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COURT ORDERS TERMINATION OF SECT. 36 WATER RECEIVERSHIP



FARMINGTON'S NEW Township Supervisor, Frank J. Stephenson, right, was officially sworn into office last Thursday by Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, during a brief ceremony at the Town Hall. Stephenson, the first Democratic Supervisor in the history of Farmington Township, was presented to the newly elected Township Board on Tuesday evening.

Manager Proposes New Personnel And Facilities In \$348,390 Budget

Suggest Three Mill Increase City Tax Rate To Provide Funds For Public Works Building

A proposed record budget in the amount of \$348,390 for the fiscal year 1957-58, was presented to the Council Monday evening by Earl Scherffius, City Manager.

The Council acknowledged receipt of the proposal and set Monday, May 6, as the date for the Annual Budget Hearing. The council members indicated that they would discuss the budget in detail prior to the hearing. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public examination at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building.

Scherffius stated that the budget provides for a broadening of the base within the various city departments that enabling them to furnish more adequate service to the residents of the community. The Manager pointed out that the new proposed budget is \$38,000 more than last year. The 1957 assessment roll, as fixed by the Board of Review, is \$8,159,410 or approximately \$1,046,000 greater than the 1956 roll.

Board To Set Vote Registration Date

The Clarenceville School Board, at its regular meeting this Thursday evening, is expected to set May 3 as the final date of registration for the Special Millage Election.

The Board last week authorized the special election to be held on May 13. A formal resolution, setting out the procedures for the registration and special vote will be presented at the Thursday meeting. The Board has already indicated that it will set May 3 as the final date of registration. However, a resolution is required to make the procedures official.

Officials stated that the election is being called to determine whether or not the qualified electors will authorize the increasing of the tax rate limitation by four tenths of one per cent of the assessed valuation as equalized on a period of four years. The four mill levy would be used to fund the construction of an additional Public Works Building. Scherffius added that the voters have approved the expenditure of funds for new equipment but existing salary schedules as well as the stipends for the housing of this equipment. (See BUDGET, Pg. 8A)

AROUND THE BLOCK

A NEW KIND OF DRIVE... is underway in the City of Farmington. It isn't a big organized campaign but it has all the elements for success. We're talking about the drive to aid Marshall McKelvey, who is presently in the Veterans Hospital, to his friends as "Mac" and he has been delivering mail in the city for quite a few years now. According to reports, "Mac" has got a pretty rough road ahead and he can use all the help he can get, both morale and financial. So first of all, look for one of the "Mac the Mailman" canisters beated in various stores throughout the business area and give a helping hand. And second, you don't drop him a note or a "get well card" in care of the Veterans' Hospital, Dearborn. It will only take a minute and we know that it will mean a lot!

IT'S ORGANIZATION WEEK

On Monday, two new members were introduced to their first Council meeting and on Tuesday, a new Supervisor and two trustees took part in their initial Township Board session. From all indications, the next two years will be both interesting and productive for the city and township. A general spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm prevails. We believe that they will be met head-on by our present public officials. Certainly this is a time for a great deal of thought, study and future planning for the entire Farmington community as it enters the cross-roads in a new era of organization and development.

Robert Lindbert Re-Elected Mayor By City Council

Approve Separation Of Clerk-Treasurer Job

Robert B. Lindbert was re-elected Mayor of the City of Farmington at the annual reorganization meeting of the Council held Monday evening at the Municipal Building.

In separate action V. O. Bates was re-elected Mayor Pro-Tem. Both officials will serve for terms of one year each. Prior to the acceptance of nominations for Mayor, a letter was read from the Farmington Citizens League recommending the appointment of Harvey Chapman as Mayor. Chapman stated that while he appreciated the honor, he was employed outside of the city and could not devote sufficient time to properly carry out the duties of the office.

Residents Voice Objection To City Zoning Proposal

Oppose Plan To Build Multiple Dwelling Units

Considerable objection was voiced at the Public Hearing Monday evening before the City Council, on the proposed rezoning of a parcel of land at the southwest corner of Shawasse and Mooney Streets. The rezoning would allow for the construction of multiple dwelling units.

The actual proposal calls for the rezoning of the property from Residential One to Residential Three. Prior to this discussion, the Clerk read a petition signed by 113 property owners of the City objecting to the proposed zoning change. The petition was ordered to be placed on file for further consideration by the Council.

John Allen, architect, represented the developer and presented a model layout of the dwelling units. He stated that the plans call for construction of terrace-type apartments for the commercial center being built directly south of the dwelling site. He stressed the need for this type of rental property in the city and expressed his opinion that it would raise the value of adjoining residences.

