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CITY APPROVES COMBINING OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Township Finance Records Certified By Auditing Firm

Books Stand Tests Of C.P.A. Examination

In a letter to the Township Board, dated March 13, 1957, the firm of Scovell, Wellington and Company, Certified Public Accountants, report that they have examined the statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the Township for the eleven months period ending February 28, and have found them to be in order. The audit was authorized by the Board at the suggestion of Clayton Goers, Treasurer, following remarks made during a political rally on February 13 by Earl Scherffus, Democratic candidate for Treasurer. Mrs. Lee suggested that a complete audit be made of the Township financial records and steps be taken to improve the bookkeeping methods. She has denied that she made any accusation of dishonesty on the part of anyone during her speech at the rally.

Scovell, Wellington and Company stated in their letter to the Board that, "We have examined the statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the General Fund, Trust and Agency Funds and Special Assessment Funds for the eleven months ending February 28, 1957. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances."

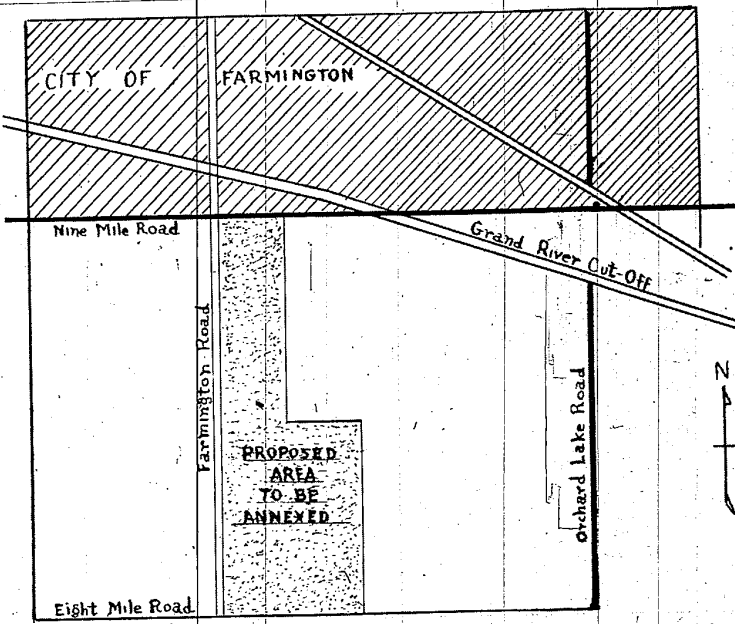
A complete tabulation of the auditing firm's statement of cash receipts and disbursements will be available for publication in next week's issue of the Enterprise. Copies of the report will also be available for public inspection at the Town Hall, officials stated.

CITY WITHDRAWS OFFER TO BUY MUNICIPAL SITE

The City Council, Monday evening, withdrew its offer for purchase of a parcel of land at the north State and Liberty Streets following receipt of a counter offer from the owner.

The City had previously offered to purchase the property for \$20,000 with 25 per cent down and the balance on a five year land contract. A. C. Kahl, owner of the property, stated in a counter proposal at the Council meeting Monday evening calling for a purchase price of \$31,650. The Council moved that it withdraw its proposal, at which time discussion that the City offer be withdrawn.

In separate action the Council authorized the City Manager, Hugh Brennan for purchase of land on the west side of Powers south of Shiawassee. The property is adjacent to the City Park.



THE QUESTION of whether or not 170 acres of Township land, located on the east side of Eight and Nine Mile Roads, is Farmington, will be decided by the voters on April 1. Only registered property owners in the qualified property owners of

on the proposal. The area, shown by dotted marks on the map, extends from the present city boundary at Nine Mile Road to a depth of 395 feet and includes 170 acres. The northern portion is 50 acres, while the southern portion has a depth of 7,980 feet and covers 120 acres.

Approve Change In New H.S. Plans

The Clarenceville School Board, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, authorized the contractor to proceed with changes in the new high school construction plans as recommended by the Livonia Fire Chief.

The change order, representing an additional expenditure of \$1,200 involves the installation of more fire boxes within the building as well as other minor safety facilities. Plans and specifications on the change order were prepared by the school architect in cooperation with the Livonia Fire Department.

Action was also taken by the Board approving the establishment of a branch of the Oakland County Guidance Clinic in Southern Oakland County. However, the Board stated in its motion, that the District would not be able to make a commitment to participate financially in the program at this time. The Board accepted the bid of Hartford and Ratliff for the installation of a water heater in the kitchen of the Edgewood Elementary School at a price of \$405.86. The Hartford and Ratliff proposal was the lowest of two bids received by the Board.

