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SPECIAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING ERUPTS IN HEATED DEBATE

Discussion On Budget And Zoning Proposals To Mark Council Session

Expect Action Monday Evening On Request To Permit Erection Of Multiple Dwellings

A public hearing on the proposed \$348,390 city budget as well as action on the requested rezoning of a parcel of land at the corner of Shiawassee and Mooney for multiple dwellings, will highlight the regular meeting of the City Council set for Monday evening at the Municipal Building.

The proposed record budget was submitted to the Council at its regular meeting, April 8, by Earl Scherffius, City Manager. The Council accepted the proposal and set May 8 as the date for public hearing. According to Scherffius, the proposed budget is \$89,065 higher than that of the 1956 year. The 1957 assessment roll, as fixed by the Board of Review, is \$8,159,010, or approximately \$1,048,000 greater than the 1956 roll.

Scherffius stated that the proposed budget is designed to strengthen the various city departments by providing additional personnel and equipment thus enabling them to furnish more adequate service. Funds have been allocated in the new budget for the purchase of a new fire engine to head the Public Works Department as well as a new superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department, and a new superintendent of the Police Department. It is also provided for the purchase of a new fire engine to head the Public Works Department as well as a new superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department, and a new superintendent of the Police Department.

The budget includes expenditures for the improvement of the bridges on Powers Road and Grand River and Farmington Road between 10 Mile and Shiawassee. Resurfacing of older streets in the major street system, including the widening of parking facilities, increased library appropriation and re-appraisal of property in the city, are also provided for in the proposed budget.

Scherffius has recommended to the Council that the total 20 mill tax be levied for a period of three years, instead of the present 18 1/2 mill levy. The additional three mills would be earmarked for construction of a new Public Works Building to house the offices of the Department as well as the new equipment which has been authorized for purchase by the voters.

Considerable discussion is expected on the part of the Council, regarding the proposed rezoning of the site at the southwest corner of Shiawassee and Mooney from single family dwellings to multiple dwellings. A public hearing on the proposal was held April 8, with the majority of those property owners present, voicing objection to the request. However, a number of residents at the meeting spoke in favor of the rezoning and a number of letters have been received by the Council in writing endorsing the idea of multiple dwellings in the city.

SUPERVISOR PLANS ADDED MEETINGS WITH CIVIC HEADS

Township Supervisor Frank Stephenson reported Monday that his conferences with subdivision officials last Wednesday evening was highly successful and that additional meetings are being planned. Stephenson stated that a wide variety of problems were discussed and a number of constructive suggestions were made.

AROUND THE BLOCK

There is growing concern among city officials regarding the delay in the installation of a new traffic light at the intersection of Grand River and Nine Mile as well as the erection of additional safety facilities at Grand River and Farmington Road. An agreement between the City, County Road Commission and State Highway Department was reached several months ago, but up to now, at least, no further action has resulted. City officials fear that unless something is done and quickly, the traffic situation in Farmington will become impossible. With the City closed to traffic and warm weather already upon us, there is plenty of evidence to substantiate the city's concern. However, the increased flow of traffic which appeared during the past week-end is only a drop in the bucket compared to the volume of traffic which will take place in the next few weeks. Let's hope that the traffic lights start swinging and fast, lest we become the most notorious roadblock in the state.

THE CASE OF THE MISSING

Construction tools has been solved. In last week's Enterprise a story was published about the theft of some tools from a shed of the Ray D. Baker Construction Company located behind the LaSalle Winery on Grand River. Jerry Stephens, city police officer, notified a wooden box in the doorway of the Farmington Junior high school. Upon examination, he discovered that the box contained the missing tools, including a skill saw, cutting torch and accessories and a battery jumper. However, a fire alarm had been sounded. A clipping of the article which appeared in the Enterprise was carefully fastened to the top of the box.



