

Hearing On Proposed 64-65 Twp. Budget Set

A public hearing on a proposed operating budget for Farmington Township for the 1964 fiscal year will be held for Monday night, March 20, at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Township Hall.

The proposed budget has been drawn up to cover the period from the first of April of this year until the end of March of 1965. Official approval of the proposed budget was given at a special session of the township board on Saturday morning of last week.

This year's proposed budget calls for an expenditure of \$76,665 which is between \$37,000 and \$38,000 higher than last year's proposed budget.

The PROPOSED budget has been prepared on the premise that the county tax allocation board will allow the township to levy more than the five mill rate it allowed last year, Supervisor Curt Hall stated.

If the tax allocation board allows only the one mill rate (\$1 per \$1,000 of state equalizer valuation) it allowed the township last year then some paring will have to be done on the proposed budget, the supervisor said.

Boy Hit by Car While Crossing Grand River

A five-year-old boy narrowly escaped serious injury when he was struck by a car on Grand River Avenue while attempting to cross the street on his way to Saturday afternoon.

Taken to the hospital and treated for a cracked rib and a small cut on his face was Paul Ludwig of 26531 Laurelhurst in Farmington. The driver of the car that hit the boy was Doris H. Vitto, 46, of 18383 Filmore Street in Livonia.

In another pedestrian accident last week, Mrs. Myrtle Lucille Cook, 79, of 22889 Mayfield in Farmington was struck by a car while crossing Grand River on the street near her home.

MRS. COOK was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia by Brooks Ambulance where she was treated for a broken leg and multiple cuts and bruises.

The car which struck Mrs. Cook was driven by Michael J. Hester, 24, of 2024 W. Brandon in Farmington.

The accident occurred Wednesday, March 11, at about 4:09 p.m. and was reported to Farmington city police by John Cook of 33228 Grand River Avenue.

Both drivers were released after making statements to city police.

Women Voters to Hear Local Governing Heads

Are you familiar with the Structure and Function of the City and Township government? John Dinan, City Manager and Curtis Hall, Township Supervisor, will provide the opportunity for you to become fully informed when they speak before the Provisional League of Women Voters meeting.

Interested citizens interested in the affairs of the League as they continue their study of local government.

A portion of the program will be devoted to a question and answer period on material prepared.

The public is invited to attend the meeting on Wednesday at Farmington Senior High School, Room 118B at 8 p.m.

Add Voting Precinct in City, Boundaries of Others Change

A new fourth voting precinct is being added in the City of Farmington which will also require minor changes in the boundaries of the other three existing precincts.

The addition of a new precinct was found to be necessary due to an increased number of registered voters in the city.

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TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR CURTIS H. HALL is pictured above inspecting the installation of water transmission lines at Middlebelt and Nine Mile roads where construction on the

2 1/2 million dollar project is well ahead of schedule. Supervisor Hall reported this week that the project is expected to be completed and in operation by June 1.

Council Okays Plan for Complete Fencing of Old Quaker Cemetery

A plan for the complete fencing of the old Quaker Cemetery on the east side of Gill Road a short distance south of Grand River Avenue has now been worked out by the township.

The plan which was developed by City Manager John Dinan in cooperation and conjunction with Farmington Historical Society officials was lined in detail at the regular City Council meeting Monday night.

As proposed, the project would result in a cost to the city-at-large of approximately \$380. The expenditure of this amount or maybe even slightly more if necessary to get the cemetery completely enclosed was unanimously approved by councilmen.

Robert Power of the historical society reported that a total of 375 feet was raised to determine the special fund raising campaign which was started a couple of weeks back in an effort to restore and retain the old cemetery as a historical landmark here rather than allowing it to continue to become more and more rundown.

IT WAS also disclosed that the historical society had located 200 feet of used wrought iron fencing which could be purchased for \$435 and that Councilman Henry Forrest had agreed to donate to erect the wrought iron fencing on the 200 feet of wrought iron fencing would be enough to take care of all the northern boundary of the cemetery and extend around the eastern corner a short distance, it was reported.

Few Using DSR Bus Services

Unless a substantially larger number of people begin using the DSR bus service which has been extended into Farmington on a 30-day trial basis the service is almost certain to be discontinued at the end of the 60-day period.

This was the feeling expressed by City Manager John Dinan at the conclusion of his report on the amount of use being made of the service to date.

Dinan stated that there has been a daily average of only about 22 using the three bus runs being made in the early morning hours and only about 17 or 18 daily coming back into Farmington on the three afternoon runs.

He pointed out that answers returned on questionnaires sent earlier indicated that a substantially larger number than this had expressed an interest in the service now being provided than the number making use of it.

Credit Union Buys City Land

Official action was taken by the Farmington City Council Monday night approving the sale of a parcel of land which the city owns on the west side of Liberty Street between Grand River Avenue and State Street to the Farmington-Claireville Employees Credit Union.

Earlier action had been taken by the council authorizing the city manager to go out for bids on purchase offers with a minimum acceptable price of \$5,400 being set.

City Manager John Dinan informed the council that he had received only two bids to purchase and that the credit union bid of \$5,700 for the property was the best of the two.

