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Township Board Okays Plans For Kendallwood Apartments

Efforts by some members of the Farmington Township Zoning Board to delay action on a proposed apartment development between 12 Mile Road and the I-696 Expressway east of Power Road until more stringent density regulations could be made effective have failed.

Action was taken by the Farmington Township Board Monday night approving site plans for the 268-unit apartment development proposed on an approximately 20-acre parcel of land at this location by the Kendallwood Corporation. The approval was made contingent, however, on approval by the township's planning consultants that a necessary change has been made in the plan to that it would comply with all provisions in the township's existing ordinance governing multiple housing developments.

BILL BOWMAN appeared before the Township Board on behalf of the Kendallwood Cor-

City Tax Bills Put Into Mail First of Week

City of Farmington tax bills totaling \$296,040 have now been put into the mail and taxpayers should be receiving them before the week is over, City Treasurer Kathryn Cotter reported Tuesday.

This is the City of Farmington tax billing only based on a tax rate of \$11.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation the same as has been levied for the past several years.

With the city billing, however, the special \$1 per \$1,000 equalized valuation tax levied by voters of the county approved to help finance the operation of the Oakland County Community College District is also being made and is due and payable at the same time as city tax bills are.

THE DIRECTOR of the directors of the college district was to have cities levy the tax at the same time as they levy their city taxes and municipalities of the county found themselves with little legal recourse but to comply.

Mrs. Cotter urged that it be emphasized again that the city tax rate had not gone up at all but that it was the added college district levy that makes individual tax bills higher. The total tax billing for the college district in the city ran \$29,223.49, she reported.

City taxes are payable at the city hall on Liberty Street from now through August 31 without penalty. Beginning September 1 a four per cent penalty will be added to all tax bills, the city treasurer emphasized.

Teachers Ask For Free Time During Lunch

A committee of elementary teachers presented a report to the Board of Education on June 28 on a study released noon hour time for teachers. The survey, which has been researched for the past year, was primarily a survey of how other school systems handle the noon hour in elementary schools, providing proper supervision for students in the classroom on the playground, yet allowing the classroom teacher an adequate private time for lunch and a period of preparation for the afternoon teaching.

OF THE 206 TEACHERS surveyed in Farmington, 203 felt that some better procedure could be found. Noon hour duty in Farmington schools ranges from daily every other week to daily one week out of six, varying widely from school to school.

Farmington schools, at present, budget \$15,000 annually to pay noon aides. The school system's permissive approach to the question of elementary children staying in the buildings for lunch has many children who could walk home for lunch.

The Board referred the matter to the administration for further study and recommendations. Supt. Gerald Harrison stated that he could not make a recommendation for any change this year. He said that it would take the better part of a year for study and working with parent groups and with teachers before he could recommend a district-wide policy.

Meeting Called

The official July 13 meeting of the Township Board has been adjourned subject to the call for a special meeting as the result of action taken by the Township Board Monday night.

Curt Half will be out of town on county business at that time, it was reported.

Walter Takes Over Ingle Concludes 14 Years As Justice of Peace Here

Justice of the Peace Allen C. Ingle will go back into full time practice as an attorney at law after he officially turns his court duties over to new JP, Byron D. Walter, on July 4.

A Justice of the Peace in Farmington Township for the past 14 years, Judge Ingle has handled over 50,000 criminal and civil cases in his courtroom at 25320 Grand River Avenue, just east of Middlebelt Road. The building has now been converted over to offices by Ingle and his law partner, John Burke, also of Farmington.

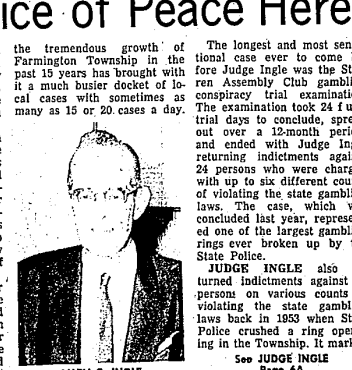
FOR THE FIRST four or five years as Justice of the Peace, Judge Ingle handled cases from all of southeastern Oakland County. As other areas set up their own justice courts, his case load dropped down from those areas, but

the tremendous growth of Farmington Township in the past 14 years has brought with it a vast number of local cases with sometimes as many as 15 or 20 cases a day.

The longest and most sensational case ever to come before Judge Ingle was the Stieren Assembly Club gambling conspiracy trial examination. The examination took 24 full trial days to its different phases over a 12-month period, and ended with Judge Ingle returning indictments against 24 persons who were charged with a vast number of counts of violating the state gambling laws. The case, which was concluded last year, represented one of the largest gambling rings ever broken up by the State Police.

