



Transportation Policy Problems Continue To Confront School Board

Parents Deem Special Bus Service Necessary Due To Existing Hazardous Walking Conditions

Policy regarding the transportation of elementary school children from school occupied a considerable portion of the Farmington School Board's time at a regular meeting Monday evening.

Two previous requests for special transportation services were reviewed and two new requests for action were presented. The Board stated that providing special transportation services in the four cases would result in more and more demands for special consideration at excessive costs to the School District. All cases studied were requests for bus service due to hazardous roads and unsafe conditions under which young children were required to walk to and from school on bus stops.

Plan Formation Of School Building Advisory Group

Establish Procedures In Naming Committee

Initial steps have been taken toward the organization of an Advisory Committee to study and recommend procedures for the proposed construction of a new Clarenceville high school building, it was announced this week by the school officials.

The initial steps were taken at a preliminary meeting held Wednesday between officials and several organized citizens committee, Louis Schmidt, Superintendent, stated that the meeting consisted of a discussion of procedures to be followed in setting up a committee and that no decisions on composition or work of the proposed group were made.

INVITATIONS are expected to be mailed within the next few weeks to organizations and individuals requesting their participation in the committee work. The Clarenceville School Board at its last regular meeting, authorized the formation of the committee as an aid in the planning of the proposed building program. The Board pointed out that in view of the continued increase in enrollment, it seems advisable at this time to consider plans and procedures for the construction of a new high school building. It is expected that the anticipated increase in enrollment will result in crowded conditions in the junior-senior high school, within the next two or three years.

The proposed new building is expected to be located on a 5.4 acre site, recently purchased by the District, on Middlebelt across from the present high school.

Report Low Bids On US-16 Projects

Sealed bids on three construction projects, part of the Farmington Expressway, were opened and read by State Highway Department officials Thursday afternoon in Lansing.

The first project, was low bidder on Vibe bridge project designed to carry Ten Mile Road over the Expressway. The lowest bid was listed at \$1,888. Low bidder on the second bridge project, which will carry Novi Road over the Expressway, was John A. Green Company, Ann Arbor. According to highway officials, the bid was \$1,313.31.

Cross and White, Grand Rapids, was low bidder in the grading and paving of 5.4 acres of Expressway surface between Ten Mile Road and Twelve Mile Road. The bid price was listed at \$671,087. This is the first of two projects to be completed for the Farmington-Brighton Expressway.

Only one previous bridge project has been awarded, that is the present Grand River Cut-Off. Completion date for the bridge at Ten Mile Road and Novi Road has been set for August 31, 1956. The completion for the roadway project has been set for August 31, 1956.

MORE ENROLLEES NEEDED FOR ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Lack of interest in the Women's Physical Education class, that is on the Farmington Adult Education Program, may result in a dropping of the course, James K. Reed, Assistant Superintendent, announced this week.

At the second meeting of the class will be held this Thursday evening, October 27, at 7:00 p. m. in the senior high school gym.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THAT WHITE STUFF

White flutes of half plummeted to earth on Monday afternoon and evening happened to be the first sign of winter. The weatherman listed it as precipitation, but to the layman it was a combination of snow and hail. This solid moisture, coupled with a fairly steady wind, added to the fact that winter is definitely on the way. In case you're interested in records, the first sign of snow last fall appeared several weeks prior to October 24. We don't know whether this means anything or not. But there is one thing for sure. So far, heavy jackets, sweaters and coats and have them handy just in case old man winter decides to stick around this time.

FROM ALL APPEARANCES

ghosts and goblins, which are scheduled to come out of hiding next Monday, have already arrived. They descended on the town last Friday evening, from wherever ghosts and goblins descend from, and left their artistry on most of the display windows throughout the business district. We still believe that these unknown friends of ours possess greater skill than has been displayed thus far. As we have suggested before, several communities have come up with the idea of really making something out of this window decorating business. They give the ghosts and goblins their own devices. The results are something to see, and of course there are prizes for the masterpieces. It is now too late for the impending descent, but the idea could be developed before the next visit from our ghostly friends.