George Gildemeister Dies Tuesday Night

George Gildemeister of 23806 Farmington Road, longtime business manager of the community, suffered a fatal heart attack on Tuesday night.

The body is now resting at the Spencer J. Heeney Funeral Home. No funeral arrangements had yet been completed at press time on Wednesday.

Twp. Civic Assn. to Elect Officers Tonight

The South Farmington Township Civic Association will meet tonight, Thursday, March 19, for the purpose of electing officers for the 1964-65 fiscal year.

The meeting will be held at the regular meeting place of the Farmington Township Fire Hall on Wheeler Street, one block east of Middlebelt Road just north of Grand River Avenue at 8 p.m.

Farmington J.C.'s proudly present A MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW.

ROOFLING the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce's musical variety show, "Do You Remember," which will open tomorrow night are local Jaycees with a borrowed calliope and fire engine. The red-jacketed Jaycees pictured above are (L to R) Earl Whaley,

Set Hearings on Twp. Projects

Public hearings on special assessment improvement projects planned in Holly Hills, Farms Subdivisions and in Franklin Knoll's Subdivision have been set by the Farmington Township Board for Tuesday evening, March 31.

The hearing on sewer improvements proposed on Wellington, Sugar Spring, Highmeadow, Pond Ridge and Woodbrook streets in the Holly Hills Farms Subdivisions has been set for 7:30 p.m. in the township hall on 11 Mile Road.

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Cancer Society Exerts Legal Right to Solicit

The American Cancer Society, through the law firm that represents it, has notified the Farmington City Council that it will be going ahead with its door-to-door fund raising and educational crusade in the city on April 1 even though it may not have the council's blessings.

Action had been taken by the council on a split decision two weeks ago to deny the American Cancer Society the right to solicit in the city. It was a 2-2 tie vote against granting the request with Mayor Robert Lindbert absent from the meeting.

Public Hearing On Re-Zoning 1.2 Acres Set

The date for the official public hearing on a request to re-zone one single family residential to office district classification the 1.2-acre parcel of land owned by Devere Fleming on Freedom Drive a short distance west of Farmington Road has been set for Monday evening, April 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Action by the city council satiating the hearing date was taken after the planning commission's minutes had been read giving details regarding the initial hearing on this re-zoning request. Despite some rather vigorous objections from homeowners in the Alta Loma Subdivision, the planners voted 5-1 in favor of recommending the re-zoning asked.

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Farmington Township's \$2,425,000 water project is now three weeks ahead of its original June 22 completion date with approximately five miles of pipeline laid since ground was first broken on December 2 of last year.

With better than three months work already in on the project, Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall estimates that 38 per cent of the dollar cost of the construction or \$860,000 has been paid out to the three contractors.

Superintendent Expresses Hope

SUPERVISOR HALL expressed the hope that by June 1 the water system would be in operation, due to the advanced state of recent construction.

Remaining to be laid down are approximately 20 miles of the distribution lines which extend out from the larger transmission lines mostly completed.

The water project, the largest capital improvement program ever undertaken in the history of Farmington, will serve an estimated 4,000 parcels of property in a roughly seven square mile area of the township, including Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, and 35.

Also Included in the Area to be Served

by Detroit water is the new Lincolnshire subdivision and Mersey Sub, both now under construction just east of Middlebelt Road between 11 and 12 Mile roads. Kimberley Subdivisions west of Middlebelt between 11 and 12 Mile roads, will also be serviced by the new water lines.

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns pointed out that the area to be served by the 2 1/2 million dollar water project is the township's "dry area," so called because homes have failed in many locations literally leaving homeowners without any water.

In Line Now on Parcel's Value

The City of Farmington and the trust agreement of the National Bank of Detroit now seem to be pretty close in line with each other with regard to the issue of the parcel at the southeast corner of Grand River Avenue and Liberty Street which the city has been seeking to purchase.

City Manager John Dinan reported to councilmen Monday night that the bank which is representing the estate of the owners of the property has countered the city's offer of \$15,000 for the parcel with a proposal to sell for \$15,500.

Twp. Zoning Bd. Sets 2 Hearings

Two public hearings are scheduled before the Farmington Township Zoning Board at its regular meeting this coming Thursday night, March 26, at 8 p.m. at the township hall.

One hearing is on a change in zoning requested on a small parcel of land on Nine Mile Road in Section 25 in the eastern part of the township. The property is presently zoned residential-4. The owners seek to have it re-zoned to office classification to permit industrial use.

City Council Has Long Talk on Easement

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City Review Bd. Hours Changing

An ordinance changing is introduced by the Farmington City Council Monday night which will change the holding of an evening session by the tax assessing board of review in future years.

Under the amendment introduced the board will convene on the first two days they are in session will remain the same from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on the third day, however, the board would be in session only from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and then meet again the following night from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

The action has been called for in an effort to help those who work away from the community but it is very difficult to get in to raise questions or voice objections on the assessments placed on their property during the present daytime hours.

Farmington J.C.'s proudly present DO YOU REMEMBER A MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW.

Ralph Farnin, Al Sittnick and John Rowe. Others pictured that we can identify are Norm Kennedy and Tom Lindbert. Tickets for the two-night stand can be obtained from any member of the Jaycees or held at the Enterprise office.