

City's Proposed Budget Won't Increase Taxes

If a proposed budget now being studied by Farmington city council is adopted, there will be no increase in taxes.

Date for a public hearing on the budget is May 12, at 8 p.m., and the council must adopt a budget by or before the third Monday in May.

THE BUDGET proposal with comparative information was submitted to council members Monday night by City Manager Earl Scherffus. They will study it carefully and make any changes deemed advisable.

An accompanying letter the city manager noted that the proposed budget represents no increase in taxes. He said that maximum economy consistent with providing a balanced program of essential public services has been the spirit in which the budget was formulated.

WHILE the proposed budget was planned only for the present year, a footnote pointed out that should the proposed annuities become a reality, it would mean services would be required for the year after the latter half of the fiscal year, without additional revenues for that period.

The fiscal year starts July 1, 1958, and the supplement to revenues for that year could use other tax anticipation notes or use other means to finance the cost of such additional services.

HIGHLIGHTS of the budget are listed, but as the budget is only proposed to be subject to possible change.

Proposed total budget for the coming year would be \$738,840, compared with \$720,000 estimated for current year. This 7.4 per cent increase is the result of anticipated increase of a larger amount of bonds for construction of certain improvements.

THE ASSESSMENT roll of \$16,429,100 compares with last year's \$15,959,010. Considering the city has added to the rolls by annexation and additional commercial developments, city manager points out it's obvious the city re-assessment program did not double the assessed valuation as had been planned.

The proposed new tax rate of \$10 per \$1,000 valuation is exactly half of last year's rate, which has been the lowest in the city's history. Generally, estimated revenue for the city remains about the same level as last year.

EXPENDITURES as proposed show only slight increases, with one exception. That's in the public safety department, where additional personnel is proposed.

Personnel services account for 45 per cent of the total operating budget, and Mr. Scherffus says this is low compared with most cities. He thinks this indicates a growing economy and a city that is keeping up with the city's rapid growth.

THE PROPOSED issuance of \$150,000 special assessment bonds and \$65,000 special improvement bonds would increase the net bonded indebtedness by \$215,000, the report says. This would leave the city well within the limits of sound financial policy and would not apply toward the legal debt ceiling.

Some of the general fund items included in the proposed budget are:

\$80,000 street paving for portions of Shawwassee, Powers and State; \$12,000 for additional Public Safety (police - fire) personnel.

\$2,300 for roadway and parking lot improvement.

\$2,000 for off-street parking improvement. This would pay the remainder due in some meters, and extend the municipal parking lot.

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Found Guilty of Drunk Driving

Elizabeth C. Moody of 30900 Orchard Lake Road, who was involved in an accident with a Farmington Police car on March 18, was tried in Township Justice James P. Lawson's court last week. She was found guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol.

She was ordered to pay a \$85 fine and \$15 in court costs as well as be placed on probation for 90 days and an order given her to furnish financial responsibility for damages done in the incident.

The accident which occurred shortly after midnight on Orchard Lake Road just south of 14 Mile Road, was caused by Mrs. Moody suddenly being a left turn from Orchard Lake, without signaling, and pulled directly into the path of the oncoming police car traveling north on Orchard Lake Road.



THE SECOND ANNUAL Science and Arts Exhibition will be held at Clarenceville high school Friday, April 11, with a theme of "The World Tomorrow in Science and Arts."

Here are some of the exhibits, but there will be a large quantity and variety. At Left, Earl Cook, tenth grader, holds a rat and Beth Falter, eleventh grader, has a guinea pig. Near right, students are taking biology, and Beth also takes chemistry and cares for all the animals used in experiments. Records are kept on nutrition, and some growth hormones are used.

The exhibition was originated three years ago under Mr. Thompson. Last year's fair was very successful, so interest this year is high. All exhibits in the school are taking part. With further details given then about all the work which went into the exhibition and the personnel involved.

Some Special Paving Dropped From City Plan

Under the proposed city budget it will not be possible to do all special assessment paving originally planned. The city council learned Monday night.

As a result members passed a resolution rescinding a former resolution for paving on Liberty, Winthrop and Mooney streets.

STATE STREET from Liberty to Winthrop is the only remaining special assessment stretch, and the council deferred a decision here for two weeks. Decision was also deferred on other proposed paving.

City Manager Earl Scherffus reported he was negotiating with the developers of Twin Valley subdivision on a proposed plan to pave Highway 10. The city council learned Monday night.

BIDS WILL be in Friday on water and sewer facilities for special assessment improvements in the recently annexed area south of about 1,000 - inch line and easily capable of the extra capacity. This construction would mean it would not be necessary for the city to pay for the township interceptor sewer when it is built.