The administration was directed (See APPROVE CHANGE, Pg. 3A)

Proposed Annexation Of Township Parcel To City Set For April 1 Vote

Electors To Decide Future Of 170 Acre Site On Farm. Road Between 8 And 9 Mile Roads

Officials reported this week that some confusion apparently exists over the proposal, which will appear on the April 1 ballot, regarding the annexation from the Township to the City of 170 acres of land along the east side of Farmington Road between Eight and Nine Mile Roads.

The proposed area to be annexed is immediately adjacent to the city boundary on Nine Mile Road. As a result, only those registered property owners in the area to be annexed to the city at large, will be eligible to vote on the proposition.

According to officials, the northern portion of the area includes 170 feet along Farmington Road with a depth of 985 feet, while the southern portion includes 2,840 feet along Farmington Road with a depth of 1,980 feet. It is proposed that a commercial center be constructed at the corner of Eight Mile and Farmington Road with residential property north of Eight Mile frontage. The property owners in the area to be annexed, including the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to have the proposal placed on the April 1 ballot.

A second special proposal will appear on the city ballot April 1. The proposal involves two questions on the financing of a new public works department. The first question concerns the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$50,000 and the issuing of general obligation bonds for the purpose of constructing a public works building. The second question involves the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$25,000 and the issuing of general obligation bonds for the purpose of acquiring and purchasing public works equipment. It is estimated that a two mill levy for three years will be sufficient to meet the issue.

Blood Bank Has Big Registration

A total of 137 advanced registrations have been received thus far for the March 26 visit of the Mobile Red Cross Blood Bank, Mrs. Fred Lenz, chairman, announced Tuesday.

Registrations for the Blood Bank will be taken at the special Red Cross Booth in the Lobby of the National Branch of the National Bank of Detroit throughout the afternoon of the week. The Mobile Unit will be located at the American Legion Home on Grand River, March 26 from 2 to 8 p.m. Persons are urged to register in advance in order to obtain a convenient appointment.

Red Cross officials stated that persons who have had no sign of malaria within six months or yellow jaundice within 2 years are now eligible to donate blood. This is a change over the previous policy followed by the Red Cross and the result of improved methods in fractionating blood plasma. Officials also announced that the Oakland County Red Cross will be releasing 826 during the same period.

Bell Telephone Announce Expansion Of Facilities In Township Area

Work is currently underway on a \$717,171 project to expand the network of telephone lines served by the Farmington telephone exchange, Michigan Bell manager John Kamgo announced this week.

The project will provide telephone facilities for approximately 1,000 new homes in Kendallwood Subdivisions Number Three and Four and Westbrook Manor Subdivision in the area north of 12 Mile Road between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads.

Citing the expense of providing this additional service, Kamgo said some of the cable would cost more than \$2.00 for a single foot.

Panel Completed For Public Water, Sewer Meeting

Discussion Of Township Problems Set For Wed.

Officials of the Township Civic Association announced this week that several more persons have been added to the panel for the March 27 public meeting on the water and sewer situation in Farmington Township. The Civic Association announced earlier that a Daniel Barry of the Oakland County Drain Commission and Harvey Gaddy, member of the Municipal Finance Commission would take part in the program.

The program entitled "Facts and Aspects for the Future," will begin at 5 p.m. on Wednesday evening, March 27 in the Farmington Senior High School gymnasium on Shiawassee Street. Steinberger stated that every effort is being made to attract as large an audience as possible.

The entire discussion will be devoted to subjects of water and sewerage. Barry will outline the procedures to be followed in connection with new sewer installations. Kinney will explain the various methods of financing both sewer and water facilities. Propose is expected to discuss the prepared engineer plans for the water system to serve the southern and eastern portions of the Township. Both Dr. Gaddy and Clark will outline the needs for additional water and sewer facilities in the area.

The discussion a question and answer period will be held.

Leo Gildemeister Passes Away Tues.

Leo F. Gildemeister of 22770 Maple Avenue, owner and operator of Farmington Mills on State Street, passed away Tuesday evening about 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held from the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in Farmington on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Gildemeister will rest at the Heene Funeral Home.

Active in City affairs, Gildemeister was a member of the City Commission, Board of Review and a former Mayor of the City. A charter member of the Kiwanis Club, he was also a past president. He was a longtime active member of the Masonic Lodge and Salem Church.