JUDGE INGLE also returned indictments against 12 persons on various counts of violating the state gambling laws back in 1953 when State Police crushed a ring operating in the Township. It marked the end of the Ingle era.

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ALLEN C. INGLE

9-Member Planning Replacing Twp. Zoning Bd.

A new nine-member Farmington Township Planning Commission has been named to replace the present 7-member Township Zoning Board.

Official action on the selection of the nine members to make up the new commission was taken at the regular Farmington Township Board meeting Monday night.

The selection was made by secret balloting of members of the Township Board from a field of 11 candidates submitted for consideration by Township Supervisor Hill. Actually only eight of the 11 were voted

for since provisions for the establishment of the planning commission stipulate that one member is to also be a member of the Township Board.

Those present Zoning Board members not elected to the newly created planning commission were Charles D. Hannan, 36668 Howard Road; David N. Mills, 24300 Locust Drive; and Charles H. Williams, 22001 Treadwell Street.

The new citizens who will serve on the planning commission are Douglas L. Mann, 29515 Highmeadow Drive; James R. Morgan, 30217 Rav-

enscroft Drive; Russell B. Nankervis, 36046 Quakerdown Lane; and David L. Stader, 30232 Pipers Lane.

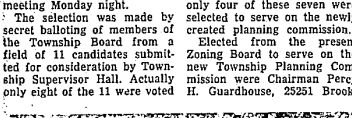
TOWNSHIP BOARD members were unanimous in their selection of Trustee Earl Oppert as the body's representative on the new planning commission. They also registered unanimous approval in retaining Howard West, present Zoning Board secretary, as secretary of the planning commission.

The decision to change from a zoning board to a planning commission was made by the Township Board some months back. It was disclosed at that time that the township would very likely be able to qualify for a substantial amount of Federal Aid money to develop a new and detailed comprehensive plan for future community development if it met regulations to qualify under the 701 program of the Federal Housing Act.

THE TOWNSHIP'S planning commission stipulated that the township make application for the funds under the program due to the fact that many provisions of the township's present development plan were set back in 1956 and very badly in need of revision.

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CHARLES D. HANNAN

found himself in jail on contempt of court charges last Tuesday and the Oakland County Road Commission removed the cable put up by Spess to re-open the roadway which runs between Drake and Rhonwood.

Spess has fought a losing battle with officials over the road for many years but last week was the first time his actions landed him in jail.



CHARLES H. WILLIAMS

SOME TIME IN JAIL may restore a belief in Mr. William C. Spess (left, above) that court orders have some bearing on his problem and must be respected. Spess is pictured here mocking police officers who showed up last week to investigate the road block he set up across Drake Road at Peard Road in the southwest corner of the Township. Spess, who maintains alone that the road is his,

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DOUGLAS L. MANN

Hire Reading Specialist For School Dist.

The employment of a reading specialist in the Farmington schools was approved by the Farmington Board of Education at their June 28 meeting.

Miss Katherine Van Hoy, who has been taking in-service training at the County level, will work in school buildings not now involved in special reading programs—two buildings directly, and four indirectly.

Plans for the 1965-66 school year are to screen all third grade classrooms in Farmington. Third grades were chosen because disabilities are more easily discovered at that grade level. The screening will serve as a guide for future reading needs.

IT IS EXPECTED that the screening will require two months of the reading specialist's time. For the remainder of the year, the specialist will spend half-days in one building using the corrective reading approach and four half-days in another building working with the specialist approach. The fifth day of her time will be used for coordination—working in buildings as requested, working with materials for developing materials for teacher use and attending meetings.

Miss Van Hoy will attempt to identify the potential and the problems of each pupil, will use a variety of methods to develop reading skills, will try to increase the desire to read, will help students to discover the value of reading for pleasure as well as the importance of reading for information and to help students to help themselves.

ENTERPRISE TO BE PUBLISHED THURS.

The Enterprise will be published on Thursday next week—a day later than usual because of the Fourth of July holiday. The office will be closed on Monday in observance of the National Holiday and most deadlines will be advanced accordingly.

THE DEADLINE FOR displaying advertisements to be placed in the Full Coverage section of the Enterprise will remain the same—Saturday at noon but the deadline for placing display advertisements in the regular section will be 10 a.m. Wednesday.

CLASSIFIED advertisements may be placed until 10 a.m. Wednesday. News copy will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

Hot Debates Erupt at Twp. Budget Hearing

Only six or seven citizens showed up for the official public hearing on the proposed Farmington Township budget for the 1965-66 fiscal year held Tuesday night, June 29, but some lengthy discussion resulted including heated exchanges between the budget members and at least two or three of the citizens.

