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Council Accepts Bid For Sale Of \$175,000 Water-Sewer Bonds

Revenue Bond Issue To Provide Funds For Expansion And Improvement Of Facilities

A resolution accepting the bid of the First of Michigan Corporation for the purchase of \$175,000 in water and sewer revenue bonds was approved by the City Council at a special meeting held Monday evening.

The action was taken with the understanding that the formal resolution be prepared by Claude Stevens, legal and financial advisor, and entered into the minutes in accordance with standard procedure. Only the one bid was received by the Council prior to the deadline of 8:00 p.m. The bid consisted of a combination of firms including the First of Michigan Corporation, representing the group; Walling, Lerehen and Company; McDonald-Moore and Company; and Kenower, MacArthur and Company.

According to the proposal the interest cost was set at 3 1/2%. The bonds are to be dated as of September 1, 1955, and are spread on a 15-year basis. The Council requested an opinion from Matthew Carey, financial consultant, as to whether action should be taken in view of the fact that only one bid was received. Carey stated that the bond market was not too favorable at this time, but recommended that the bid be accepted in view of the necessity of providing for the city. He added that the bid was within the requirements stipulated in the notice of sale and indicated that it was highly speculative as to whether or not a better offer would become more favorable.

THE COUNCIL also approved a resolution accepting the proposal of the Northern Bank Note Company for the printing of the bonds in the amount of \$135,000. It is expected that the bonds will be printed within the next few weeks, at which time they will be presented to the bond buyer and the money will be forwarded to the City Treasurer.

By unanimous action the Council approved a resolution requesting the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to establish a district for the Farmington Interceptor Sewer. The resolution also provides that the Mayor be authorized to sign the document in behalf of the city.

Police Continue Safety Campaign

Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt stated this week that continuing efforts are being made to reduce the number of accidents in the city through more strict enforcement of traffic laws. DeVriendt stated that more auto accidents have occurred in the city than in any other town in Michigan. He also cited the fact that there have been more fatalities in Oakland County than for this month throughout the entire State. DeVriendt pointed out that December is the most dangerous traffic month in the year. He urged that all residents be especially careful during the next few weeks, both driving and walking.

The Police Chief explained that the increased enforcement is in keeping with the theme of the continuing safety campaign being promoted by government officials and safety experts. The purpose of the program is to save the lives and the lives of others, DeVriendt stated.

Board Allocates New State Funds To Staff Salaries

Employees To Receive Various Increases

The Clarencville School Board, Thursday evening, approved a motion which allocated the additional state aid, authorized by the recent special session of the Legislature, to the various employees of the School District.

Under the proposal, the additional money will be distributed on a prorated basis among the employees according to the months of service as follows: certified personnel, \$200 per year; regular non-instructional personnel, \$185 per year; and bus drivers \$5 per hour. The motion stipulated that this increase is not considered a part of the 1956-57 salary. According to new legislation passed during the special session this fall, the District will receive an additional \$9.00 per membership child. The law stipulates that the funds be used for salaries of school employees.

THE BOARD also authorized the administration to employ replacements and additions to the teaching staff in the elementary schools and high school as they are needed in accordance with the policies and procedures as adopted by the Board. Considerable discussion was devoted to ways and means of securing funds in lieu of taxes to help breach the gap between the occupancy of homes and the spreading of taxes on the property.

LOCAL OFFICIALS TO ATTEND ELECTION MEETING

Election officials of the City and Township have been invited to attend a special meeting at the Oakland County Court House in Pontiac for the purpose of discussing recent changes in the Michigan Election laws. The meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday morning, December 15, is being called by Lynn Allen, County Clerk, and will involve election officials throughout Oakland County. Robert Montgomery, Director of Elections, Secretary of State's Office, will discuss the various provisions of the new election laws.

SEEK AIRING OF ALLEGED INTERFERENCE WITH POLICE



Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, agreed, at the regular meeting of the Board Tuesday evening to personally examine the records of the Police Department. The Supervisor agreed to conduct the investigation upon the instance of a number of Township citizens. S. A. Broadman asked Blanchard if he had access to the records and the Supervisor said that he did. Broadman insisted that they be checked and that the results be made public. The discussion began when Broadman, along with a number of other citizens, questioned the Board regarding what they termed as "the effect that a member or members of the Board were interfering with the conduct of police activities."

Joint Meeting Held To Discuss Proposed Master Plan For Township

Planning Board Requests Prompt Action On Recommendations For Program

At a special meeting of the Township Board held Wednesday evening, the Planning Board once again strongly urged adoption of recommendations for the development of a master plan for the Township.