ON A MORE SERIOUS

an official of the State Highway Department has declared both vein and concern and despair over the apparent drivers have for speed limits. He cites numerous traffic surveys taken at various locations throughout the state, which show that the majority of drivers continually exceed the posted speed limits. To this list of surveys might be added the case of the City of Farmington. During a recent check it was disclosed that some 70% of the drivers on Grand River were in violation of the speed restrictions, and then we wonder why accidents happen. Increased enforcement usually results in charges of "speed trap" and more strict controls are labeled as "bait" for eager policemen. And in the meantime, our heads and our hearts and our hands and our feet and our souls are being appalled out of death and injury on our streets and highways.

URGE BOARD ACTION ON WATER, SEWER AUTHORITY



DOOR-TO-DOOR calls are now being made by volunteer workers throughout the Farmington area in the current United Fund and Community Chest campaign. Mrs. William L. Bore, 23189 Violet, is shown about to accept a contribution from a neighbor in the Floral Park Subdivision. A volunteer worker will call at every home in the area between now and November 15, the date set for the close of the drive.

Issue First Report On Progress Of 1955 United Fund Campaign

Initial Collection Reaches \$1,200 As Canvass Of City And Township Moves Into High Gear

The first reports on the progress of the 1955 Farmington United Fund and Community Chest campaign are beginning to come in as the drive continues through its second week.

Omar Sanderson, campaign chairman, stated that approximately \$1,200 has been reported thus far. The chairman emphasized that the initial figure represents only a small fraction of the reports which are now being compiled by the individual solicitors. All of the money reported thus far has come from the residential areas in the City and Township.

Efforts are being made to organize a concentrated drive throughout the business area this Thursday afternoon. Sanderson stated that Robert Lindberg, coordinator for the business area, is now working on plans for the solicitation. It is hoped that sufficient solicitors can be secured to cover the entire section on Thursday afternoon.

This would simplify the procedure and enable all of the merchants to contribute at one time.

SANDERSON stated that coverage of the residential area is progressing according to plan with a record number of solicitors participating in the campaign. It is expected that the entire city and township area will be fully covered prior to the end of the drive, which has been set for November 15.

Increased progress is also being made in connection with participation in the payroll deduction plan for business and industry. Ben Adams, chairman of this phase of the campaign, reports a record amount of activity. As of now, Star Cutter Company, Bell Telephone Company, Evans Products, Bostford Inn, Kruger, McHugh Ford Dealer, the Kiering Company, and the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital have all signed for the payroll deduction plan.

Of the \$1,200 reported thus far, the biggest contribution comes from Mrs. William Reno's Club.

Finish Installation Of City Water Line

City officials reported this week that work has been completed on the installation of the water main connecting the new wells with the existing facilities and that the newly enlarged system is expected to be in operation the first week in November.

The installation of the main was finished last week and the line has been chlorinated and pressure-tested. In addition to the main, which has been installed along the Cut-Off, Gill Road and Grand River, work has been completed on a supplementary 6" main along Oakland between Picquet and Gill Roads.

Lane - Northerton, contractors on the pumping facilities, are expected to complete the final tie-in this week end. This line will have to be chlorinated and pressure-tested before it can be placed in operation. In the meantime, work is being finished on the installation of the initial pump at the new well sites. As soon as the pump facilities have been installed, work will begin on the construction of the main along Oakland between Picquet and Gill Roads.

Plan Special Service Presbyterians Schedule Dedication Of New Chapel Sunday Evening

Dedication of the new Presbyterian Chapel and John Knox House on Farmington Road at Eleven Mile Road will be held at a special service this Sunday, October 30, at 7:45 p. m. in the chapel.

The Chapel, a former barn, has been remodeled into an attractive place of worship. Following the purchase of the property last Spring, the Presbyterians of Farmington helped with the construction of the building while the Northville Heating Company planned and installed the heating facilities.

