



SIXTY-EIGHTH YEAR - NUMBER 3

CITY BEGINS NEW STUDY OF OFF-STREET PARKING

Council And Planning Commission Join In Effort To Solve Problem

It was announced at the regular meeting of the City Council Monday evening that a joint effort is being made by the Council and the Planning Commission to establish adequate off-street parking in the business area.

James Tennant, City Manager, reported that Francis X. Bradley, engineer, has been engaged to make a study of off-street parking facilities. In the meantime, a special committee of the Planning Commission is in the process of conducting a survey of off-street parking needs. The recommendations submitted by both Bradley and the Planning Commission will form the basis for the proposed off-street parking program.

A joint meeting of the City Council and the Planning Commission was held Wednesday evening for the purpose of discussing the off-street parking problem.

Bradley and Malcolm Waring, Planning Consultant, were present at the meeting. Preliminary information on anticipated needs, methods of financing and priority of development was submitted and discussed. As soon as more detailed information can be secured a recommended program will be developed.

Board Initiates Planning For New Clarenceville H.S.

The Clarenceville School Board, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, authorized the appointment of a Citizens' Planning Committee to consider plans for the proposed construction of a new high school building.

The resolution, approved by the Board, requests that the Committee study the proposal and submit recommendations as to the type of building and factors to be followed for the scheduling of elections, the amount of bonding, and other related items. Provisions for the appointment of the committee will be outlined by the Board at a later date.

ACTION on the resolution stems from a growing concern on the part of school officials as to the adequacy of present facilities in view of the anticipated increase in enrollment. The resolution states that the current rate of growth will, within the next year and one-half to three years, result in an overcrowding of the present high school building. In view of the fact that the District owns 25 acres of land on Middlebelt Road across from the existing high school, the resolution points out that action should be taken now to plan for future development.

A contract for the repair of the Central School roof and walls was awarded to Wallace Chandler, Inc., as per their bid in the amount of \$3,784. The Board also approved a motion to continue its existing policy of allowing only one community fund raising campaign per year in the schools.

Church To Break Ground For Home

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new parsonage of the First Methodist Church of Farmington, located on Cass Street in Alta Loma Park Subdivision, will be held this Sunday, October 23, 1955, immediately following the second worship service. The congregation of the church is cordially invited to attend.

At a meeting of the Executive Building Committee Tuesday evening, Mr. Al. Gian, builder; Mr. Charles J. Ghesquierre, chairman; and Mrs. Isabel Haynes, secretary, signed the formal contract which calls for a ranch type home to be built.

The home will include a full basement, two-car garage, a full study of the machinery for three bedrooms. It will be constructed mostly of brick and will be located on a beautiful wooded lot previously donated to the church by the late Mrs. Belle Wilson. It is anticipated that the parsonage will be completed about the latter part of March, 1956. As soon as the parsonage is completed, the church will begin construction of the education unit to be located on the site of the present parsonage. The architect, Mr. James Morrison, is presently working on specifications and working drawings for the new unit.

LIBRARY BOARD ISSUES ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

According to the Annual Financial Report of the Farmington City and Township Library, a City and Township Library, which has just been released to local governmental agencies, \$5,886.77 in revenue was received while \$2,285.42 was expended for supplies and services.

During the fiscal year June 30, 1954, to July 1, 1955, \$2,500 was received from each of the City and Township, while the balance set for revenue came from fines, refunds and gifts. The largest item of expenditure other than salaries, was for books, which totaled \$2,285.42.

The balance as of July 1, 1955, was \$2,895.10 compared to a balance of \$2,733.75 on June 30, 1954.

Call Special Session Township Expected To Take Action Friday On Building, Heating Codes

Three proposed ordinances concerning installation of septic tanks and disposal fields, adoption of a new building code and enactment of a gas and oil burner code are to be discussed at a special meeting of the Township Board set for Friday, October 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The three proposals were presented at the regular meeting of the Board last Tuesday, but action was delayed pending further study and discussion at the special meeting. Copies of the proposed ordinances have been prepared by A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, and distributed to the Board members for their consideration.

The proposed ordinance on installation of septic tanks and disposal fields sets up minimum requirements for future construction. It also provides for the conduct of soil percolation tests and the licensing of septic installers, as well as the posting of bonds to insure proper operation of the disposal systems for a minimum period.

It is proposed that the Board adopt the Revised Edition of the Building Officials Conference of America Code in place of the present building ordinance. The resolution, suggested by Leonard, would adopt the B. O. C. A. Code by reference with the necessary minor changes to make it adaptable to Farmington Township.