New Public Safety Ordinance To Become Effective On April 8

Integration of the City Police and Fire Departments, under the administration of a Director of Public Safety, will become effective on April 8, according to a new ordinance formally adopted by the Council at its regular meeting Monday evening.

The ordinance creates a Department of Public Safety and combines, under a single director, the functions, duties and responsibilities of the Police and Fire Departments of the City. The Director of Public Safety shall combine the administrative offices of the Chief of Police and Chief of the Fire Department. He will be appointed by the City Manager subject to the provisions of the City Charter.

Four Teenagers Injured In Two Auto Accidents

Four teenagers were injured over the weekend in two separate auto accidents in Farmington. The first occurred Saturday evening, a car operated by Sharon Kay Hostler, 16, of 32051 Middlebelt Road, into a utility pole on Thomas Street, just east of Farmington Road. She suffered injuries about the mouth and had two teeth knocked out. Mary Jean Keech, 15, of 22591 Tulane, a passenger in the car, was injured. The second accident occurred Sunday morning, a car operated by Sharon Kay Hostler, 16, of 32051 Middlebelt Road, into a utility pole on Thomas Street, just east of Farmington Road. She suffered injuries about the mouth and had two teeth knocked out. Mary Jean Keech, 15, of 22591 Tulane, a passenger in the car, was injured. The second accident occurred Sunday morning, a car operated by Sharon Kay Hostler, 16, of 32051 Middlebelt Road, into a utility pole on Thomas Street, just east of Farmington Road. She suffered injuries about the mouth and had two teeth knocked out. Mary Jean Keech, 15, of 22591 Tulane, a passenger in the car, was injured.

Local Girls Crash Into Utility Pole

According to police the accident was caused by an unidentified car which started up one-way Thomas Street the wrong way. Miss Hostler swerved off to the side of the road to avoid hitting the car and smashed into the utility pole.

SHORTLY after midnight Sunday morning two Detroit teenagers were injured when a car, which was proceeding east on the closed-off roadway when it suddenly came upon a truck parked on the road with no lights on. The driver swerved the car to avoid hitting the truck and lost control.

According to Township police officers covering the accident, the barricades on the highway closing off to traffic had apparently been turned aside earlier.

Nichols Kilburg, 19, driver of the car, suffered shock, bruises and cuts. John Relling, 18, a passenger, also suffered bruises (See AUTO ACCIDENTS, Pg. 3A)

TOWNSHIP REPORTS RECORD NUMBER OF GRASS FIRES

Township Officials voiced concern this week over the continuing increase in the number of grass fires.

Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, stated that Township Fire Station No. 2 on Northwestern Highway has answered 21 grass fire calls since March 1, while Fire Station No. 3 on Wheeler Street has averaged nearly five grass fire calls per day during the past week.

Fire Station No. 1, located in the city, has also had a near record number of grass fire calls during the past two weeks.

Residents throughout the Township are urged to be particularly cooperative in cutting down the alarming number of grass fires.

AROUND THE BLOCK



A SIZEABLE QUANTITY of generosity and humanity will flow from the veins of Farmington citizens next Tuesday when the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank makes its semi-annual visit to the community. On the basis of the latest advanced registration, this will be another highly outstanding record program. Farmington can be justly proud of its record in convenience and actual saving of lives. This has been largely possible through the local "credit bank" which is available to all residents of the community. So, if you haven't registered yet, do it today at a special booth in the lobby of the Farmington Branch of the National Bank of Detroit. You may help to save a life!

AT LEAST TWO COUNCILMEN regularly concluded their legislative service to the City at a regular meeting of the Council Monday evening. James Cavanaugh and Paul Calkins are retiring from the Council, effective April 8, while Robert Langert, the third member, is seeking re-election. Prior to the adjournment Monday evening, Cavanaugh expressed his appreciation for the opportunity of serving the city. He commended the other members of the Council for their fairness and helpfulness and reserved special praise for the City Manager, Hugh Brennan, and City Clerk, Earl Scherffus, for their contribution to the progress of the community and worked diligently for the best interests of the community and deserve a great deal of credit for the personal sacrifices in time and effort that they have made.



STOPPING to chat with the DSR bus driver as they left the first Grand River Express bus at the extended end of the run at Inlet Road last Monday were (front) Miss Lenore Findley, 27413 Long, Livonia, and Chester Downing, 29370 Middlebelt, Farmington. The passenger standing behind them is George Senault of 19707 McArthur, Redford, and the bus driver is Harold Seebald of Detroit.