Seven property owners attending the hearing expressed opposition to the proposal. They discussed the need for such facilities in the city and stated that it would devalue adjoining property. It was also pointed out that renters rarely take as good care of property as home owners do and such a project would soon become neglected.

Following the discussion, Mayor Robert Lindbert suggested that the Council take the proposal under advisement for more complete study. He added that the property owners would be advised as to when the Council would render its decision.

Baseball Sign Up Set For Saturday

Registration date for boys wishing to take part in either the Little League or Babe Ruth League baseball programs this summer will be held at the Farmington High gymnasium on Thomas Street.

Officials from the Baseball for Boys Organization will be present. Boys registration will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Boys between the ages of 9 through 15 years of age who are citizens of Farmington will not be reached before September 1st are eligible for league play this summer. Hubert Barth, president of the Baseball for Boys Organization, stated that boys 9 through 12 years of age will be registered in the Little League and boys 13 through 15 in the Babe Ruth League.

Officials of the Baseball for Boys Organization request that boys registering be accompanied by either one or both of their parents. It is also requested that a certificate or some other birth paper as proof of the boy's correct age.

St. Mary Hospital Receives \$700,000 Grant From Hill-Burton Funds

The Board of Trustees of St. Mary Hospital, proposed to serve the areas of Farmington, Livonia, Redford Township, Plymouth and Northville, have been advised that \$700,000 from the Hill-Burton funds have been granted to the hospital.

A schedule of construction activities and a report of contributions received from each of the five communities will be released within a week or two. Officials report that the hospital grounds at Levan and Five Mile Roads have been surveyed by the Warner and Warner Company and the complete plan for the hospital is being prepared. The Board of Trustees and the Office of Hospital Survey and Construction of Lansing, Michigan, are in the process of being developed, will be ready for review by October of the current year.

The new St. Mary Hospital will provide complete services and facilities. Initial expenses will be met by the Hill-Burton funds. The only number of beds to be constructed. The master plan, however, outlines in detail a sign which provides for expansion of central services as additional units are added.

The estimated cost of the hospital is \$2,300,000. Therefore, any contribution will provide for a need that must be met. The Board of Trustees and the Building Committee appeal to residents to get set up at the present time of the area, upon whose support the project also depends, are asked to forward their contributions to the St. Mary Hospital, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Michigan, since the hospital is a matter of life or death.



FIRE FIGHTING equipment now being carried in city police cars is pointed out by Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt to Officer John Butters. Stocked in the trunk of each car is all equipment needed by police officers to extinguish small fires without the necessity of calling out the fire department. The step is part of the program inaugurated recently to integrate the City of Farmington's police and fire departments.

Township Reports Decline In Home Building During First Period Of '57

Issuance Of New Building Permits Far Short Of Record Volume Set In 1955 And 1956

The volume of new home construction in Farmington Township took a sharp decline during the first three months of 1957 compared to the same period a year ago, according to a report issued this week by the Building Department.

A total of 88 new home permits were issued during the first quarter of this year, representing an estimated \$1,700,000 in new home building was authorized by the Building Department. During the entire 12 months period of 1956, a total of 641 permits were issued with an estimated value of \$12,193,000.

According to the latest report, 49 new home permits were issued in January, 10 in February and 30 in March. It is anticipated that these totals will increase considerably during the late spring and summer months. However, officials predict that the overall total will be noticeably below the record building booms of 1955 and 1956.

THE DECLINE in building activity is also reflected in the number of permits issued for commercial and industrial structures as well as additions and garages. Seven permits were approved for commercial and industrial buildings compared to 45 issued during the same period a year ago. The total estimated valuation, however, is only about \$271,500 below the estimate for the first quarter of 1956. A total of 42 permits were authorized for additions and garages as compared to 224 for the three months period last year.

CITY CONTRACTS FOR DUTCH ELM DISEASE SPRAYING

A total of 525 trees, located on city-owned property, will receive the first application of Dutch Elm Disease Control within the next few days, City officials announced today.

A contract for the spraying work has been awarded to the Green Ridge Nursery of Northville at a bid price of \$750.

The trees are to be sprayed in two applications, one to be made as soon as weather permits and the other in July.

City officials stated that six trees on public property and 18 on private property were removed last year as a result of Dutch Elm Disease. There is no known cure for the disease, however, the infestation can be controlled by spraying.

While the municipal program is confined to city-owned property, residents are encouraged to contact privately for similar work. The names of various contractors may be obtained by contacting the Municipal Building.

