

Bill to Prevent Public Safety Depts. Opposed

Action was taken by the Farmington City Council Monday night to adopt a resolution which would place the city on record with the state legislature and state administrative officials as being strongly opposed to any state legislation which would require the cities to maintain completely separate police and fire fighting departments.

The action was prompted by a letter from the Oak Park city manager in which he called attention to the fact that a bill (House Bill 462) had been presented in the house of representatives which would prohibit integrated public safety departments such as both Oak Park and the City of Farmington now have. He urged that the City of Farmington join with Oak Park in fighting passage of such a bill.

Farmington councilmen were in complete agreement with Oak Park regarding the council's position, as stated in his letter, that such legislation was an invasion on the right of municipalities to determine their municipal functions delegated and assigned to the city as a responsibility and that it was an intrusion on the rights of home rule cities.

It was pointed out during discussion on this matter that it is **SEE BILL TO PREVENT**
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Infant Saved By Housewife

A barking dog and an alert housewife combined to save a four-year-old from drowning in a pond near his home in Farmington Township.

Mr. George Kepich, 24859 Creekside had gone to investigate the barking of her pet Pekinese in the back yard of their home when she spotted Eric Strunk, 4½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stout of 24645 Springbrook, neck deep in the icy pond formed in a deep lying area along the course of a small creek which runs through the subdivision.

Mrs. Kepich waded into the water and pulled the young boy to safety. Meanwhile, Farmington Township Police had been notified by the boy's mother after he had turned up missing for about an hour and a half.

Officer Al Nalpas, who answered the call to help search for the missing boy, found him being cared for in the home of Mrs. Kepich.

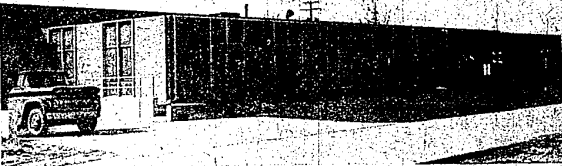
"In returning the boy to his mother, Officer Nalpas said the near-drowning of the young boy had not been the alert action of Mrs. Kepich but a timely response to a barking dog which had turned up missing for about an hour and a half.

Approve Funds For Rec. Comm.

The City Council acted Monday night on a request made by officials of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission to contribute a sufficient amount to continue the six weeks' summer recreation program that has been conducted for the past several years.

In view of the fact that the costs of operating continue to go up and the amount allocated by United Foundation for recreation locally is decreasing to \$1,275 which is \$225 higher than last year's appropriation was agreed upon.

The approval for the higher amount was given, however, subject to approval by Farmington Township of a similarly higher allocation to stand in proportion to the amount last year on a per capita basis.



INDUSTRIAL PLANTS and the areas around them are often dirty and poorly kept, but such is not the case with the new plants being built in Farmington. The Cheesley Industries plant (above) and numerous other light industrial

plants that have been built in the community in the recent past or are under construction now are very attractive additions to the community. They provide substantial community value in a number of different ways.

Actual Tax Figures Dramatize Importance of Industry to Area

By M. J. KILEY
Industry plays an important part in keeping a community healthy and prosperous. The sizeable amount of industry taxes in the community annually in taxes is one of its major contributions.

A number of articles have

been written and a substantial amount of information published over the past several years to substantiate the value of industry to a community in various ways but it has to be brought down to a right-at-home basis to be most fully appreciated.

At the request of the Enterprise, the city assessing department released actual assessment and tax figures to the newspaper last week so that industry's value to this community as a tax revenue source could be shown specifically.

City Okays \$900 for Master Plan Booklet

An appropriation of \$900 was approved by the Farmington City Council Monday night for use by the planning commission in getting a master plan development map and text prepared for mass distribution to residents of the city.

A brochure similar to one developed for Ludington, Michigan by the city's planning consultant firm was presented as a sample of what the city could expect to receive. Approximately 1,200 of the special master plan map and text booklets will be printed, it was indicated.

THE TEN industrial firms which occupy approximately one-third of the total 20-acre industrial park in development have a total real and personal property assessment of \$775,980. The total of all property taxes which they are presently paying into the community annually runs approximately \$40,330.

