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City Files Request For Permission To Sell Water And Sewer Bonds

Seek Approval Of State Finance Commission For Sale Of Proposed \$175,000 Issue

Formal application for permission to sell the City's \$175,000 water and sewer bond issue was filed with the Municipal Finance Commission in Lansing on Thursday.

Permission must be secured from the Commission before the bond issue can be placed on the ballot. City Manager presented the application to the Commission during a regular session on Tuesday. As soon as approval has been granted, the City will proceed with the advertising of bids for the bond sale. Officials stated that they did not know just when the Commission would take action on the request. However, it is expected to be within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, a contract was signed between the City and Layne-Northern Company, successful bidder for pumping equipment for the proposed expansion of the City water system. The Council awarded the contract to the company last Monday and authorized the City Manager to complete the signing. It is estimated that it will take approximately three weeks for delivery of the equipment. The contract calls for the furnishing and installing of pumps on the new city wells in addition to the necessary controls and discharge lines.

A contract for extension of water mains from the new well site to the existing system was signed earlier this week. The Council awarded the contract to the Reitor Company, low bidder, at its regular meeting last Monday. Tomant stated that the transite water main is expected to be delivered about the same time as the pumping equipment.

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Complete Survey On Possible Well Sites In Township

Final Report Expected In About Ten Days

A geological survey to locate possible sites for the drilling of test wells in the Township of Farmington was completed Monday. Ernest Blanchard, Supervisor, reported Tuesday.

The survey is being made in connection with the proposed construction of a water station for the southern and eastern sections of the Township. Two geologists have been working during the past week, with representatives of the engineers and geologists in an effort to find the most likely sites for the test wells. Blanchard stated that he was informed by the engineers that the survey work was completed Monday. Merlin Duhle, geologist from Illinois, and Andrew Mazola of Wayne University, conducted the survey.

It is expected that the drafting of the survey report will require approximately a week. Additional information will then be completed by the engineers and submitted to the Board. Blanchard stated that the complete report should be in the hands of the Township Board in about ten days.

Although no definite locations have been designated by the geologists as yet, they indicated that the situation is favorable. As soon as the report has been submitted and the actual well sites marked, the Board is expected to proceed with the securing of property options and the advertising of contracts for the drilling of test wells.

Once an adequate source of water is found, action can be initiated for the sale of bonds to finance the proposed water system.

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PLANS SALE OF BUILDINGS

Bids for the sale of buildings located at the southeast corner of Farmington Road and the Grand River Cut-Off will be opened by the State Highway Department on Thursday, July 21, Charles M. Ziegler, Highway Commissioner, announced this week.

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CITY TO COMPLETE ROAD TREATMENT PROJECT THURSDAY

Because of a temporary shortage of calcium chloride, the road treatment program originally scheduled in the City for last week, was delayed until Wednesday.

It is expected that the program of laying dust at trouble spots on gravel roads in the City will be completed by Thursday, officials stated.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THERE'S NOTHING NEW... and around Farmington these days and we continue to have a conversation. The big reason is that the line-up of cars seems to be getting longer every week and especially on Grand River. The frequent question, "Where are they all coming from?" remains unanswered, but they are definitely coming, and in ever-larger numbers. Last Sunday was but only one of the many before and the record parade will probably continue until after Labor Day. The assortment of cars, trailers, boats and trucks which pass by every hour give some diversion to those weary residents who prefer to stay at home and relax. It is not only a pleasant thought... it's a mighty good idea!

WE WANT TO ADD... our congratulations to the many others which have been bestowed on Harry McCracken. Township of Farmington, Michigan, in honor of his 80th birthday. Born July 14, 1875, Mr. McCracken has devoted the greater part of his lifetime in service to the people of Farmington Township. As a teacher, superintendent of Farmington Schools, publisher of The Farmington Enterprise, State legislator, and Township official, he has contributed much to the welfare of his community. Mr. McCracken ranks among the oldest Michigan citizens still serving in public life. Few men have given more in time and effort in behalf of their community and their neighbors than this outstanding citizen of ours. Congratulations, Mr. McCracken, and thanks for your example of service and your many contributions to the well-being of Farmington and its people.

IN SPITE... of continued dry weather and the temporary breakdown of pumping facilities for a few hours last week, normal water supply and pressure are being maintained throughout the City. Officials stated that the continued cooperation of the vast majority of the residents in compliance with the regulations in connection with the maintenance of the supply. Those persons who are carefully observing the rules of the emergency water ordinance are not only helping their neighbors but are contributing to the protection of the entire community. City officials added that the cooperation being displayed is greatly appreciated.

