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RECOMMEND \$50,000 ALLOCATION FOR ROAD REPAIR IN TOWNSHIP

Developers Seek Tie-In With New City Sewer Line

Council To Consider Feasibility Of Plan

A request to tie in a group of five proposed subdivision developments in Farmington to a proposed City of Farmington sewer line running into Detroit was made to the City Council Monday night.

It was proposed that a larger line be laid from Middlebelt Road to the Detroit hook-up than is presently planned. Les Taubman, representative for the developers' group, said that the five areas represent approximately 560 acres with construction of around 1,600 homes planned. Three of the five developments are located in the Middlebelt and Eleven Mile Road area, one in the vicinity of Boys Republic and the other between Nine and Ten Mile Roads west of Middlebelt Road.

TAUBMAN indicated that the group of developers would finance the entire cost of laying the line and the City would be responsible for all additional costs of laying a larger line to Detroit.

The Council agreed to give favorable consideration to the proposal and check with the City of Detroit, the State, and other officials as to its feasibility.

A study of the feasibility of sewage facilities on State Street between Liberty and Wilmarth were discussed at length. A petition for action to improve sewer facilities was filed by residents of the area.

Recommendations for the laying of a new sewer line to carry off storm water only and another to divert some of the storm water from the present State Street line to other lines met with sharp objections by affected residents at the meeting. It was their contention that the present line should be abandoned and a larger new line be laid.

Action on the matter was delayed until a further and more detailed study can be completed.

A report by Manager Scherffius indicated that approximately 5,000 feet of sidewalk ordered to be laid last fall, has not yet been laid. A resolution was passed by the Council that owners be given 45 days to complete the sidewalks. After that time, if the work is not completed, the city will build the sidewalks and charge the owner with a special assessment.

A report on the proposed drainage of Floral Park Subdivision as prepared by L. N. Hayden, City Engineer, was accepted by the Council. The City Manager was instructed to carry out the proposed project as soon as possible. Plans call for the cutting down of trees and the installation of a despoising of ditches to permit



CANCER SOCIETY headquarters in Detroit last week was the setting for a presentation and showing of the cancer detection film on breast self-examination at which local Cancer Drive workers were in attendance. Guest speaker at the luncheon and preview was noted hat and dress designer Lili Dache who gave a talk on "Glamour." Show about talking with Madame Dache, second from left in photo, are, left to right: Mrs. Terrill Houston, Mrs. Dawson Hubert and Mrs. Gertie Hobbin, all of Farmington. Women from all parts of the City of Detroit and from the suburban areas were in attendance at the luncheon.

Cancer Movie Set For April 25

A short movie on cancer prevention explaining the breast self-examination program to women of the Farmington area will be shown free of charge at the Civic Theatre on Wednesday, April 25, at 2 p.m.

Following the 15-minute film, a question and answer period will be conducted. On hand to answer all questions will be local Doctor Malcolm Delaney.

Produced by the American Cancer Society in cooperation with the National Cancer Institute, the film teaches a simple method of breast self-examination. It was indicated that the film has already helped many women detect early signs of cancer in themselves between regular check-up visits to family doctors.

According to Harley Walters, chairman of the local Cancer Society Branch, there will be absolutely no solicitation of funds during the special program.

Officials stated that supplement-ary showings of the film can be arranged for those women who will find it impossible to attend the special theatre program. Arrangements for special showings can be made by contacting officials of the local Cancer Society.

Zoning Board To Conduct Hearing April 25 On Race Track Proposal

Suggested Amendment On Homes For The Aged Also To Be Discussed By Township Citizens

A lively discussion on the proposed rezoning of a parcel of land in the southwestern section of the Township, to make way for the construction of a race track, is expected to take place Wednesday, April 25, at a public hearing called by the Zoning Board.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Actually two proposals will be presented for discussion. The first involves the proposed rezoning from Residential to Commercial of 24 acres of land near the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Haggerty Roads. The area, which is proposed for the race track site, extends from Ten Mile Road south to Nine Mile with the exception of some property fronting on the east side of Haggerty and the north side of Nine Mile.