THE SALE of miniature white canes is being continued this week by members of the Farmington Township Lions Club in an effort to boost total local contributions prior to the close of White Cane Week, May 8. Shown above is Victor Rust, newly elected president of the Farmington Branch of the National Bank of Detroit.

Board Supports Study Of Area College Proposal

Clarenceville Names Delegate To Group

The Clarenceville School Board, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, approved a resolution to take part in a special study being conducted in the northwest Wayne County area regarding the possible establishment of a community college.

CANVAS BUSINESS AREAS IN CANCER CRUSADE DRIVE

Solicitation of funds in behalf of the Farmington Cancer Crusade is now underway in the commercial and industrial sections of the community. John Clappison, chairman, announced this week.

NARROWLY ESCAPES INJURY IN MISHAP ON MCGEE HILL

Joyce Marie Eagan of Detroit narrowly escaped serious injuries Thursday night around 9:35 p.m. when her car overturned on Farmington Road at McGee Hill.

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Propose Hiring Of Consultant Firm To Advise Board On Engineering

Delay Action On Supervisor's Suggestion Pending Further Study By Board Members

Supervisor Frank Stephenson recommended to the Township Board Tuesday that a consulting firm be employed to advise the Township on future engineering problems. The Supervisor stated that the Township is now committed to setting up a water department and that additional sewage disposal facilities will undoubtedly come under the supervision of the Township. He added that a consulting firm could be employed on a retainer basis to advise the Township on all types of engineering problems including drainage, roads and subdivisions.

Babe Ruth League Tryouts Set May 6

Spring tryouts for boys interested in playing in the Farmington Babe Ruth League will be held this Monday, May 6, starting at 6:15 p.m. at the Farmington Senior High Athletic Field on Shiawassee Road.

All boys living in the Farmington School District between the ages of 13 and 15 years of age who were born after September 1, 1941, and prior to September 1, 1944, are eligible to play in the Farmington Babe Ruth League. It was emphasized by officials, however, that unless boys intend to be available for all games and practices throughout June and July and agree to abide by league rules, they should not sign up in the program.

Boys presently engaged in high school or junior varsity athletic activities are not to report out for tryouts. (See TRYOUTS, P. 6A)

City Interceptor Given Final Test

The City of Farmington's new sewer interceptor system is expected to be in operation for the first time late this week, Earl Scherffius, City Manager, reported Monday.

As facilities and equipment have been completed and final adjustments are now being made, Scherffius stated that the last phase of the project is expected to take three or four days to complete. The adjustments involve equipment located in the pumping station and the storm water treatment plant.

As soon as the system is ready for operation, officials are to advise the City of Detroit of the start-up date. The system will carry sewage from Farmington, through an interceptor main, to a connection with the Detroit system near Eight Mile and Telegraph.

Award Contract For Surfacing Of Farmington Rd

Plan To Pave Section From 10 To 12 Mile

Officials of the Oakland County Road Commission reported Tuesday that a contract has been awarded for the widening and surfacing of North Farmington Road from 10 Mile to 12 Mile Roads and that construction work is expected to begin immediately.

The contract for the two-mile section was awarded to the Mac Construction Company, Utica, Michigan. Officials stated that some preliminary work on the project is already underway. The contract provides for the widening of the existing right-of-way, straightening of the curve just north of 10 Mile Road and the installation of a continuous aggregate surface. The travel surface of the new paving will be 22 feet wide with additional right-of-way for shoulders.

Work on the project was originally slated for last summer, however some difficulty was encountered in obtaining adequate right-of-way. Road Commission officials stated that negotiations are still continuing with several property owners. Plans have been made to proceed with the construction work on those sections of the road where the right-of-way has been secured.

The project will provide an additional half surfaced road north and south through the Township and will furnish a central link between 10 Mile and 12 Mile Roads both of which are primary paved roads. Work on the Farmington Road paving project is expected to be completed early this summer, provided that the remaining right-of-way can be obtained.

Woodcreek Sets Final Registration

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.