Members of the Farmington congregation worked directly in the remodeling process. Men, women and young people contributed their time and effort toward the construction of the Chapel.

The John Knox House is the large white frame residence which was on the property at the time it was purchased. The house will be the center for fellowship and educational activities of the church. The facilities are ready for use and the most evenings of the week as well as Sunday morning.

The Farmington congregation held its first worship service just two years ago. During this time they have provided worship and Church School in the new Farmington Church School in the new Farmington High School building. The congregation has grown steadily until it now has 200 members.

Both worship and Church School are held each Sunday at 10:30 a. m. As the church continues to grow, additional services will be provided.

Friends and neighbors are invited to attend an Open House at the new Chapel and John Knox House on Sunday, November 6, from 2 to 5 p. m.

Polio Vaccination Cards Distributed To Grade Children

Parents Urged To File Application With Doctor

Officials of the Farmington School District reported this week that polio vaccine application cards have been distributed to all kindergarten and first grade children preparatory to the renewal of the inoculation program.

The cards were distributed to the youngsters on Monday with instructions that they be taken home to their parents for processing. Clarenceville school officials stated that their shipment of "blue" cards has not been received yet. Louis Schmidt, Superintendent, added that the cards will be distributed as soon as they are received.

The cards contain instructions whereby eligible children may receive Salk polio vaccine. If the parents desire vaccination of their children, they should give the card to the physician of their choice and make arrangements for an appointment. The physician will obtain the vaccine from the health department on presentation of the card. Personal delivery of the cards to the physician's office will speed up handling of the vaccine.

ACCORDING to Dr. John D. Monroe, Director of the Oakland County Department of Health, only kindergarten and first grade children will be vaccinated at this time because of the limited supply of Salk vaccine. Those children who are eligible from previous programs and whose series are incomplete will be vaccinated at the time their age group receives the vaccine. If parents of kindergarten and first grade youngsters can not arrange an appointment for the vaccination of their children, the blue card should be returned to the school. These cards will be handled at a later date.

Dr. Monroe urges all parents to have their children vaccinated as all records indicate an effective lowering of the incidence of polio among the group already inoculated.

Board Refers Questions To Attorney For Study

The Farmington Township Board, at a special meeting Friday evening, took action to refer the proposed building code, electric and oil burner code and septic tank installation ordinance back to A. G. Leonard, attorney, and Albert Gan, building inspector, for further study and redrafting.

The action followed a detailed review and discussion of all three proposals. A number of questions and objections were raised by the Board members during the discussion. As a result, the Board instructed the attorney and the building inspector to review the proposed ordinance and submit new drafts of the codes and ordinances.

During the discussion of the building code proposal, a number of questions were raised regarding the composition and authority of the suggested Department of Building and Building Safety which would be set up to administer the ordinance. Several points were discussed relative to the code itself, which would be an adoption by reference of the ordinance drawn by the Building Officials Conference of America.

THE GREATEST amount of discussion was held on Friday night.

ISSUE PERMITS FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN CITY

Permits have been issued for the construction of two new commercial buildings in the City, North Batales, Building Inspector, announced this week.

Work has already begun on the construction of a new building on Henry Street's Hardware Store on the north side of Grand River near Power Road. The building is to contain 3,000 square feet of floor space with approximately 10,000 square feet for off-street parking and delivery space.

Construction is expected to begin soon on a new Sinclair Service station to be built at the northeast corner of Nine Mile and Farmington Roads.

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR BLOOD BANK NEXT MONDAY

Advance registrations for the November 22 visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank will begin next Monday, October 31, Mrs. Fred Lenz, Farmington Area Chairman, announced this week.