The first part of the hearing centered around matters pertaining to the proposed budget. It was here that heated debate resulted between Board members and Marty Gluckstein and Byron Walter. Both emphasized the fact that many of the schools in the township were so located as to not require children to cross major roadways and they were high in their prime of Farmington School District officials.

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City Council To Meet Tuesday

The Farmington City Council, which meets on the first and third Monday of each month, will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 6, next week.

The Fourth of July holiday, which will be celebrated on Monday, has made necessary the rescheduling of the meeting.

Gardhouse Vote Tips Scale; Property Zoned Industrial

A tie-breaking vote cast by Percy Gardhouse, chairman of the Township Zoning Board, gave approval on the rezoning of 29.29 residential acres between Hildred Road and the Brighton Expressway just north of Ten Mile Road at a public hearing on June 24.

The request for rezoning, made by Bill Bowman of the Township Industrial Development Committee on behalf of the owner, Arvid Schmidt of Hubbard Associates, brought on a lengthy discussion at the May meeting of the Board.

The decision to set the matter for public hearing ended the discussion for the time being but it was continued at the June hearing.

Charles Hannan was opposed to the rezoning and said that there is other land available for industrial use. He favored industrial sites on either side of I-696.

George Nahstol, 24136 Locust, read a statement for the Double-U Land Company, owners of the major portion of the Centennial Farm formerly owned by Harley and Ethel Gibson, which is located immediately north of the property under consideration. The Land Company is against what they termed "piecemeal rezoning" and suggests that the

Board consider rezoning "more Township land, probably in the vicinity of the expressway."

Joseph Larson, representing Old Homestead Subdivision, objected to the rezoning and stated that it would be "spot zoning." He wanted the Board to postpone making a decision until the township's rezoning and planning it would not be considered spot zoning because it is contiguous to land

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Budget Hearing Set For Tuesday

A public hearing on the 1965-66 operating budget for the Farmington Public School District will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6.

The meeting, to be held at the Board of Education office, 32500 Shiloh, will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the Board of Education office in advance of the hearing.

Immediately following the budget hearing the Board will hold their organization meeting at which time the 1965-66 officers of the Board will be elected. The double purpose meeting will be the first one for the newly-elected trustee, Mrs. Sylvia Schwartz.



BRUCE ADAMS

son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Adams of 23815 Wilmarth Avenue in Farmington, is pictured above with his parents looking over the introductory catalog from Annapolis, Bruce, a fine athlete and an honor student at Catholic Central High School, has accepted an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy after receiving offers from West Point, Notre Dame and several other colleges and universities. See story Page 6A.

Announces "Guidelines" A Youth Q and A Column

The Youth Guidance Committee of Farmington, in cooperation with the Enterprise, will soon begin publishing a column of questions and answers on matters pertaining to the young people of Farmington.

The purposes of the column are to act as a guide to responsible counseling, to encourage parents and youth to discuss their problems, to make the general public aware of problems existing in the community, and to make the general public aware of Youth Guidance purposes and services.

THE SUCCESS OF the undertaking will depend upon the cooperation of the public and in order to encourage young people to speak freely about their personal problems in their letters, the Youth Guidance Committee has devised a very effective method for keeping all names strictly confidential.

The committee asks that all letters be signed, and all letters will be handled in the following manner: One member of the committee, a case worker who does not live in Farmington, will open all letters. The names of the writers will be cut off the letters, the names and letters will be numbered, the names will be

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Put "Optional" In Sewer Ord. Pay Provision

An amendment to Farmington Township's sewer connection ordinance as suggested by Joseph T. Breiman, township attorney, was officially approved by action of the Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The amendment will make it optional for home builders to pay the sewer connection charge at the time they take out a building permit. As the ordinance is presently written it is mandatory.

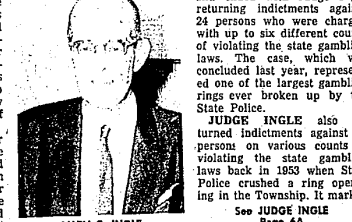
Under the new wording, the developer or homeowner will be able to delay paying the charge until such time as sanitary sewer lines are available to the property. This was interpreted to mean that such time as a line exists on the street in front of the property.

The township recently found itself in trouble on the mandatory provision of the ordinance when a builder took the matter to court to get his money for sewer connection charges back since sewers were not being made available to his property and might not be for some time yet. An out-of-court settlement was made by the township.

Get Your Rubbish Put Out on Sunday

Residents of the Floral Park Subdivision area are being urged to put their garbage and rubbish out for collection on Sunday night of this coming week, July 4, in order to assure a pickup.

The contractor for rubbish pickup service in the city has notified city officials that he has been making pickups exceptionally early on Monday, July 5, the normal pickup day in that subdivision area.



WALTER