Approve Record School Budget

The Clarenceville School Board, Thursday evening, approved a record \$655,720 operating budget for the fiscal year 1956-57.

Officials stated that the budget was drafted prior to the recent changes in the allocation of state funds and thus may be subject to some revision. Additional changes may also be necessary dependent upon the exact assessment totals and the formula which is yet to be established by the various county allocation boards.

According to the proposed budget, the principal sources of revenue will come from state aid and local tax collections. The budget provides for an estimated \$473,594.50 for instructional expense.

Last year's budget was balanced at \$408,020 with state aid funds listed at \$290,186 and local tax collections at \$118,088. Instructional expenses were estimated at \$357,079 for the 1955-56 year. The proposed addition of a number of new teachers as well as adjustments in the teachers' salary schedule are reflected in the

PLANS COMPLETE FOR SYMPHONY CONCERT SUNDAY

This Sunday, April 22, the Plymouth Symphony will present a light Springtime concert in the Farmington High School auditorium on Shawwassee street at 4:00 p.m.

The American Association of University Women is sponsoring the concert. It is the responsibility of the community rather than a financial project. There are two types of tickets available. Family tickets will admit one in the company of their children and are double the cost of the individual tickets.

Persons may secure tickets by calling GR-42526.

Township Meeting Recommend Combining Of Planning And Zoning Boards

A recommendation was submitted at the Annual Report of the Planning Board Monday evening proposing that the Township Planning Board and Zoning Board be combined under the provisions of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan.

The proposal was included in the Annual Report of the Planning Board as read by Harvey Freeman, secretary, and signed by members of both the Planning Board and Zoning Board. It was pointed out in the report that the Planning Board is required for the comprehensive job of bringing together all data pertinent to the physical characteristics of the Township. A Zoning Board is neither qualified by law, nor by function, to fulfill the needs of planning. The zoning ordinance is both a necessary and a useful instrument, but zoning without planning is ineffective.

The report states that it is important to note that the hammering out or revising of the zoning ordinance is the step that follows the development of the overall plan. Many communities have found that they were both hasty and unwise in cutting the zoning ordinance down to the community pattern they desire," the report stated.

Under the provisions of the Public Acts of Michigan, the Planning Commission is specifically charged with the responsibility for the preparation and adoption of a Master Plan. It is the responsibility of preparing comprehensive programs of public structures and improvements, and the adoption of regulations governing the subdivision of lands, the approval of plats and street systems.

The report further recommends that the organization of the Planning Commission consist of nine members appointed by the Township Supervisor for terms of three years each. The members of the Commission must serve without compensation. Under the specific provisions of the law, the relationship between the Planning Commission and the Township Board should be essentially as it exists now. That is, recommendations shall be made to the Board and that they have the power to overrule the recommendations by a two-thirds vote.

A motion was made and approved that the recommendations of the Planning Board be adopted. A second motion was made that the Planning Board be given a vote of thanks for the outstanding work they have done during the past year. The motion was seconded and carried.

Council Approves Wide-Scale City Paving Project

Considerable Work Stated This Summer

Approval of a wide-scale road improvement and paving project throughout the City of Farmington, as outlined by Earl Scherffius, City Manager, received unanimous approval by the City Council Monday night.

The total project calls for the paving or repaving of approximately 35,950 feet, or 6.8 miles, of streets determined to be in immediate need of pavements. It is estimated that the total project will take from two to three years to complete.

Work has been scheduled for completion this summer on approximately three miles of streets at an estimated cost of \$101,637.

STREETS designated for repair or paving have been segregated as major or local streets with those being set for general traffic considered as major and those primarily used for private traffic as local. The cost of paving major streets will be borne by the City, while the cost of paving local streets will be private property owners on the streets.

