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Township To Review Library, Road Proposals At Meeting Tuesday

Board Expected To Take Action On Resolutions Following Receipt Of Opinions From Attorney

Action is expected to be taken next Tuesday evening by the Township Board on two resolutions concerning the proposed new public library and future road construction in Township subdivisions.

Both proposed resolutions were discussed in detail at the last regular meeting of the Board and both were turned over to A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, for legal opinions. Members of the Board requested that the opinions be submitted at the next regular meeting, which is scheduled for next Tuesday evening, September 27.

The resolution concerning the library proposal provides for the establishment of a joint City-Township Library District. It also contains provisions for the appointment of a library board consisting of two members from both the City and Township. This board would have authority to proceed with the construction of the new library, provided funds are made available, and would be charged with the administration of the library affairs.

A THIRD provision of the resolution calls for the conduct of a special election to seek permission of the voters for the levying of a 1-mill tax to finance the operation of the library. There are sufficient funds as well as property available through the Wilber and Carlisle Estates to locate and construct the proposed library building. The question raised by the Board concerns the length of time that the tax levy is to be imposed.

The resolution regarding future road requirements in new subdivisions was recommended to the Board by the newly established Planning Board. It calls for minimum standards for the black toping of all roads in future land developments in the Township. Harvey Freeman, secretary of the Planning Board, stated at the last meeting that over 50% of the townships in Oakland County have approved similar resolutions and that it has been favorably received by the Oakland County Road Commission.

Post Office Adds New Mail Route

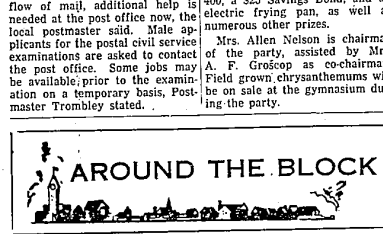
The rapid increase in population in the Farmington postal area during the past year has necessitated the addition of another route, Henry Trombley, Farmington Postmaster, disclosed this week.

During the past year, a 22 per cent increase in mail volume occurred in the number of stops served by the local post office. A total of 6,300 stops are now being made by route mail carriers, Trombley stated. This compares with approximately 5,000 a year ago.

The new route brings to twelve the number set up in the postal area. Some jobs were noted and the populated routes were cut down to make up the new route.

Due to the increasingly heavy flow of mail, additional help in the postal office now, the local postmaster said. Male applicants for the postal civil service examinations are asked to contact the post office.

A. F. Groszop as co-chairman. Field ground, chrysanthemums will be on sale at the gymnasium during the party.



AROUND THE BLOCK

CITY OFFICIALS... A technical water problem, are threatening to crack down on repeated violators of the emergency restrictions. The Council was advised Monday evening that over 30 warning notices were issued by the Police Department on Saturday afternoon. The majority of the members called for a "get tough" policy to protect the health and safety of the citizens. Under the emergency water use ordinance, persons can be fined up to \$100 for violation of the ordinance. The police department has been instructed to increase its patrol of the residential areas in view of the large number of violations. Regarding the water boys were busier than a one-armed paper hanger, and the beaches were jammed with people attempting to escape the heat. All this in contrast to the first snow of 1954, just one year ago this week.

ANOTHER WORD... Advice was issued to residents this week by police officials, namely, don't invite someone to steal your car. During the past several weeks a new epidemic of stolen cars has broken out in the Farmington area. Many of the incidents occurred because the owners left their keys in their car or failed to lock the doors. Police officials emphasized that there would be a lot less inconvenience and loss on the part of car owners if they would just remember these two things, take your keys and lock the doors. Don't invite someone to steal your car!

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE... Last but not least, the Enterprise reported the first sign of snow for 1954. The white stuff filtered down on Tuesday, September 21, and although it was far from blizzard, it was definitely snow. This just goes to show what a year can bring. During the past week end the temperature was dancing around the 90-degree mark and the only snow available was in the deep freeze. The Farmington-Clarenceville football game last Friday was played in a cloud of dust and the beach was jammed with people attempting to escape the heat. All this in contrast to the first snow of 1954, just one year ago this week.

CITY INTRODUCES NEW BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE



SCHOOL BUS transportation facilities in Farmington Township School District and possible means of extending and providing for a safer transportation system in the district were studied thoroughly at a joint meeting of the School Board and a special transportation committee last Saturday afternoon. Committee representatives listened attentively as their spokesmen, Dr. Harold Stecker of Franklin Koolfs,

Steps Taken To Extend School Bus Transportation Service In District

Possible solutions for improving the school bus transportation service presently offered in the Farmington Township School District were reviewed last Saturday afternoon by the School Board and a specially appointed citizens committee on bus transportation.

Following a detailed study of possible solutions as outlined separately by the citizens committee, it was agreed that a great deal more research would be necessary if a lasting solution to the problem were to be reached. Immediate steps were taken, however, to inaugurate at least a temporary and partial solution.

Following a thorough explanation of the State's policy for transportation reimbursement to school districts, it was agreed by members of the citizens committee that little could be done to provide extensive transportation service to children living within a mile of school without additional funds.

It was suggested that a private fleet of buses might be purchased and used to transport children living within a mile of the school by Charles J. Chesapeake, who was voted to be maintained as a private enterprise and not handled through the school. It was also suggested that buses might be rented through Benjamin J. Holmes, District Superintendent of the Detroit District of the Methodist Church, gave unanimous approval for the immediate construction of a new parsonage in the Alta Loma Park subdivision. They further gave unanimous consent for the Executive Building Committee to proceed with the preparations of working drawings and specifications for the new educational unit and for the enlargement of all the present kitchen which will also be modernized.

