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Paving, Water Projects Studied By City Council

Paving on State street, possibly on Wilmarth, and water and sewer connections south on Farmington Road to serve the recently annexed portion of the city have been asked by petition on a special assessment basis.

The council Monday night ordered City Manager Earl Scherffius to gather data on the proposed projects and report.

ONLY the State street paving was asked by petition, but in the discussion Councilman Jim Cavanaugh proposed the study also include Wilmarth.

His idea was that if State Street were paved there would be considerable traffic also on Wilmarth and even Cass as a way to the Grand River - Farmington Road intersection.

TWO OWNERS of most of the south portion of the newly annexed city property asked water and sewer installation on the special assessment basis, proposing they would pay the entire cost themselves.

The developers propose a 10-inch water line to serve the proposed industrial, commercial and residential project. If other property owners on the line would like to connect later, they could under a pro rata cost basis.

WHETHER or not such a large special assessment project would be allowed by law, is a question V.O. Bates raised. Councilmen agreed it shouldn't jeopardize other projects. The city's bid through the study would show it wouldn't.

Purchase of the A. C. Kahl property at State and Liberty streets was approved.

\$20,000 was accepted, with payment being on time.

City Clerk Trena Quinn's work was praised by councilmen, and her salary brought up around those paid in similar cities.

SETBACK for industrial property was discussed, as it applied to the industrial development proposed along 8 Mile. A resolution of intent to amend the zoning ordinance passed 4-1.

A setback of 25 feet as a minimum was decided, with no parking to be allowed within that 25 feet. Council members favor parking in possible, but this also was industry to put its plant at the rear if wished.

A refrigeration code, and an amendment to the health code were adopted and are published in this issue. Heretofore exempt were gas space heating installations under 30,000 B.T.U.'s, but these are now included.

Introduced for action later was a change in the zoning ordinance changing zoning in Outlot A of Bel-Aire Hills subdivision.

2 Civil Defense Classes Start, Need Workers

First meeting for a township auxiliary police force under civil defense was held Tuesday night at the first meeting for a first class will be Friday night. In both volunteers are badly needed, says Donald Pullen, township civil defense chairman.

The auxiliary police meeting brought out 12, who will be trained under a regular civil defense course. Meetings will be as scheduled by Chief Yates, with Owens division head and Lee Stevens heading the police.

The first aid division is headed by Miss Jeanne Womack and auxiliary members, are asked to attend the nine-week course, starting at the Wheeler street station February 7 at 8 p.m.

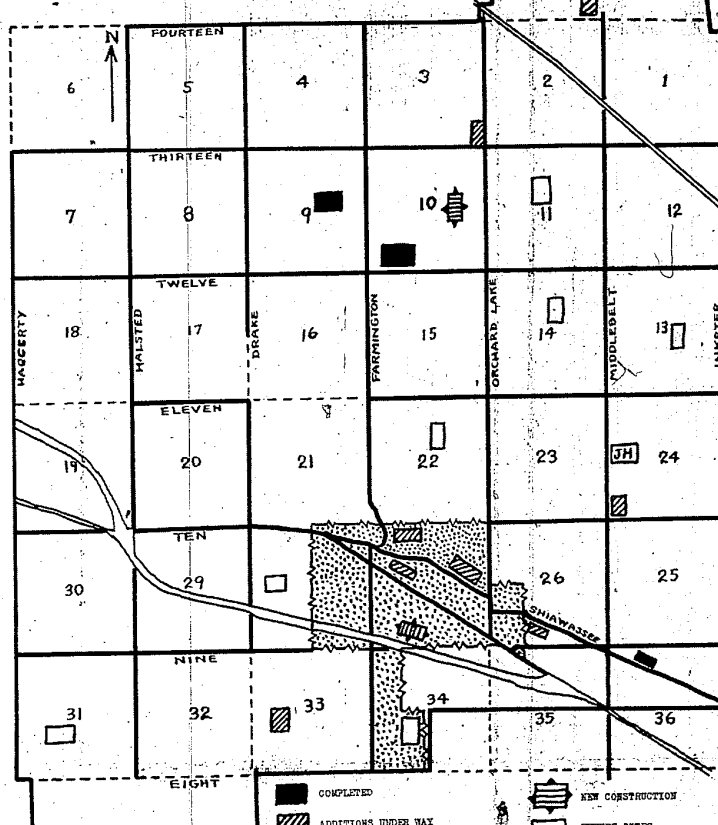
Other classes in civil defense divisions to be started will be for fire, public works, utilities and welfare. Virgil Campbell will organize a township Safety Council.