TRUCKING FIRM FILES COURT ACTION AGAINST BOARD

Report Favorable Progress On New School Buildings

Board Assured Schools Will Be Ready In Fall

Representatives from the school architect's office expressed confidence at a regular meeting of the Farmington Township School Board Monday evening that all new school construction in progress in the district would be completed before the start of school this fall.

A progress report made to the Board by the representatives indicated that work was still being done on the 12-room elementary unit on Shawwassee Road and at the 12-room unit on 63rd Road west of Colfax. Work on the 12-room unit at Colfax is proceeding on schedule. Construction time is being made up on the two elementary schools behind schedule, the representatives stated.

Work on the high school gymnasium-auditorium addition, which was resumed the first part of this month under a new contractor, A. W. Kutsche, is progressing well, the report indicated. Work on the addition was halted earlier in the year when Ellis Construction Company of Detroit, the original contractor, defaulted. Enlarged crews are making up lost time, Kutsche, representative of the contractor, stated.

FOLLOWING notification that the Oakland County Board of Education had approved of extending the contract for constructing the four-room special education annex at the Fourteen Mile Road School, the Farmington Board proceeded with legal action.



KEEPING COOL is a major accomplishment these summer days—especially when the mercury jumps over the 90 degree mark such as it did last week. However, here is one young Farmington citizen who has achieved the ultimate in the task of beating the heat. Our subject, who prefers to remain anonymous, is armed with not just one but two ice cream coolers and three would probably be more if he had any way to handle 'em. Just to add to this shady spot and you have a formula that's hard to equal. It's just plain cool, man... cool!

Townships Agree On Policy To Aid Financing Of Sewer Interceptor

Plan To Establish Special Building Permit Deposit To Be Earmarked For Sewer Project

Officials of Farmington, West Bloomfield and Waterford Townships, meeting in joint session Thursday evening, agreed on a policy to facilitate the financing of the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor which will service the three Townships as well as the City of Farmington.

A total of 14 officials from the three Township Boards met Thursday evening at the West Bloomfield Township Hall to discuss the sewer problem. The meeting was initiated by the Farmington Township Board following receipt of a resolution from the Franklin Township Improvement Association requesting that a uniform policy of financing be established.

It was moved by William Johnson, Waterford Township, and seconded by Fred Westlake, Farmington Township, that building permits be issued only upon deposit of a sum to be determined by the individual boards, such sum to be earmarked for the proposed sewer interceptor. The amount of the deposit is expected to be set by each Board as soon as the boundaries of the interceptor area have been established.

That PROGRAM is designed to speed the completion of the proposed sewer interceptor through builder participation in the project. A number of land developers and subdividers in the area have already agreed to advance funds for the construction. In presenting its resolution to the Township Board, officials of the Franklin Knolls Improvement Association expressed the opinion that more builders would participate if a uniform program was adopted.

F.A.R.C. Plans Trip To Tiger Game

Youngsters taking part in the Farmington area summer recreation program have been invited as guests of the Detroit Baseball Club on Thursday, July 21, for a baseball game between the Tigers and the Baltimore Orioles. It was disclosed this week by Warren Piche, F.A.R.C. director.

A maximum of 500 children can be accommodated. Piche stated, so only those having permission slips turned in from their parents before the first Monday of the month, July 18, will be eligible for admission.

This Friday, July 15, a field trip will be taken to the Willow Run Airport where youngsters (Continued on Page 8A)

City Zoning Study Nearly Completed

Work is expected to be completed Thursday evening on the details study of the proposed revised City zoning ordinance. Officials reported following a joint meeting of the Council and the Planning Commission held Tuesday evening.

The Thursday session will complete a series of joint meetings of the Council and the Planning Commission designed to facilitate the final adoption of the revised ordinance. The discussion has centered around various legal questions raised by Paul Pare, City attorney, as a result of his analysis of the proposal. At the session last Thursday and Tuesday, a number of minor changes were made.

The changes, for the most part, concerned the legal language of (Continued on Page 6A)

NOVI ELECTS TWO SCHOOL TRUSTEES AT ANNUAL VOTE

William MacDermaid and James J. Mitchell were elected to the Board of Education of Novi School District No. 8 at the Annual Election held Monday in the Novi Township Hall.

A total of 104 ballots were cast during the Annual Election, with MacDermaid receiving 66 votes and Mitchell getting 55 votes. MacDermaid is a new member of the Board while Mitchell is an incumbent. Jack Crawford, the other incumbent, received a total of 45 votes and Leo Harwood, a former candidate, received nine votes.