Homes occupying the same amount of land area as these plants do in Farmington Acres residential subdivision have an assessed valuation of slightly under \$267,000. The total taxes paid by the homeowners in the area run about \$15,284 or about one-third the amount of the same amount of land area developed industrially.

When the total 23 acres in the industrial park is developed, the combined real and personal property tax valuation will run about \$2.5 million. The same amount of land area developed in single family homes like those in Farmington Acres Subdivision would have a total assessed valuation as equalized for taxes of about \$1,000,000.

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Approve Funds to Buy Property

City Manager John Dinan was given the final go ahead by the Farmington City Council Monday night on the purchase of the property at the southeast corner of Grand River Ave. and Liberty adjacent to the new shopping center building, which the city has been negotiating for several months now.

A sum of \$15,500 will be paid with \$12,700 of this amount being for the surplus revenues realized through the sale of other properties by the city and the remaining \$2,800 from the contingent fund.

This will give the city both houses on Grand River east of Liberty St. just north of the new municipal building.

Manager Dinan stated that it would be possible to raze the building on the corner immediately but that minor details pertaining to the safety department during the house on the former Durham property adjacent to it could be turned down.

City Officials Extend Praise

At the suggestion of Mayor Robert Lindbert, the city council agreed that latter should receive commendation for the service rendered to the City of Farmington by John Butters, a longtime member of the public safety department, who died suddenly last week.

The Councilmen unanimously agreed that Butters had rendered exceptionally fine service to the safety department during his ten years of service and had done much for the community as the department's public safety officer.

Set First Polio 'Sugar Cube' Day April 19

A week from this Sunday, April 19, has been set as the first date for a two-part oral polio immunization program to be conducted locally and in communities throughout the area in an all out push to get everyone protected against this dread disease which still is not

The oral vaccine which has now been developed, completely tested and proven one hundred percent safe makes it possible for everyone to be protected painlessly. The vaccine is included in sugar cubes that can be taken just like candy.

From 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. a special polio "sugar cube" locally your Farmington public school locations have been selected for the first date on April 19 and the second date on Sunday, June 14, as well.

The program is being conducted under the supervision and direction of the Oakland County Medical Society, Farmington area; chairman is Mrs. Betty Funk of 23845 Newell Circle. She has named four station managers to assist her at each of the four schools.

Okay Request of Blind Center To Solicit City

The Blind Service Center serving blind people in the Farmington area of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties was granted permission by the Farmington City Council Monday night to conduct a special fund raising campaign locally on May 15.

Paul Teranis, blind himself, appeared before the council to outline the make-up of the organization and services it renders.

He explained to councilmen that this is a relatively new organization which has not yet been approved to receive funds from United Foundation. All money raised will be used to help blind people in the area by providing mobility training and in various other programs to their benefit. He hopes that it will be possible in the near future to obtain enough money to begin a job rehabilitation program for those in the 21 to 30 year old age group who make up the majority of membership of this group, Teranis said.

Council Adopts 3 Ordinances

Action was taken by the City Council Monday night approving adoption of three separate ordinances amending the related sections of the city code.

One of the ordinances changes that section of the code relating to the zoning of residential property by adding a fourth precinct and changes in the boundaries of the existing three precincts.

The second ordinance changes the code to allow an alteration in the hours specified when the board of review will meet and establishes nighttime hours on any day during the board of review meeting period.

Proposed Budget for City Calls for Same Tax Rate

A proposed general operating budget for the City of Farmington for the 1964-65 fiscal year calling for an expenditure of \$480,216 as prepared by City Manager John Dinan was turned over to members of the city council Monday night for study.

The proposed budget covering the period from July 1, 1964 through June 30, 1965 will require no increase in the present city tax rate of \$11.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This is the same city tax rate that has been levied for the past three years now.