Requests Sand On Village Roads

The Wood Creek Village Council is meeting Tuesday night in regard to whether something, such as sanding, couldn't be done to correct extremely slippery road condition in the village.

It was pointed out in discussion that in past years the county had sanding on roads, but that far this year nothing had been done. Seay also suggested that salt containers might be placed at intersections for use in emergency conditions prevailed.

The council agreed to refer the matter to Road Administrator Donald Wells immediately.



A GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION of the tremendous amount of school construction work presently underway or planned to get started in the near future is given on this School District map. The only existing schools on which some type of addition work is not now underway or planned are the three new schools opened earlier in the school year including the William Grace and Wooddale elementary schools and the Duncker Junior High. Two new grade schools are now under construction, as shown on the map, and work on a third is slated to start soon. This third grade school will probably be built on the site located in Section 22, school officials commented. That several more schools will be needed within the next few years is indicated by the number of future school sites already purchased and the fact that some others are also being negotiated for at this time. All but two of the 11 schools now in use in the district, excluding small one room units, have been opened since 1951, attesting to the tremendous population increase in the school district in the past few years.

Clarenceville School Public Meet Tonight

The second community school board meeting will be held this Thursday evening at Clarenceville's new high school, at 8 p.m.

At this public meeting taxation and new school construction will be discussed. Board members hope for a speed attendance, as recent growth has proved more rooms will be needed almost immediately.

C.H.S. Students Launch Test Rocket Friday

A test rocket was successfully set off by members of the Clarenceville High School physics class last Friday shortly after noon at Bishop Lake, around 40 miles northwest of here.

The 24 inch long rocket, measuring 1 1/2 inches in diameter, soared 1,673 feet into space. It had been expected that the rocket would travel no more than 1,000 feet.

Supervising the firing was Darwin Larson, head of the high school science department.

Working on the making and launching of the rocket as a special project in their physics class were Tom Wilson, Fred Schultz, Gordon Whitlock, John Hanley and James Parliament.

These boys have now started work on a much larger rocket which they plan to launch the latter part of this month or the first part of March. Plans call for a five foot long rocket measuring five inches in diameter and using a solid fuel motor. The boys expect that the larger rocket will be capable of going 3 to 5 miles high.

Concrete Paving

City councilmen agreed Monday night to a proposal by City Manager Earl Scherffius to pave with concrete the streets on Powers Road north across the new bridge to the Valley View circle. The work will be done next summer if there is money enough.

Highway Signs Talked by C-C

Two possible designs of highway road signs were shown Farmington Chamber of Commerce members at their regular monthly breakfast Tuesday. One would have space below for plaques by service clubs.

A decision will be made soon. A transmitter Donald D. Pullen reported three new members since the last meeting, and many renewals.

New School Cost Debate Planned

Sup' G. V. Harrison talked briefly about the school situation where growth has brought about a vote March 10 on a \$1 1/2 million bond issue. He pointed out there is a definite correlation between a community and its educational standards.

This year there are 190 graduates and 800 pupils in kindergarten, indicating the growth here. The bond issue is needed for two elementary schools, a service building, and sites.

THE CHAMBER officers have been talking with the township engineer about a radio transmitter for the township police, which is badly needed. The Chamber might contribute toward its cost, and a transmitter Donald D. Pullen reported three new members since the last meeting, and many renewals.

William Gallagher, township assessor, talked briefly and offered to participate in group meetings to discuss township assessments and taxes.

C of C Smorgasbord Tickets Going Well

Looks like a full house for the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce smorgasbord dinner Saturday, February 15, says Manager Donald D. Pullen.

It will be held at Frontier Tavern. After the dinner there will be entertainment by Chief Redbird and his small daughter. There will be Valentine favors, and prize for the best ladies square dance contest. Dancing will follow.