Portions of major streets scheduled for paving this summer are: Farmington Road from Ten Mile to Shiawassee, Power Road from Ten Mile to Shiawassee and 650 feet south, Shiawassee Road from Hawthorn to Orchard Lake, and Prospect to Power and 600 feet west. Other road projects to be completed at City expense will be the grading and estimation of the concrete paving on Hawthorn Drive east to Prospect, on Hawthorn from Shiawassee north to the end, and Prospect from Shiawassee south to Orchard Lake. The total cost of these projects is estimated at \$23,894.55.

The concrete paving and placing of curbs and gutters on Alta and Haggerty in continuity

City Hearings Set For Monday

Two public hearings, concerning City property owners, will be held next Monday evening at the Municipal Building.

The first hearing, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., involves the proposed establishment of a special assessment district for the paving of Alta Drive.

The second hearing, scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., involves the proposed establishment of a special assessment district to cover paving that section of the street from Farmington Road west to the boundary of the Alta Loma Subdivision. The hearing is being held in accordance with provisions of the City Charter. All property owners affected by the proposed project are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing.

Final specifications as well as cost estimates on the paving project will be available at the hearing. Information will also be available on financing the proposed project.

Immediately following the special assessment hearing, a public discussion will be held on the proposed budget of the City of Farmington for the fiscal year 1956-57. Preliminary figures on the budget have been submitted to the Council by the City Manager. A copy of the budget is available at the Municipal Building.

New Supervisor Electors At Annual Meeting Approval Suggestion To Employ Dog-Warden



WARD EAGLE

The Farmington Township Board, at a special meeting Saturday morning, unanimously approved the appointment of Ward Eagle as Township Supervisor to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Ernest V. Blanchard.

Eagle's appointment was unanimously approved by the Board. It was explained at the beginning of the meeting that recent developments had necessitated the appointment of a new Supervisor immediately. The Board had originally planned on making the appointment at the next regular meeting. However, it was stated that the question of a new Oakland County census was expected to come up for a vote before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday and that it was felt that Eagle had representation. It was pointed out that the proposed census is particularly important to the Farmington area since it would increase the funds coming to the Township and City through the Sales Tax Diversion Law.

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PLANS TO EXPAND SISTER KENNY HOSPITAL FACILITY

The Sister Kenny Foundation of Michigan announced this week that plans are being made to increase and adjust hospital personnel and facilities at Farmington in order to expand and broaden its rehabilitation program.

Details on the extent of the increase are now being worked out. Dr. John C. Montgomery, Chief of Staff of the Sister Kenny Hospital in Farmington, announced this week.

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Predict Light Vote In Clarenceville Election Monday

Increased appropriations to the 1955-57 operating budget for the repair and maintenance of roads as well as the hiring of a dog warden were recommended by the qualified electors at the Annual Farmington Township Meeting held Monday evening at the high school. Approximately 200 persons attended the meeting which had been adjourned from April 2. Ward Eagle, newly appointed Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order shortly after 8:00 p.m. Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, read the minutes of the last annual meeting. Eagle then read the Annual Financial statement and the proposed budget. A number of questions were asked regarding the \$23,000 balance in the 1955-56 road appropriations. It was explained that this money remains in the general fund of the Township.

Several persons asked for an explanation of the lack of personnel of the \$30,000 road appropriation which was expended. Bob Harris, chairman, and Floyd Cairns, secretary of the Road Committee, explained the nature of the funds were allocated but that the County Road Commission was unable to do all of the work requested because of the limited number of personnel. Dr. S. A. Broadman suggested that the Township consider the appointment of an elected official to handle road matters. A Leonard Township Attorney stated that Townships do not have the authority to do this, since road matters are in the hands of the County. Eagle stated that it is impossible under present conditions to take care of all the roads and he commended the volunteer road committee for the work they have done during the past year.