The council accepted a replan for three lots in Warner's Grand River Avenue subdivision on its behalf. The replan was approved in the ordinance prohibiting moving of buildings were discussed. At a hearing on vacation of Ross Street there were no comments so action was held over to the next meeting.

Personality Classes To Start in This Area

Women of the Clarenceville area are invited to attend a Livonia adult education class called "Personality Plus," to be held at Bentley High School. They may register at Bentley school Friday night, April 11, at 7 p.m., or on the first night of the class April 14 starting at 7:30 p.m.

The 8-week course will be led by Barbara Sutton, and includes subjects such as visual pose, styling, etiquette, wardrobe, time efficiency, home management. It aims to help the woman of the busy housewife and mother. There will be a small fee charged.

Bel-Aire Zoning Suit Ready, Delay Likely

The suit against the city to stop rezoning of Outlot A in Bel-Aire subdivision is at issue and ready for trial. Developers had planned to build a bowling alley on the site.

Because of the customary order of procedure in district court it likely a case won't come on trial for at least a couple of months.

Mackie Agrees Bridge Needed

Plans for a bridge which would open Grand River (former U.S. 10) to full traffic brought symptoms and a quick response from Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie this week.

He has ordered a new bridge to reopen the stretch of old U.S. 10 now blocked off by the expressway. The new expressway uses a bridge over the Kent Lake outlet, which cuts off Grand River at that point. This eliminated through traffic on the old route.

Mackie called this an ideal auxiliary route capable of carrying up to 10,000 vehicles a day. It would also carry through traffic on the expressway.

The commissioner said he had been asked by the Oakland County road commission and businessmen at Kensington parkway, now near the project will be added to his five-year plan.

He also said the operational pattern of the expressway interchange at Kensington parkway, now near completion, has been found to be "faulty," and changes have been ordered.

Civil Defense Fund Solicitation Coming

Members of the township Civil Defense organization remind residents that the need to work evenings Friday and Saturday evenings asking donations for work being carried on here.

Seek More Members

More organizational matters are slated to come up at the third regular meeting of the recently reorganized Farmington City and Township Safety and Traffic Advisory Committee to be held Wednesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. at the Township Hall.

All residents in the area are invited to attend.

New Traffic-Safety Committee Continuing Organizational Plans

THE FORMATION of several additional committees and a group on proposed by-laws for the report is scheduled. It is also hoped that there will be a large enough turnout so that a permanent secretary can be elected, officials said.

At the present time Virgil W. Campbell is acting as temporary secretary.

The second organization meeting of the committee held the latter part of last month. Clifton L. Strasser was elected permanent chairman for a one-year term. Elliott Rogers was appointed chairman of the by-laws committee by him. Other committee chairmen appointed by Strasser were: Frank Stephenson, legislative; John Butters, enforcement; L. V. Knowlton, education; and Omar Sanderson, finance.

IN A TALK given by Cpl. F. E. Simonau of the Michigan State Police, members were told of the great importance of this type of work that can be accomplished by it.

The third Wednesday of each month has been set as the regular meeting night for the committee. Meetings will be held at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Township Hall.

Little League Registration Set Saturday

Registration of boys living south of 11 Mile Road interested in playing Little League baseball this summer will take place this Saturday, April 12, at the Farmington Junior High Gymnasium on Thomas Street from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

All boys born after July 31, 1945, and prior to August 1, 1958, are eligible to play Little League ball this summer, officials pointed out. Boys who received registration cards at the annual spring rally are asked to bring them along with their birth certificates. Those who did not will be issued registration cards Saturday to take home and have them signed by their parents. They will be collected at a later date yet to be set.

Spring practice will officially open Monday, April 14, for all Little League hopefuls. Boys are asked to report at the Little League vicinity of the pump house promptly at 6 p.m.

Contributions to Farmington Baseball for Boys, of which Little League is a major part, have been coming in slowly from citizens thus far this year, officials commented. Residents are asked to send in their contribution immediately to Farmington Baseball, either the National Bank of Detroit (Farmington Branch) or Detroit Bank and Trust.

Officials also indicated that another manager is still needed for one of the Babe Ruth League teams. An interested party living in the North Farmington area, which is also covered by the Farmington Babe Ruth League, is preferred, they indicated.

Subscribe by phone. We will mail you the bill.

Key for Budget Cut, Sewer Election at Annual Meet

The Farmington Township Board's new faced with two big problems as a result of action taken by the council at the Annual Township Board meeting held Saturday afternoon at Dunekel Junior High.