Church Expansion Plan Approved

At a meeting last Thursday, the congregation of the First Methodist Church of Farmington unanimously agreed to accept the overall building program as presented by Charles J. Chesapeake, chairman of the Executive Building Committee.

After seeing colored slides of the proposed construction unit and parsonage, along with a program of financing, the Quarterly Conference and Congregational meeting under the leadership of Dr. Benjamin J. Holmes, District Superintendent of the Detroit District of the Methodist Church, gave unanimous approval for the immediate construction of a new parsonage in the Alta Loma Park subdivision. They further gave unanimous consent for the Executive Building Committee to proceed with the preparations of working drawings and specifications for the new educational unit and for the enlargement of all the present kitchen which will also be modernized.

Township Citizens Call Water Meeting

A public mass meeting of citizens interested in the establishment of a water system in the southern and eastern sections of Farmington Township will be held next Wednesday evening, September 28, at the Junior High School Gymnasium on Thomas Street.

The meeting is being called by the Farmington Township Water Development Association in an effort to stimulate action on the part of the property owners. Mrs. Philip Newberg, secretary of the Association, stated that Oakland County Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore will be present at the meeting to discuss the proposal. Judge Moore has worked with other associations and the Township Board in the establishment of water systems.

Set Cost Formula For Proposed Sewer Project

City and Township officials were advised this week in a letter from Ralph Main, Oakland County Drain Commissioner, that a formula has been established on the proportionate cost of the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor.

According to the formula, the city's share of the project will cost \$107,316.83, while the Township's share will be \$1,018,543.46. This is based to a large extent on the number of building sites to be served by the proposed interceptor. The report shows that 2,285 lots would be located in the city and 24,610 would be provided for in the township. The city would pay 4.919 per cent of the project while the Township would pay 92.085 per cent.

ON THE BASIS of the figures presented, the cost per lot in both the City and Township would be approximately \$60.00. This includes \$41.59 for construction costs with the balance going for interest and other administrative expenses. It was pointed out that the exact total per lot can not be determined until the necessary bonds have been sold.

In a letter to the City Council, Main stated that the next step in the proposed project is the securing of official approval from the various municipalities of the appointment of cost. As soon as this approval has been received, a meeting with the builders and land developers in the interceptor area will be held to discuss steps for immediate financing. The Drain Commissioner urged that all units of government take early action so that the project can be started.

Business Women's Week Proclaimed

The week of September 25 to October 1 has been designated as National Business Women's Week in the Farmington area by special proclamation of Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor.

The local observance is being sponsored by the Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club. The purpose of the special week is to emphasize the contributions being made by the organization toward the betterment of the community, particularly in the fields of business and industry.

The Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club was organized in April of 1952 with 30 charter members. Among the projects undertaken by the Club have been the Well Baby Clinic, Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club Foundation, Scholarship Loan Fund, sponsorship of a Girl Scout Troop in Farmington and a Brownie Troop in Clarenceville, and sponsor of a new B. & P. W. organization in Walked Lake.

The Farmington Club is open to all women actively engaged in business or in the professions.

Request Delay On Incorporation

Property owners in the Woodcreek Farms Subdivision have formally requested the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to withhold action on their petition for incorporation until the scheduled Monday afternoon following a meeting of the Board in Pontiac.

The request for a delay was filed by Alger Clark, president of the Association. The property owners asked that action be withheld until next Spring to enable the group to more completely investigate the proposed incorporation. The original petition was filed with the Board of Supervisors early this year. It proposes that all of Section 12 of Farmington Township, bounded by Twelve Mile, Middlebelt, Thirteen Mile and Inkster Roads, be incorporated as a village. The proposal has been under study and discussion by the Board of Supervisors since the filing of the petition.

Set Unit Rate At About \$60 Per Building Site

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Expect Final Action On Proposal At Adjourned Meeting Next Tuesday

The City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, took initial steps toward the adoption by reference of the 1955 Edition of the Abridged Building Code as prepared by the Builders Conference of America.

The proposed building code, introduced Monday, will be presented for final adoption at the recessed meeting scheduled for next Monday, September 26. Prior to the action, Norbert Ralsky, building inspector, pointed out that the present building code is far from adequate and urged the Council to adopt the Builders Conference Code.

Final Registration For Clarenceville Vote Due Friday

Books To Remain Open To 5 p.m. September 23

This Friday, September 23, has been set as the deadline on registrations for the split Clarenceville School Election, to be held October 3, for the purpose of determining whether or not the present five-mill tax levy for operation will be extended for another five-year period.

The registration period involves only those persons who are not already registered in the School District. Eligible electors must be registered prior to the September 23 deadline in order to qualify for the October 3 election.

Persons living in that section of the District located in Farmington on Township may register at the Township Hall up to 5 p.m. on Friday, September 23. Electors residing in Bedford Township may also register at their respective Township office until 5 p.m. on Friday. Persons in the District living in the City of Livonia may register at the City Hall up to 5 p.m. on the deadline date.

THE SPECIAL election has been called by the Clarenceville Board to request permission from the voters for a continuance of the existing five-mill tax levy for five more years. The revenue derived from the tax levy is used for operational purposes by the District. The current five-mill tax is scheduled to retire this fall unless renewed by the voters.

IN RECOGNITION

of National Business Women's Week, September 25 to October 1, Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, signs a special proclamation honoring the local observance which is being sponsored by the Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mrs. William G. Edgar, president of the Farmington Club, witnesses the signing of the proclamation. The purpose of the special week is to focus attention on the many contributions being made by business women in behalf of their community and their profession.

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