The meeting was attended by members of the Township Board and the Planning Board, as well as A. G. Leonard and Arthur E. Moore, Attorneys, and O. E. Duncanson, superintendent of the Farmington Public Schools. Thomas Cornell, chairman of the Planning Board, requested that the Board take early action on the appointment of Vilicun - Leman and Associates, planning consultants to supervise the development of the master plan. The chairman pointed out that the purpose of the program was to provide for the orderly development of the Township.

OK Resignation Of Police Officer

The Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, accepted the resignation of Russell Conway, newly appointed Township police officer.

The action, on the part of the Board, followed the reading of a letter of resignation from Conway submitted out in the letter that he understood the job was to begin on November 15. He began work on that date, but the Board, on November 22, Conway stated that he could not afford to work from November 15 to the first pay date which would have occurred on November 29 without full compensation. The letter of resignation was received about three weeks ago but no action was taken.

Start Organizing School Committee

Dr. Samuel Prisk was elected temporary chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Clarencville Public Schools at the initial organization meeting of the group held Monday evening at the high school.

Santa To Visit City Saturday

According to the latest word from the North Pole, Santa Claus will arrive in Farmington at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 17, for a last minute Christmas Party sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. William Conroy, president of the Junior Chamber, said that Santa will be featured at a joint parade which will herald his visit to the Farmington community. The parade will enter the city limits at a last minute check with Santa, each youngster will receive a gift and a box of candy from old St. Nicholas himself. The Children's Christmas Party is sponsored annually by the Junior Chamber from funds derived through the minstrel show and other money-raising projects.

Land Developers Pledge Funds For Interceptor

Advance About \$1,500,000 For Proposed Project

Officials disclosed this week that approximately \$1,500,000 has been pledged by subdividers and land developers as an advance toward the construction of the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor.

The pledges were made at a series of meetings held last week at the West Bloomfield Township Hall. James Tennant, chairman of the sewer committee, stated that developers pledged to advance \$500 per acre toward the realization of the proposed sewer system. He added that between 3,000 and 4,000 acres of land are involved in the commitments made to date.

Goodfellow Sale Fails To Hit Goal

Fred Menke, Jr., president of the Farmington Goodfellows, reported this week that collections in the Annual Paper Sale held Friday were far short of the quota set by the organization and that additional funds will be needed to meet the demands.

Plan Final Work On Water System

James Tennant, City Manager, stated Monday that work has been completed on the electronic transmitter house for the city water system and that construction is progressing on the pump houses at the new well site.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE DECEMBER 22 FOR HOLIDAYS

Schools of the Farmington and Clarencville Districts will close at the end of classes on Thursday, December 22, for the Christmas and New Year's Holiday. Classes will reopen in both Districts on Tuesday, January 3, at the regular time.

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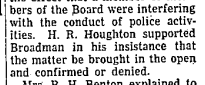
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AROUND THE BLOCK

JUST IN CASE... you're trying to keep track, there are only nine more shopping days left. Which means that if you haven't got that gift list filled as yet, you had better get going. Remember, a good place to start your Christmas shopping is right here in your own community. The stores are packed with happy gifts for everyone you love, but you will be helping your Farmington merchants and your community besides. So while Santa is winding up his last minute preparations, you had better do the same, and do it at home for convenience and for the betterment of your home community.

SPEAKING OF SANTA... he will be in town this Saturday, December 17, for his annual visit as a guest of the Farmington Jaycees. City officials to arrive at 11 a.m. and after a brief parade through the city, he will journey to the new Farmington High School on Shawwassee Street where he will meet all the boys and girls. So you kids get your "want list" all set because this is probably the last get you'll have to give old Santa before he begins his annual trek come Christmas Eve. Tell Mom and Dad to jot down the date and time on the memo pad, so that you will be sure to be there. We'll see you all this Saturday... and that goes for you too, Santa.

SEVERAL INQUIRIES... have come into the office in the last several days regarding the ice skating situation at the public rink on Shawwassee Street. City officials explained that the rink has been closed since the weatherman continued to cooperate this week and that efforts will be made to provide skating facilities as soon as possible. That is, if the weatherman continues to cooperate. So you skating fans better get in and if you have any pull with the weatherman tell him to keep it cool, man, cool.



Persons are requested to sort their letters up carrying into two groups, one for Farmington and the one for outside Farmington. They should be gathered together with a rubber band or string. Trombley said that all letters should be placed in the bundle with the address side up for easier handling and processing. Special sorting boxes have been placed in the lobby of the Post Office as an added convenience to customers. Trombley stated that this should eliminate standing in line and will facilitate the handling of letters and cards. Persons are requested to complete all of their mailing as quickly as possible. The Postmaster added that there is still time for last-minute deliveries but all Christmas cards and letters should be sent first-class mail to insure prompt delivery.

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