for a residence in its new location and that he planned to build a veterinary clinic on Grand River near Tuck which is zoned residential. A number of persons present objected to the proposal.

CITY ADOPTS NEW MUNICIPAL COURT ORDINANCES

The City Council Monday evening formally adopted an amendment to the Municipal Court ordinance establishing the maximum salary of the Court Clerk at \$3,000 per annum.

Officials emphasized that this is the maximum salary and not necessarily the amount of compensation actually paid. A maximum was set up so that an amendment does not have to be adopted every time the salary is increased.

The Council also repealed the present ordinance pertaining to the selection of jurors and adopted a new ordinance providing for an improved method of drawing jurors.

AROUND THE BLOCK

LAST MONDAY'S City Council meeting broke up on one of the happiest and most constructive notes we have heard in a long time. Just prior to the close of business, Harvey Chapman moved that at 12 o'clock midnight, of the Council be adjourned not later than 12 o'clock midnight, and be so ordered. The motion was quickly seconded and passed unanimously. This action is important for several reasons. First, it will eliminate the regular occurrence of five and six hour sessions twice a month; and second, it will serve as an incentive to those in the attendance to think through the procedure and at the same time insure clearer thinking on the part of the Council.

A NEW SOURCE of water is now available to those residents of the Township who live in the so-called "dry areas." Fred Westlake, Board Chairman and member of the Citizens' Water Development Committee, has installed a water hydrant in front of his home at 20224 Eight Mile Road. This hydrant is the first of its kind in Farmington. A large number of residents must still haul this precious liquid to their homes, but at least some of them may now have it so far to go. Cooperation is needed to long before this hauling business will be a matter of history.

THERE'LL BE ACTIVITY at the Farmington and Clareneville playgrounds this coming Monday as the annual summer recreation programs officially get under way for another season. Extensive plans have been made for the education and recreation of boys and girls throughout Farmington and Clareneville areas. It is expected that more youngsters will participate in this summer's program than ever before. This is as it should be in view of the growth of the community and the improvement of the recreation programs during the past several years. We sincerely hope that everyone will take advantage of the opportunities offered by these programs. They are designed for your boys and girls.

JUST A WORD to residents of the City. Observe the water use regulations and save yourself the embarrassment of a ticket. The Council has urged more strict enforcement of the emergency ordinance in order to further protect the limited water supply. It was pointed out that the object of the tighter enforcement was not just to issue more violation tickets, but to insure more cooperation in the essence... so let's all cooperate for our own sake and for the sake of the entire community.

Farmington's Summer Recreation Program To Get Under Way Monday

Playgrounds To Open At City Park, Wm. Grace And Bond Schools; Swimming Program Planned

The Farmington summer recreation program will get under way on Monday, June 28, with pre-registration figures indicating that a record number of youngsters will be taking part, according to Warren Piche, director of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

Struck Down By Auto Saturday On Grand River

Oswald Neumann of 1200 Oakley at Grand River Lake was struck down by an auto Saturday evening in front of the LuSalle Wine Company at 31505 Grand River. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by Dr. Theodore Ling, coroner.

Dies Instantly Of Injuries Suffered

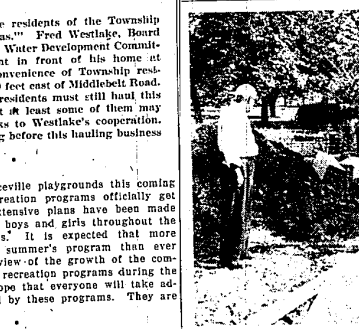
Oswald Neumann, a night watchman at the wine company, was crossing Grand River from the waters when he was hit near the center lane of the highway. Linwood Tarrow, 20, of 18615 Irving Street in Livonia, was the driver of the auto. He was heading west on Grand River when the mishap occurred. Tarrow was traveling in the inside lane of traffic and stated that he did not see the victim crossing the main thoroughfare.

Plan Survey Work For Test Wells

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, reported Tuesday that Pate and Hirt, engineers, have been directed to proceed at once with plans for the locating of sites and the drilling of test wells for the proposed water system to service the southern and eastern sections of the Township.

Drowned Youth Buried Saturday

Funeral services were held Saturday in Farmington for Carl Riddell, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Riddell of 32567 Harlow Street, who drowned last Wednesday.



ANOTHER LINK of telephone conduit goes into the ground as construction crews rush work in preparation for the opening of the new Farmington dial phone system. Workmen were busy last week and installing this section along the east side of Power Road just south of Grand River and adjacent to the new Bell Telephone Exchange Building. At the same time, installers are busy finishing up work on the conversion of the phone instruments to dial. It is expected that the new dial system will be put in operation late in August.

Plan To Sign New Contract For H. S. Gym This Week

Hope To Resume Work On Addition At Once

Arrangements are now being completed between the Farmington Township School District and the bonding company on the draft of a new construction contract for completion of the gymnasium addition to the high school.

The Board has authorized the president and secretary to enter into a contract with the Standard Accident Insurance Company, bond holder, for continuation of the construction work on the project. Officials stated that the contract is expected to be signed within the next few days. In the meantime, the bonding company has placed a contractor on the job in order to get things organized for a renewal of work.

CONSTRUCTION on the project has been delayed for a number of weeks pending action in regard to the bankruptcy proceedings filed by the Ellis Construction Company, Detroit, general contractor for the addition. The Board notified the Standard Accident Insurance Company several weeks ago of its intention to end the contract with the Ellis Construction Company and to turn the matter over to them for disposition. The intention to cancel was based on the fact that the contractor was in default on the contract as a result of the bankruptcy proceedings.