Both MacDermaid and Mitchell were elected to terms of three years.

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Dachille Seeks Return Of Permit To Remove Soil In Township

A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, advised the Board Tuesday evening that court action has been initiated by the Dachille Trucking Company in connection with the cancellation by the Township of the Company's permit to remove top soil from property in the vicinity of Farmington Road and Fourteen Mile Road.

The attorney stated that an order to show cause has been filed in Oakland County Circuit Court and that a hearing has been set for next Monday at 9:00 a.m. before Judge H. Russell Holtz in the Court House in Pontiac. The Board approved a motion authorizing Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, to sign the answer to the Bill of Complaint prepared by Leonard.

The Township Board took action to revoke the permit of the Dachille Trucking Company on June 1, following a series of complaints from property owners that a commercial operation was being conducted in a residential zone in violation of the ordinance, and also that more than "top soil" was being removed. The matter was taken to the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 27 and the Board action was upheld.

Catch Moore, 20651 Peairidge, asked the Board if any action has been instituted to halt the removal of soil in the area. Leonard stated that the case is now in court and that no further action can be taken until the hearing. Moore urged that an injunction be initiated to prevent the Company from continuing to operate. When the Board proceeded to another matter, Moore stated that he still had another matter to present. He asked permission to present a resolution but was advised that this was not in order. After considerable discussion, Moore suggested that the Board start action to amend the zoning ordinance so that no top soil could be removed in residential areas. Following a rather heated debate, the Board suggested that any action be delayed pending the outcome of the court case.

ACTION was taken by the Board granting permission to the Bethel Baptist Church to move a (Continued on Page 6A)

Award Contract For Lighted Field At Clarenceville

Work On Installation To Begin Immediately

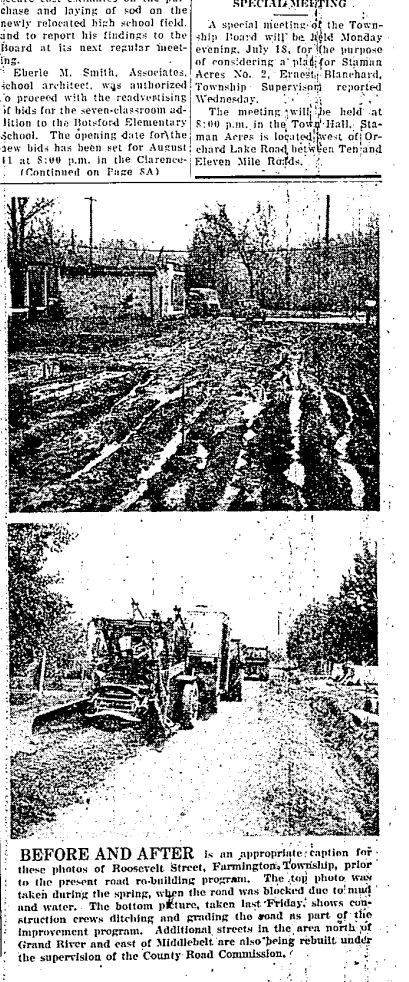
The Clarenceville Board of Education, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, awarded a contract to the Jack's Electrical Construction Company for the purchase and installation of lighting equipment for the high school athletic field.

The Board for the project was opened by the Board on June 23, but action was delayed pending a tabulation and study of the proposals. The Jack's Electrical Company bid was in the amount of \$13,200, less such credit as may be obtained from the use of 18-inch lamps instead of the 20-inch lamps listed in the specifications. Officials stated that the 18" lamps have been approved by the engineer. The successful bidder has been authorized to proceed at once with the project.

ACTION was also taken by the Board awarding a contract to Frank J. Machan for the grading of the high school athletic field at a total cost of \$2,875. The work is to be completed according to plans and specifications set up by the Board. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, was directed to secure cost estimates on the purchase and laying of sod on the newly relocated high school field, and to report his findings to the Board at its next regular meeting.

Eberle M. Smith, Associates, school architect, was authorized to proceed with the preparation of bids for the seven-classroom addition to the Botsford Elementary School. The opening date for the new bids has been set for August 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Clarenceville (Continued on Page 8A)

BEFORE AND AFTER



BEFORE AND AFTER is an appropriate caption for these photos of Roosevelt Street, Farmington. The top photo was taken during the reconstruction program. The road was blocked due to mud and water. The bottom picture, taken last Friday, shows construction crews digging and grading the road as part of the improvement program. Additional streets in the area north of Grand River and east of Middlebelt are also being rebuilt under the supervision of the County Road Commission.