By direction of the township board, a election to elect a representative of the State Highway Department, also gave a brief resume of the highway department's thinking to date on the project and a budget to be acted upon through the township. Both appeared at the meeting at the request of Township Supervisor Frank Stephenson.

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THIS IS in essence the only alternative action taken at the stormy public session which lasted nearly five hours and was marred by "disorderliness, confusion and misunderstanding and charges of ill-will and unfairness." Approximately 25 citizens turned out for the meeting but many left before it was half over.

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Concession Stand Okay for City Park

Farmington Women's Auxiliary was given approval by the city council Monday night for a temporary concession stand at the city park between the two diamonds. It will be operated by the Little League baseball activities during June and July.

Baseball Commissioner Jack Tabb and Mrs. H. J. Barth said they would have a soft drink stand, and hot dogs and candy would be sold. Profits go to Little League work. Cleanup is done by the organization.

Sales Drive to Continue Here

Farmington new car dealers are continuing their "You Auto Buy Now" campaign, and urging other businessmen to join in the drive. The sales results have been encouraging, and they intend to continue offering special deals and interest-free financing.

Because the campaign has been extended in the metropolitan area through April 19, Farmington dealers have made more plans.

Next Friday and Saturday all new car dealers will sponsor a cavalcade of cars in the area. Dealers participating will include Earl Vivier Oldsmobile, Farmington Sales & Service, Berling-McHugh Ford, Blacklock Edsel, Bill Root Chevrolet, Bob Dusseau Lincoln-Mercury and Tavern-Rambler Sales.

New car sales have been reported up all through the area as the result of the concerted campaign. Dealers say the drive's success stems from the public's realization that the vast amount of savings they can do real good for everybody if put to work through purchases. All types of businesses are now taking part in the campaign.

City Cleanliness Still Being Pushed

Cleanliness in the city, particularly in commercial areas, brought forth considerable discussion from the Board of Health Monday night. One councilman threatened to introduce a stricter ordinance, but City Manager Earl Scherffus said there has been improvement and he would not do so.

Councilmen asked why a fence had not yet been built on the west side of the Farmington Shopping Plaza. Delay apparently has developed because people living there have not decided what kind of fence is needed. Philip Langwadt, developer had promised a fence when a type was decided. The city manager was asked to pursue completion of the project.

Youth Injured When Car Forced Off Road

Seventeen year old Daniel D. Holloway of 35466 Valley Creek Road suffered chest and knee injuries Monday night when his car was forced off the road and into the ditch on Orchard Lake Road between 11 and 12 Mile.

Holloway, who was proceeding south on Orchard Lake, told police he was forced to run off the road by a northbound vehicle passing a third car which was coming directly at him.

The first part of the meeting was more of an informational session than a decision-making session. The proposed budget could be resolved. Oakland County Road Commissioner Sol Lomerson made some informative remarks regarding road problems in the township and attempted to answer numerous questions from the floor on specific bad road conditions. John Willis, district representative of the State Highway Department, also gave a brief resume of the highway department's thinking to date on the project and a budget to be acted upon through the township. Both appeared at the meeting at the request of Township Supervisor Frank Stephenson.

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Says New Construction On Old Roads Needed

Better maintenance is not the answer to improving bad road conditions in Farmington Township, Oakland County Road Commissioner Sol Lomerson told residents in attendance at the Annual Township Board meeting last Saturday night.

Older roads were often not laid properly and definitely not designed to handle the heavy flow of high speed traffic and heavy vehicles traveling on them today, Lomerson said.

The only real solution to the bad condition of many "local" roads is to spend money on them, he stated. The County Road Commission is not allowed to undertake such construction projects on "local" roads on its own. It is stated that the county road commission is not allowed to undertake such construction projects on "local" roads on its own. It is stated that the county road commission is not allowed to undertake such construction projects on "local" roads on its own.

IN ANSWER to questions raised regarding this, Lomerson stated that matching funds could come from the township, a subdivision association or a group of individual citizens. It was indicated that it would not matter what type of construction was wanted under this program. It could be ditching, grading, or even concrete paving.

It was pointed out in discussion that only a limited amount was available under this matching fund agreement but that at least some

C-C Sponsors Opening Night Musical Tent

Opening night for the Music Club Tent at Botsford Inn will be called Farmington Night, and it will be sponsored by the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

The opening presentation will be "Oklahoma," and the date is Tuesday, June 10.

The Chamber's board of directors accepted the invitation at a meeting Tuesday morning at Botsford Inn. A ticket selling committee was named, including Margaret Sales, Service, Berling-McHugh Ford, Blacklock Edsel, Bill Root Chevrolet, Bob Dusseau Lincoln-Mercury and Tavern-Rambler Sales.