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Officials stated that they still hope to have the addition completed early this fall. However, it is doubtful that it will be ready by the opening of school in September. Early this month the Board was advised that the contractor was in default on the contract as a result of the bankruptcy proceedings.

Break Soil Sunday For New Church

Ground-breaking services for the new Trinity Episcopal Church will take place on Sunday, June 26, following the 9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion. Rev. James B. Gullann announced this week.

Although fund raising has fallen short of expectations and building costs have exceeded original estimates, parishioners of the church have voted to "build what we can with what we have," and the Diocese has approved the action. With funds now available, the church itself can be erected.

This Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., a "matinee" will leave the Universalist Church, where Trinity has been holding its services for the past three years, and proceed to the site of the new church. The church is being built on a site owned by the church. The building will be conducted by Rev. Gullann at the site, located at the end of La-Muena Avenue, one half mile east of Orchard Lake Road and one block from the assessed valuation of \$18,861.125 for the year 1955.

The total tax rate for operation of the School District has been set at 13.13 mills on the state equalization as compared to 12.36 last year, based on the county equalization. School officials estimate that this will result in a total operating revenue of \$176,836.67 based on a 50% tax collection. Last year's operating budget was \$276,203 based on the county equalized figures.



WATCHING the condition of the City water supply has been a regular routine for the past several summers as a result of the ever-increasing demand on the system. However, something new has been added, which not only cuts down the watching time, but automatically regulates the pumps to provide constant pressure and supply of water.

City To Advance Watering Schedule Township Zoning One Hour Effective Thursday Night Hearing Set

Mayor Authorizes Change To Allow Sprinkling From 7 To 10 p.m. On Alternate Calendar Days

Authorization was granted by the City Council Monday evening for the readjustment of the present water use schedule by advancing the evening sprinkling period by one hour, effective Thursday, June 23.

Under the revised schedule, the water hours will be moved up to include the period from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. instead of the present 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. hours. According to the emergency water use proclamation, the Mayor is empowered to make revisions or alterations in the schedule upon the recommendation of the City Manager or the Superintendent of Public Works.

The committee, composed of various subdividers in the proposed sewer district, agreed to assist in the drafting of a formula by which land developers in the area could contribute to the project. The group offered to contact all owners of land, either now being subdivided or to be subdivided, to determine the extent of direct benefit from the proposed interceptor. This survey will not only include land area but lot and estimated number of homes as well.

It has been suggested that the subdividers contribute directly to the interceptor project, thus saving the cost of other individuals. The plan is to have the Township Office of the Franklin Knolls Association indicated that they would be willing to contribute to the interceptor in lieu of increasing their own sewer system.

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State Equalization To Increase School Tax Payment

In spite of the fact that the tax rate of the Farmington Township School District is expected to be somewhat less than last year, the actual amount of taxes to be paid by the individual property owners will be greater, officials reported this week.

This situation comes as a result of a ruling from the Attorney General that the state equalized valuation figures must be used instead of the County totals. In accordance with this ruling, the state equalized valuation of the District is set at \$40,527,817 compared to the assessed valuation of \$18,861,125 for the year 1955.

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It has been recommended that the total tax rate for debt funds should be reduced from 12.75 mills in 1954 to 10 mills in 1955. This, coupled with the operation millage and the recently approved 2.5 mills for new school sites, would bring the total tax rate to 25.63 mills on the state equalization, compared to 23.11 in 1954 on the basis of the county equalization. The recommendation on the debt funds must be first acted upon by the Board.

Receive Two Bids On Equipment For New Wells

Sealed bids on the purchase of pumping equipment for the expansion of the City water system were received by the Council Monday evening and tabled pending further action at an adjourned meeting set for next Monday, June 27.

A total of two bids were received for pumps, pumping equipment, controls and discharge lines. It was decided to accept the bids and bid them on for the action at the June 27 meeting. In the meantime, the City Manager was instructed to secure additional proposals if possible. Paul Parody, City Attorney, stated that a final draft of a proposed water bond ordinance will be submitted to the Council for action next Monday. The ordinance will set up provisions for the financing of the proposed water extension.

Sealed bids on the water main, which will connect the two new wells to the existing system, will be filed with the Council at the regular meeting set for Tuesday, July 5. Officials stated that the contract for the pumping equipment will be awarded prior to the letting of the contract for the mains in view of the time required in ordering the equipment. The Council also directed that the project should be completed at the earliest possible date.

THE COUNCIL, directed the police department to tighten up on the enforcement of the emergency water use ordinance. Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt presented a list of violators who have received warning notices. The violations were in connection with the "hotshots" which have been issued, thus far in connection with the "hotshots". The Council also directed that a special watering permit which had been issued to Spencer Hodge in accordance with the ordinance.

Elect Rickert Head Of School Board

At the annual reorganization meeting of the Clareneville School Board held last week, Fred Rickert was elected head of the board for the year 1955-56.

Other newly elected officers are Fred Bailey, secretary, and Richard Guin, treasurer. The officers will meet at a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 1. Rickert served as treasurer of the Board during the year 1954-55, while Bailey was serving as president.

Action was taken by the Board to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 23. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14.

NOTICE

Officials announced Wednesday morning that all City Fire Department calls will be phoning Farmington 0465. Spencer J. Heency, who had previously handled the calls, advised the City Treasury that he was terminating the agreement. Future calls will be handled by the Police Department through the special 0465 number.

Agenda To Include Four Proposed Changes

Four proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance will be discussed at a public hearing to be held Wednesday, June 23, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Developers To Aid Sewer Project

A special committee of builders and land developers has been set up to facilitate the construction of the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor. It was announced following a meeting of the Advisory Group held Friday afternoon in Pontiac.

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Plan Cut In Debt Rate

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