The proposed gas and oil burner code would provide for minimum regulations on the installation of gas and oil heating units. It would set up the machinery for as well as the inspection of gas and oil installations. The proposed ordinance would adopt the Detroit Gas and Oil Burner Code by reference with the necessary changes as to administration by the Township.

Water Committee Delays Circulation Of Questionnaire

Suggest Re-Drafting Of Question List

Action to circulate an information questionnaire among property owners in the proposed Farmington Township Water District has been delayed pending a suggested revision of questions.

The questionnaire, along with a proposed letter of explanation, was presented to the newly created Water Study Committee at a meeting held Thursday evening in the Town Hall. It was decided at that time to withhold action until the questionnaire could be reviewed by the Citizens' Water Committee. At a meeting on Sunday afternoon, the Committee voted to hold up action on the questionnaire because of objections to some of the items listed. The Committee agreed that a letter be drafted and forwarded to Judge Arthur E. Moore, attorney and a member of the Study Committee, explaining the objections.

OFFICIALS of the Citizens' Committee stated that they were more than willing to circulate questionnaires in order to secure the proposed information regarding the proposed water system provided that the objections are eliminated. They added that in their opinion some of the questions might be considered too personal and that every effort should be made to obtain the necessary information without creating any adverse feeling toward the proposed project. The Committee indicated that it would attempt to arrange a meeting with Judge Moore in order to discuss the situation.

Some questions were also raised regarding the explanation of (Continued on Page 6A)

City Lets Contract For Pump Houses

A contract for the construction of two pump houses, one rest room and one transformer house was awarded by the City Council Monday evening to Albert Gain, low bidder.

A total of three bids were received by the Council with the contract going to Gain at a cost of \$3,922. Construction work on the project is expected to begin as soon as possible.

The two pump houses are to be constructed at the new well site located south of the Cut-Off and east of Gill Road. The buildings are to house two pumps and an electrical control system. Work on this phase of the project will begin as soon as the pump installation has been completed.

The rest room is to be constructed in the City Park south of Shiawassee and west of Power Road. City officials stated that the necessary underground piping has been installed.

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Set To Open Water Main Next Week

Construction work on the new extension of the City water system is expected to be completed next week, James Tennant, City Manager, announced Monday.

The Manager added that as soon as the line has been placed in use all existing water restrictions are expected to be lifted. Tennant added that the exact completion date is somewhat dependent upon weather conditions, but it is anticipated that work will be finished on schedule.

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BEGIN GRADING FARMINGTON H. S. ATHLETIC FIELD

Work was started on the grading of the property in rear of the new Farmington High School building in preparation for the construction of an athletic field.

The entire area is being graded at the present time, although the initial construction of athletic facilities will be devoted to a football field and baseball diamond. It is hoped that these facilities will be ready for use next year.

The grading work is being handled by L. N. Hayden, engineer. Hayden was authorized by the Board to survey the property and to arrange for the grading and leveling work.

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Six Injured In Two-Car Collision On US-16 Sunday

Five Local Residents Involved In Crash

Five persons from the Farmington area and a Detroit youth were injured at 9:30 p.m. Sunday in a two-car collision on Grand River Avenue at Colgate Street, in front of the Ron-De-Vous Drive Inn.

Raymond Koening, 30, of 20515 Hugh Street had started a right turn from Grand River onto Colgate when his auto was struck in the rear by one occupied by a group of teen-agers. Robert, 19, of 22941 Colgate was the driver of the vehicle in which the youths were riding.

YOUNG Markham suffered internal injuries and Koening suffered from shock and received bruises to the chest and stomach.

Others hurt in the crash were Miss Leol Nathan, 17, Glen Nathan, 15, both of 32526 Kirby, Farmington; Mary Barnstave, 17, 28020 Long, Livonia; and Richard La-Flam, 13, 3535 Woodbine, Detroit.

Miss Nathan and Koening suffered internal injuries. Miss Barnstave injured both legs and young LaFlam's leg was broken in three places.

All persons injured in the accident were taken to Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit with the exception of Miss Barnstave, who was treated at Redford Receiving Hos-

pital. Both vehicles were damaged considerably. The accident was handled by the Farmington Township police with assistance from State Police from the Redford Post.

Start Preparing For Library Vote

Preliminary arrangements are now being made by Township officials in preparation for the holding of a special election on the question of a tax levy for operation of the proposed new Farmington District Library.

The Township Board last week approved a resolution to submit the tax levy question to the voters. Under the proposal a levy of 3.10 of one mill on the assessed valuation, as equalized by the State, would be assessed for the operation and maintenance of the proposed new library facilities. However, before such a tax levy can be imposed, it must be approved by the majority of the voters.

Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated Tuesday that he has ordered the necessary registration and election materials for the special vote. He added that, according to law, approximately 40 days will be required between the setting of the election date and the conduct of the vote. The Township is expected to set the date of the election in the immediate future.

THE CREATION OF THE AUTHORORITY IS THE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZATIONAL STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT FUTURE.

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WELL DRILLING operations were started the latter part of last week at a new site on the Middlebelt Elementary School property in hopes of finding a more suitable supply of water. Utility wires on Ten Mile Road had to be raised before the driller's rig could be set up and placed in operation. The drilling of the well was deemed necessary following the disclosure that large quantities of sand were being brought up from the present well along with the water, causing damage to the pump and other well equipment.

Sewer Committee Considers Steps Towards Formation Of Authority

All Cities And Township In Proposed Sewer District Approve Allocation Of Unit Cost

A special meeting of the Farmington Sewer Interceptor Committee will be called as soon as possible for the purpose of completing final arrangements for the establishment of an authority.

James Tennant, chairman of the Committee, stated Monday that he plans to call the special meeting as soon as the necessary contacts can be made with members of the committee. The chairman stated that final arrangements can now be completed since all of the governmental units involved have approved and accepted the allocation of unit costs by resolution.

Details of the proposed authority organization are being developed by Harry Merritt, Corporations Counsel for Oakland County, and Claude Stevens, legal advisor for the Committee. The two officials are now in the process of drafting the necessary resolutions for the formation of the proposed authority. Before the organization can be completed the various governmental units must approve resolutions agreeing to join in the authority, and requesting the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to turn the matter over to the County Drain Commissioner for administration.

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Township Zoning Hearing Planned

A public hearing on three proposed amendments to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance will be held Thursday evening, November 10, at the Town Hall. Leo Kelly, chairman of the zoning board, announced this call the zone coordinator nearest you will refer them to a section captain.

The first proposal concerns the rezoning of a parcel of land on the northwest corner of Twelve Mile Road and Drake Road from Residential IV to Commercial. The parcel covers 395 feet along the north side of Twelve Mile Road and 300 feet along the west side of Drake Road.

The second proposed amendment involves the rezoning of a piece of property 609 feet south of Twelve Mile Road and 140 feet west of Residential IV to Commercial. It includes 1340 feet along the west side of Orchard Lake Road and contains a depth of 300 feet.

The final proposal concerns the rezoning of a parcel of land on the northeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Farmington Road from Residential I Light Industrial.

Kelly stated that all property owners affected by the change are invited to attend the hearing.

AROUND THE BLOCK

SEVERAL NEW RECORDS... have been set in the last week or so as far as the city and township are concerned. While the last regular meeting of the City Council Township Board was the longest that we can recall, the City Council meeting Monday evening was about the shortest. The Township Board, wading through a pile of detailed business, was still going strong after the midnight hour. In fact, the meeting didn't break up until nearly 2:00 a.m. While at the last regular session the Council agenda was cleared prior to 11:00 p.m. and the Council Chambers were dark a few minutes later. This doesn't prove anything particularly, except that possibly the number of new subdivisions are becoming less in the City while they are still well on the increase in the Township. It might be well for the Board to consider legislation similar to that taken by the Council in limiting meetings to a midnight deadline.

FOR THOSE WHO LIKE... to keep facts and figures on the growth of the Farmington area, here is a new approach. According to Harley Walters, manager of the Farmington office of the Detroit Edison Company, electric meter installations have increased during the past seven years from 3,215 to 4,435. Approximately three times as many meters have been installed in the City as existed in 1948 while the installations in the Township are about double the 1948 total. Walters stated that in addition to the new home installations, meters have greatly increased meter use. So, if you are keeping a running account of what is happening in your home community, these facts should make a valuable addition to your collection.

IN THE INTEREST... of better service, we are once again encouraging readers of The Enterprise to submit questions regarding various community activities. Such a column was started about a year ago but it gradually folded because of a lack of participation. In the meantime, we have received a wide variety of community subjects. We would like to have these questions in writing so that they can be passed on to all of our readers, along with the answers. So, if you have a question, your mind regarding your city or township government, your schools or any other civic activity, jot it down on a piece of paper, sign your name, and mail it to The Enterprise. We will try and dig up

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with Chester Downing, past vice-president of the Farmington Friends of the Library, left, and Samuel Kosmowski, president of the group. A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, is shown at the public meeting in establishing Information Libraries in the Near East for the United States.