Officials emphasized that all qualified electors, residing in Section 12, Farmington Township, must register to be eligible to vote in the charter election. This is entirely a new registration for all residents living within the boundaries of the proposed village. The fact that a resident is presently registered in the Township is not sufficient for this special election, officials stated.

Registration applications are now being accepted at the home of P. Fisher, Secretary of the Charter Commission, 28393 Wellington Road. On Monday, May 6, the final day, registrations will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the home of the Secretary.

Elect Bob Brown Head Of Jaycees

Bob Brown was elected President of the Farmington Jaycees at the Chamber of Commerce on July 1, 1957. He was elected at the annual election of officers held April 23 at the Universalist Church.

Other officers elected include: Fred Hamlin, first vice-president; Don Kobman, second vice-president; Jack Hübner, secretary and Robert Hall, treasurer. Newly elected members of the Board of Directors are: Norm Potts, James Klepstein and Charles Bridges. Sam Graham, past president, will also continue as a member of the Board of Directors.

Brown and the other newly elected officers will begin their respective terms of office on July 1, 1957. The officers will be officially installed at the annual Installation Banquet to be held late in June.

Stephenson, Gain Engage In Angry Verbal Battle At Session Tuesday

The special meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening was the scene of an angry debate between Supervisor Frank Stephenson and former Supervisor Albert Gain regarding statements made by Stephenson at the last meeting in which he criticized the previous method of property assessment.

The debate took place during a question and answer period just prior to the closing of the meeting. Gain stated that he couldn't see any benefit in Stephenson's remarks and charged that the Supervisor was trying to discredit the late Ernest Blanchard, former Supervisor. Stephenson hammered the gavel and ruled that Gain was out of order, since he was making a statement and not asking a question. The Supervisor angrily denied Gain's charge and stated that at no time had he mentioned any individuals in his remarks.

New Legislation To Aid Township Sewer Proposal

Allows County To Form Public Works Dept.

The proposed Farmington and Evergreen sewer interceptor projects are expected to receive high priority under a new bill, approved by the Legislature last week, giving Counties the authority to establish public works departments. Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, stated that the new legislation is expected to be signed by Governor Williams within the next few days. According to the bill, counties over 75,000 population are permitted to establish public works departments for water and sewer projects and to pledge the full faith and credit of the county in financing the necessary bond issues. Under this procedure the county would handle the sale of the bonds with the local unit of government raising the funds on either a special assessment or revenue bond.

Hamlin stated that the new legislation will greatly simplify the financing procedure. In the past efforts have been made to finance the Farmington Interceptor through an advancement of funds from affected land developers in parts of Farmington, Southfield and West Bloomfield Townships. While a number of conferences have been held with large land owners, no definite results have been obtained. Under the new bill a definite procedure of action (See NEW LEGISLATION, P. 6A)

HEARING ON CITY PAVING PROJECTS DUE WEDNESDAY

A public hearing on the proposed special assessment rolls for the paving of three streets in the Floral Park section of the City will be held Wednesday, May 8, at 8:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building.

The proposal covers the paving of L'Ac Street, from Grand River to Shiawassee; Floral Street, from Grand River to Elm and Hawthorne Street, from Shiawassee north to a point 200 feet south of Elm. The special assessment rolls for the three projects will be reviewed during the hearing and affected property owners will be given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed work.

THE BOARD IS EXPECTED TO ACT ON STEPHENSON'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ASSESSORS AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IN MAY.



Special Tribute was paid to golf members of the Farmington Country Club and several golfing notables at a Sportsman's Dinner given in his honor. He was presented with a gold inscribed distinguished award as 1956 PGA champion on behalf of the Farmington Country Club membership. Johnson is shown above.

second from left, holding the plaque. Grouped with him, left to right are Eddie Smith and Walter Burkemo, both noted pro golfers and former winners of the Michigan PGA Championship, and Warren Orlich, president of the State Professional Golfers Association. (Story on Page 3C)