Dog Vaccination Clinic Scheduled Febr. 16

A county sponsored rabies vaccination clinic for dogs will be held Sunday, February 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Farmington Township Fire Hall on Wheeler Street just north of Grand River, east of Middlebelt Road.

Dog licenses can only be obtained at this time, county officials said. The charge for a vaccination will be \$2 with licenses selling for \$2 for female dogs and \$1 for males.

Mothers' March On Polio Here Nets \$4,400

An army of Farmington women joined in the Mothers' March on Polio last Wednesday night and made a record collection of \$4,400 through their door-to-door collection of funds, Mrs. Mel Stevens, Area March of Dimes Chairman, disclosed.

An estimated 1,000 women took part in the fund raising campaign. Mrs. Stevens pointed out that it is still not too late to make contributions in this year's campaign and requests that all who have not already made donations send them to Hatlie DeVriendt, secretary-treasurer, at 33318 Grand River, immediately.

One fourth of the net receipts from the March of Dimes campaign will be turned over to the National medical aid fund. Half of the balance will be retained by the Oakland County Chapter of the N.F.I.P. and the remainder given to the National chapter to finance research, education programs, etc.

Complete returns from the local 1958 Polio fund raising campaign will be announced later.

Wood Creek Residents To Vote at Wells' Home

The place for the March 10 election for the Village of Wood Creek Farms was officially selected by the village council Tuesday night. It will be held in the basement at the home of Road Administrator Donald Wells at 28477 Eastbrook.

The council also took action naming Mrs. William Weightman, Mrs. Everett Billie, Mrs. Richard Norwell, Mrs. Roy Nelson, Mrs. Gilbert Spillman and Mrs. H. A. Dobson of the Wood Creek Farms Women's Assn. to the election board. Mrs. Weightman will serve as chairman.

City Talks of Signs, Parking

Permanent signs and business parking on either right-of-way were discussed Monday night by the city council, sparked by a complaint from two store owners.

They argued that permanent signs through their door-to-door collection of funds, Mrs. Mel Stevens, Area March of Dimes Chairman, disclosed.

THE CITY council decided they couldn't change this now. The city manager was instructed, however, to notify business owners of the ordinance on the right of way. They would be asked to comply as soon as possible, and told the ordinance would be enforced after Jan. 1, 1959.

Cafe, Gas Station Robbed in Twp.

Two business places were broken into in Farmington Township last week, Township Police Chief Irving Yakes disclosed. Both burglaries are still under investigation.

The first break-in at 22500 Northwestern Highway was broken into Monday night and a considerable amount of change taken from various machines in the establishment. It was estimated that approximately \$50 had been taken from two pinball machines, between \$9 and \$10 from a cigarette machine and an other \$4 or \$5 from the juke box.

Entrance was made by breaking out a window. Friday night Mac's Service Station and Gas Station, 28477 Eastbrook Road was also broken into and several cartons of cigarettes taken. Entrance was also made by breaking out a window at the side of the building.

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New Assessed Values In City Going Out Soon

Statements of new assessed values will be mailed out soon by the City of Farmington.

They will reflect the recently completed citywide reappraisal of all real and personal property.

CITY OFFICIALS say the reappraisal was to insure that all assessments were made on a fair and equal basis, and that each taxpayer will thus pay his just share of the property tax -- no more, no less.

City Manager Earl Scherffius points out that this program was not conducted for the purpose of increasing property taxes generally, because the city council is acutely aware of the heavy tax burden now carried by the property tax.

AS A RESULT of correcting all valuations, city officials say the equalization factor will be substantially reduced, thereby lowering the tax rate which will be paid on assessed valuations.

The fact that your assessed valuation has been raised, it is said, does not necessarily mean that you will pay more taxes.

COUNCIL MEMBERS have asked Mr. Scherffius to explain the methods used in establishing the new values. They point out that if an individual property owner has any questions as to the method used in arriving at his assessment, or if it should appear an error was made, City Assessor Arthur Garian is available.