League Prepares Convention Plans

Officials of the Temporary League of Subdivision Associations in Farmington Township, announced this week that the official call to the first session of the Constitutional Convention has been mailed to the representatives of the 25 subdivision associations in the Township.

Included with the call are copies of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee report which will be the basis for discussion at the Convention. Representatives from all of the 25 subdivision associations are urgently requested to attend and participate in the Convention.

Robert W. Burton, Temporary League Chairman, stated that the question had been raised as to how much time had been spent by various subdivision leaders in work on the League Movement. According to Robert H. Nelson, Temporary Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-Chairman of the Residents Committee, a total of 1,240 man hours have been expended. (See photo Page 8A.)

Burton stated that this estimate does not include time required by representatives to study the proposed League Constitution and By-Laws. "The proposed constitution and by-laws will require careful study for complete comprehension, since they incorporate several concepts which are entirely new," he stated. The chairman added, "there are few precedents for a publication."

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Set April 15 As Date For Return Of System To Township Control

The Township Board was advised Tuesday evening that the Federal Court has ordered the termination of the Section 36 Water System receivership and has set April 15 as the date for the turning over of the system to the Township.

Notification of the Court decision was included in a formal progress report presented to the Board by A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney. The order provides that the receivership shall turn over all documents and monies pertaining to the system by April 15 and that the staff file a final account by April 25. The order stipulates that the receiver set aside \$15,000 from current funds of the system to pay principal and interest on the bonds. The Court authorized the payment to the receiver of \$1,200 for services rendered during the past year, but deferred payment to the Bond Attorney until such time as certified proof of his services are presented and ruled on by the Court.

Approve Record School Operation Budget Request

Seek \$2,197,164 For Operation Next Year

A requested operating budget of \$2,197,164 for the 1957-58 school year was approved by the Farmington School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The proposed budget, as prepared by Superintendent O. E. Dunkel and reviewed by members of the Board prior to the meeting, was approved with only minor additions. Added by the Board to the slightly lower budget submitted by Dunkel was \$30,000 for additional teachers and \$7,500 for janitor costs. Also added was \$2,500 for school buses and \$2,000 for a contribution to the new South Oakland Child Guidance Clinic.

This year's budget request is \$270,234 higher than the request made for the 1956-57 school year. Dunkel stated, with most of the increase being asked for additional instructional costs.

The budget request will now be forwarded to the County Tax Allocation Board.

APPROVAL for the sale of \$2,000,000 worth of bonds from the recently approved \$4,000,000 school bond issue was given by the Board following the reading of a bond resolution spelling out details and conditions of sale. Also approved was a resolution authorizing the placing of a proposal for the sale of the old German School. (See SCHOOL BOARD, Pg. 8A)

PLAN REGISTRATION FOR WOODCREEK CHARTER ELECTION

Monday, May 6, has been set as the final date of registration for the special June 3 election on the proposed charter for the Village of Woodcreek Farms.

The registration is being provided in accordance with law and will give all eligible electors in Section 12, Farmington Township an opportunity to qualify prior to the election. Registration applications will be accepted up to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6. On the final day persons may register at 2823 Wellington Road from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

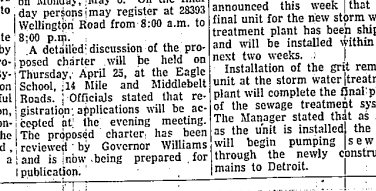
A detailed discussion of the proposed charter will be held on Thursday, April 23, at the Eagle School, 14 Mile and Middlebelt Roads. Officials stated that registration applications will be accepted at the evening meeting. The proposed charter has been reviewed by Governor Williams and is now being prepared for publication.

CITY PLANS FINAL WORK ON SEWER INTERCEPTOR

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, announced this week that the final unit for the new storm water treatment plant has been shipped and will be installed within the next two weeks.

Installation of the grit removal unit at the storm water treatment plant will complete the final phase of the sewage treatment system. The Manager stated that as soon as the unit is installed, the City will begin pumping sewage through the newly constructed mains to Detroit.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF EDUCATION IN FARMINGTON AND MICHIGAN, O. E. DUNKEL, RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WAS PRESENTED WITH THIS "SCROLL OF HONOR" AT A SPECIAL NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION BANQUET HELD FRIDAY EVENING AT THE SCOUT HIGH SCHOOL. THE SCROLL WAS PRESENTED TO DUNKEL BY



Hazel Breshear, president of the Farmington Education Association. The Superintendent was guest of honor at the special banquet marking the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the National Education Association. A capacity banquet held Friday evening at the Scout High School. The scroll was presented to Dunkel by