Inside Features

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Break Ground for New Hospital	Sports Activities	6a	6A

the proposed changes and considerable wrangling over procedure, vote was taken and the proposed amended budget defeated by a slim 92-98 margin.

ALTHOUGH the committee was unsuccessful in getting its amended budget approved, it was apparently successful in convincing at least a majority in attendance that the Board might be erroneous in assuming that a sum of \$80,640 will be realized from the proposed general property township tax. It was the committee's contention that the County Tax Allocation Board would not allow more than 1-mill for such a tax.

When a motion was made that the Board's proposed budget be considered item by item and the tedious task begun, several items were brought up in debate but only this one change was acted upon and passed. That was that the proposed amount estimated to be received from a proposed 1-mill tax be cut approximately in half to \$40,320.

Entering into the picture at this point, to further complicate matters, the Board was asked to consider resolution by Robert Nelson calling for the cancelling of a \$5,000 loan to the Oakland County Department of Public Works, which was authorized by further work on plans for the Farmington Interceptor Sewer. Of far greater significance than the refund called for in the resolution, however, was the stipulation that all action by the Board to further progress on the sewer be withheld until a thorough investigation of sewer lines would be conducted and an election held to allow all residents in the township a right to decide whether the interceptor sewer is wanted and needed.

IFTER considerably more heated debate, the resolution was put to a vote and passed by a substantial margin. Confusion was still left on how this matter figured into the 1958-59 operating budget. Some \$2,000 less would be needed for \$2,000 in additional funds could thus be added into proposed receipts for the 58-59 fiscal year and thus \$2,000 less would be needed from proposed disbursements.

SPECIFICALLY Nelson's resolution called for answers to the following questions on the interceptor sewer:

- Why does the main interceptor line run down the road for a distance much undeveloped land rather than down the more populated Orchard Lake Road or the more central Farmington Road?
- Is the proposed Interceptor adequate for ultimate population requirements?
- Why has the largest element of cost not yet been made public, and by this, referred to as the lateral arms, trunks or feeders running along our valleys and elsewhere in order to connect subdivision sewer lines to the main interceptor? How many miles of pipe mileage than the interceptor and which would involve the use of costly private property instead of county roadway property and condemnation proceedings costly to the sewer authority as well as to township property owners? Will the \$250 interceptor cost could well be the least of all the costs of a sewer system?
- Will there be assessment districts set up for these laterals?

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Another interesting fact that Commissioner Lomerson brought out was that only a small portion of the total amount allotted for care of roads in the township can be spent on "local" roads. State law stipulates that 75 percent of the money received by counties for road maintenance and repairs must be spent on "primary" roads, he emphasized.

A COMPLAINT made by Mrs. Neuman E. Stainbrook, Jr., of 2135 Flanders was that improper grading practices by county scraper operators had caused a major trouble on their street.

She pointed out that residents had paid to have this street brought up to county specifications and that the county had not done this. Since this time, however, grading has been done in such a manner that the street has washed into and filled the ditches out along side the road and the roadway is again impassable during wet periods, Mrs. Stainbrook said.

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Rains Halt Rash Of Grass Fires

The rains which fell Saturday night and Easter Sunday came as a pleasant relief to the fire fighters of Farmington Township.

As a result of the extreme dry spell throughout the state during the month of March, grass and small brush in open areas had become exceptionally dry with only a small spark needed to set it ablaze. According to authorities this was the driest March in the state in several years.

From Wednesday through Saturday of last week, township volunteer fire-fighting crews were called out to bring in a total of 12 grass fires. Fire control, reports revealed. Several smaller fires were brought under control without the need of calling in the fire department.

Friday proved to be the busiest day with fire-fighters being called out on 12 different occasions.

Although no grass fires have been reported since the first of the week, a rash of them could flare up again. Residents are cautioned against leaving burning trash unattended, burning off open areas without having sufficient help to keep the fire under control and carelessness with matches and cigarettes.

Annexation and Water Topics at Twp. Meeting

Two topics of great interest to township residents will be discussed Monday evening, April 14, called by Supervisor Frank Stephenson. The meeting will be held at Gill Road school, 21195 Gill Road.

Advantages and disadvantages of annexation to a city will be the main topic. The township expects a research specialist from the University of Michigan to discuss these forms of government, and answer questions from a audience. Other township officials are also expected to be present, so that a thorough discussion may be held.

At the same meeting citizens living in the so-called dry area will be given a chance to voice their plan to bring water from Detroit.