He will be at the city hall Monday, February 24 through Thursday, February 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, February 28, he will be there from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

THE ANNUAL board of review meeting, to hear taxpayers who feel their assessment is unjust, will be held Tuesday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The board will also meet for the same purpose Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The board of review consists of three citizens who hear such cases and make adjustments they deem necessary. Authority for making any adjustments rests solely with the board of review and its decision is final.

Here is a summary of the methods used in establishing new values:

FOR LAND to assist in assessing lots of varying depths, shape and character, the revised "Shoppers Depth Table" has been adopted. The table uses a parcel of land 100 feet deep as the standard or unit. Value of land parcels of more or less depth, shape and character is determined by percentage factors.

Residential corner lots are valued on the same basis, but do not have an additional corner influence factor due to traffic noises, nuisance and hazards. Sometimes they are less desirable than inside lots.

BUSINESS properties are valued on the same basis except that corner influence, or enhanced values, are added to that area 60 feet from the street.

Industrial properties are valued on depth factor, square foot or acreage basis depending on location and character of land.

BUILDINGS, all improved properties are valued on standards from the Assessor's Manual published by Michigan State Tax Commission.

Residential units are classified according to construction, specifications, type of construction and age. All buildings in the City of Farmington have been measured and classified as follows:

Class A: individual type of superior construction;
Class B: better type of construction;
Class C: average type;
Class D: sub-standard of inferior materials and workmanship.

The depreciation schedule is standard and applies to all properties according to age. Residential units on land zoned for business or industrial get some decrease. Business and industrial properties are valued on the same basis.

Properties have been made. Consideration is given on abutting properties adjoining or abutting alleys, business and industrial properties.

The land adjustments vary from 10 per cent to 25 per cent, while the building adjustments are 5 per cent to 10 per cent. Further consideration if warranted was allowed in special cases.

Seek Civil Defense Volunteers in City

Persons interested in taking part in the Civil Defense program in the City of Farmington have been asked to sign up as volunteers available at the city police department offices on Liberty Street.

Civil Defense Director Joseph DeVriendt disclosed this week that a class in first aid will be starting in the near future. Courses on emergency housing and feeding and various other phases of the Civil Defense program will be put into effect in the event of areawide disasters or emergencies are also being planned for the future, he added.

Wood Creek To Start Work On First Budget

Members of the Wood Creek Farms Village Council were asked at their regular meeting Tuesday night to begin work on a village budget for the 1958-59 fiscal year.

Present Almer Clark, chairman, pointed out that since the village election will not be held until after the council's March meeting, the council will be unable to prepare a finished budget for adoption in April.

One item recommended to be included in the budget was a set amount to provide for some type of additional police protection which was the general feeling of members of the Wood Creek Civic Association.

The village head also asked council members to give consideration to candidates for the Board of Review since one will have to be appointed in April and a date set to review residents assessment committee.

A quarterly treasurer's report made at the meeting by Harry Davenport for the period from November 1 through January indicated that the village had received \$1,660.73 from all sources during the period. Total disbursements were \$1,000.00, leaving a balance for the period of \$772.45.

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Append Two Youths Stealing Car Wheel, Tire

Two youths were apprehended last week by City of Farmington police officers stealing a wheel and tire from a car in the parking lot of Farmington Lanes bowling alley.

They were arraigned this week on simple larceny charges and ordered to pay fines of \$15 each. The youths are placed on probation for six months.

Polio, Smallpox Clinics Planned

A series of three clinics for the immunization of all families in the Farmington School District against Polio and to see that children are vaccinated against Smallpox has been scheduled, Clarenceville Public Schools disclosed.

The first clinic will be held Monday, February 17, at 7 p.m. The clinics will be conducted by Dr. S. Broadman, Farmington Township Health Officer, under the auspices of the Clarenceville High School PTA.

A nominal charge of 25 cents per child will be charged for all children in the district between the ages of 1 and 14 years. No children under one year of age will be included in the clinics.

Polio shots will also be given Polio shots upon request for a charge of \$1.00 an injection. Money given will be used for other projects in the conducting of these clinics, it was pointed out.

Cleanliness in City Improves

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Left Turn Sign

The state highway department reports it has been studying traffic at Grand River and Farmington Road, and will decide on the city's request to remove the no left turn sign there in about two weeks. This was reported to the city council Monday night by the city manager.