A QUESTION was raised as to what could be done about securing a dog warden for the Township. After a detailed discussion on the equality of the Township hiring such personnel, Al Benson moved that a recommendation be made to the Board calling for the appropriation of \$10,000 to employ a dog warden. An amendment was added to the motion requesting that the Township Attorney be authorized to submit a report at the next regular meeting of the Board. Both the amendment and motion carried.

Walter Johnson proposed that a larger police force be established rather than the hiring of a dog warden and suggested that three more police officers be added to the force.

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Clarenceville Gets New Accreditation

Clarenceville High School has been admitted to membership in the North Central Association. It was announced this week following the Annual Meeting of the Association in Chicago.

The announcement was made by Max Miller, high school principal, and Robert Young, Chairman of the Faculty Study Group, who were in attendance at the Association meeting. The admission climaxes a period of study which began in 1934. Personnel, plant facilities, curriculum, community conditions and other phases of activity were covered in the evaluation.

Membership in the North Central Association carries with it the implications that a member school will constantly work to improve its offerings to the youth of the community. Miller stated, "This Association, though not the oldest accrediting agency in the United States, is the largest, including 19 states from Michigan to Oklahoma and from West Virginia to Colorado."

BLOOD BANK VISIT SET FOR MONDAY AT LEGION HOME

Advance registrations for the April 23 visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank reached 100 on Monday, according to Mrs. Fred Lenz, chairman of the Bank.

The registration indicates an unusually large turn-out for the blood bank visit. Prospective donors may register Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning at the special booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank. Persons may also register at the Farmington Recreation Bowling Alley and the Farmington Enterprise office.

The Blood Bank will be located at the American Legion Hall on Monday, April 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Arrangements have been completed for the serving of a hot dinner to all donors, nurses and volunteer workers by members of the Eastern Star.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE STANDING VOTE... approval to a resolution, proposed at the Annual Township Meeting, formally expressing the people's sorrow at the death of E. V. Blanchard, Township Supervisor, was a fitting tribute to a man who devoted many years of service to his community. The resolution was unanimously approved by a standing vote of the over 200 electors present at the meeting. It was a sincere expression of appreciation for the countless hours of time and effort Mr. Blanchard gave in behalf of the people of Farmington Township.

SPEAKING OF THE TOWNSHIP... meeting, a few words of commendation should certainly go to Ward Eagle, newly appointed Township Supervisor, for the way in which he conducted the Annual Session. Everyone was afforded an opportunity to be heard, and yet the progress of the meeting was efficient and orderly. We firmly believe that a great deal of vital information was presented which was of interest to the people. We also believe that many constructive ideas were proposed which would contribute to the betterment of the entire Township.

THE BRIEF RETURN... of whither may be a little disappointing to those of us who have been eagerly watching for the first signs of green on the trees and shrubs, but it has had the desired effect of keeping the fire trucks in the stations. During most of last week, when there was a real touch of spring in the air, the volunteers firemen were kept on the go, chasing a raft of stubborn grass fires that plagued the area. We aren't sure just what will happen when spring returns to the scene again, but we have a pretty good idea. So take it easy, will you? Don't start something you can't control, especially a fire!

DON'T FORGET... that the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank will be in Farmington next Monday and we hope you will be there to contribute. Remember, all the money in the world can not take the place of a pint of blood. So register at the booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank or at the Farmington Recreation Bowling Alley or the Farmington Enterprise and be on hand at the Legion Hall next Monday to help save a life!

Volunteer Firemen Kept Extremely Busy Most of Last Week

Volunteer firemen were kept extremely busy most of last week answering grass fire calls in all sections of the City and Township. One of the more serious blazes was a fire in the vicinity of Middlebelt and Eleven Mile Road last Monday afternoon. Both fire trucks were called out and a large number of volunteers were required to bring the flames under control. A plea has been issued by the fire department to all residents to refrain from starting fires in open areas unless ample equipment and personnel are available to keep the flames in check.