Registration booths will be set up in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank as well as the Farmington Recreation Bowling Alley. The booth in the bank will be open from 10 to 11 a. m. on Friday and November 18. The American Legion Auxiliary will handle the booth on Mondays, the Eastern Star on Tuesdays, Mrs. Fred Lenz on Wednesdays, Mrs. Terrill Huston, representing the Newcomers Club, on Thursdays, Mrs. Allen Nelson on Friday mornings and Mrs. John Yuill on Friday afternoons.

Mrs. Fred Schaeper will handle the advance registration at the bowling alley during the evening. Persons may also register during regular office hours at The Farmington Enterprise. The Blood Bank will be in Farmington on November 22 from 1:45 through 7:45 p. m.

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Kendallwood Ready To Transfer Systems to Township or Public Utility

A formal request was filed with the Township Board Tuesday evening urging immediate action on the establishment of a continuing authority to administer the water and sewerage treatment system in Kendallwood Subdivision, either by the Township or by a Public Utilities Corporation.

The request was presented to the Board in writing by Charles F. Brown, developer of the subdivision. Brown stated that the pressure from the F. H. A., mortgage companies, builders and home-purchasers make it imperative that immediate action be taken. It was pointed out that on December 14 the Board passed a resolution agreeing to assume legal authority subject to certain conditions. Brown stated that all of the conditions have been met with the exception of the establishment of the proper authority and the execution of the necessary contracts.

The developers have agreed to transfer the systems, which represent a valuation of more than \$250,000, to the Township. Brown stated that the systems will not only be self-maintaining but also can be made the source of considerable revenue. He added that if the Board feels, however, that it would be unwise to assume this responsibility, steps will be taken to set up a utility corporation. Brown emphasized that it is extremely important that the Board take immediate action on whether to accept the systems or release the developers from the previous commitments so that a Public Utility Corporation can be established.

Expect To Submit Interceptor Plans Within 90 Days

Prepare Final Draft For Filing With State

During a special meeting of the Farmington Interceptor Committee held Friday afternoon at the West Bloomfield Township Hall, Ralph Main, Oakland County Drain Commissioner, expressed confidence that detailed plans and specifications for the proposed sewer project would be ready for filing with the State within 90 days.

Main stated that once the plans have been submitted and approved by the State, commitments from various land developers regarding the advancing of funds to help finance the project will be executed. The detailed plans and specifications are now being completed by Pate and Hirm, engineers.

The layout along with estimates on the improvement of the lot will be submitted to the Council for action at the next regular meeting. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the re-organization of the lot will provide parking space for 103 cars. This would include the entire property from Grand River south to the property line in rear of the fire hall. The cost estimates cover grading, surfacing and the installation of bumper strips.

The City Manager added that he would recommend the installation of parking meters on the lot, with the front 60% of the area set up for one- or two-hour meters and the rear 40% for a maximum of four hours. It is estimated that the cost of the project would run about \$13,000.

Bradley was authorized to prepare a survey of the parking lot at a joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission held last Wednesday evening.

Propose Enlarging City Parking Lot

A total of four plans were presented to the Board representing approximately 196 new homesites. The Board gave tentative approval to the plans subject to the opinion of the Township authority, which has been proposed on several occasions.

Floyd Cairns, representing the Road Commission submitted to the Board a list of proposed road repairs based on a recent survey made by the Committee. It was estimated that the repairs would cost approximately \$10,000. The Board approved a motion to accept the recommendations and place them on file for further study.

TOWNSHIP WATER GROUP TO REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

A meeting between Judge Arthur E. Moore and members of the Citizens Water Committee will be held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Philip Newberg, 20855 Cass, for the purpose of reviewing the questionnaire which is to be circulated among property owners in the proposed Farmington Township District.

The questionnaire is designed to assist the Township in the securing of information necessary for the development of plans on the proposed water system. The committee, following an examination of the questionnaire, raised some objections to the questions and requested Judge Moore to meet with them to review the matter.



RE-ORGANIZATION

of this city-owned parking lot south of Grand River and west of the Fire Hall building. It is also proposed that bumper strips and parking meters be installed in the lot. The meters would be set up for two and four-hour parking periods.