Manager Dinan's proposed budget calls for total expenditures for the 1964-65 fiscal year running less than \$14,000 higher than the budget of \$466,434 approved in July of last year for

operations for the current fiscal year. The city actually spent substantially more during the 1963-64 fiscal year than was called for in the budget when drafted. The bulk of this additional expenditure, however, was unexpected and was not included in the budget. The bulk of this additional expenditure, however, was unexpected and was not included in the budget. The bulk of this additional expenditure, however, was unexpected and was not included in the budget.

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The proposed budget recommends the addition of two personnel in the public safety department to give greater coverage for police and fire emergencies and particularly on weekends. The public safety department management is very critical on weekends because of a lack of clerical help to man the desk, the city manager commented.

The public safety department's current budget is \$112,900. The manager's recommended budget for the public safety department for the coming fiscal year is approximately \$160,000 higher.

Manager Dinan's budget also recommends some improvements in the public services (water, sewer, water and sewer) departments.

SALARY adjustments and improvement factors for city employees in all departments calling for increases ranging from 2 1/2 to 5 per cent are specified in the proposed budget.

"During the past three years we have been attempting to improve our pay scale and to have it brought up to date previously and to maintain an enlightened plan to insure the retention of the many valuable employees that provide service to our community," Manager Dinan stated.

The budget has been prepared based on an assessed valuation in the city of approximately \$1.3 billion higher than last year's assessed valuation. See CITY BUDGET Column 4, Page 6A

Have Another Stormy Hearing on Re-zoning

For almost an hour and a half at a public hearing Monday night at the Farmington City Council the re-zoning of a 1.2-acre triangular parcel of land fronting on Freedom Drive a short distance west of Farmington Road.

Gill Addition Contract Let

Official action was taken by the Farmington Board of Education at a special session Monday night awarding the contract for a substantial addition and remodeling work at the Gill elementary school to the Sons coming in the lowest in the field. The bids of the next two low bidding firms were very close to one another but ran about \$7,500 higher than the Hall & Sons bid.

The bid opening was held on Wednesday night of last week but action on the awarding of the contract was delayed until Monday night of this week in order to give Architect J. Macdonald Jacobs time to check out the figures of the three low bidding firms.

Completion of the addition is scheduled in time to be put into use with the start of classes in the fall of this year.

Grant Waiving of License Requirement

A request from officials for the Junior Achievement's program for youth in Southeastern Michigan for a waiver on the city's licensing permit fee requirement for its members was unanimously approved by the Farmington City Council Monday night.

It was felt that since this was a very worthwhile selling exercise for youth and since selling by them was done on a very limited basis, the city would be justified in waiving all licensing requirements.

The west part of Farmington Road. The property's owner, Devere Fleming, is seeking to have it re-zoned from its present single family residential classification to R-1C (home and commercial) to permit the construction of an architect's office there presently and other office building units later.

Homeowners of Alta Loma subdivision which abuts and extends to the north of this small parcel contend that any change of zoning on this parcel will be detrimental to them. At an initial hearing before the planning commission held earlier, the homeowners appeared in large numbers to voice vigorous objections to the zoning change.

Despite this fact, however, the planners voted 5-1 in favor of recommending that the zoning change be granted. The planning commission was that of offices would be the best use for this parcel since it would provide a buffer between the adjacent swim club property and the homes to the south and the single family homes to the north.

THE ALTA LOMA homeowners turned out in equally as large numbers to voice the same objections to the re-zoning. See STORMY HEARING Column 6, Page 8A

Unearth Bones of Human Being

Construction workers excavating along Nine Mile Road for the installation of water lines uncovered the bones of a human in Tuesday afternoon, April 7.

Robert Lessmer of 34065 West Nine Mile Road called Farmington Township Police officers to the site where the bones were unearthed. Lt. Thomas Schreiber of the Township Police Department said the bones appeared to be that of a 12 or 14-year-old youth and had been in the ground for some time. He indicated the skull and other bones found had been sent to the on-site lab in Lansing for further study.

Two Hearings Held in Twp.

At public hearings held before the Farmington Township Board last week, the necessity for sewer improvements in Holly Hill Subdivision and road improvements in the Holly Hill Subdivision No. 2 was established.

For the Holly Hill sewer system a second hearing on estimates has now been established for Monday, April 27. For the proposed road improvements in Franklin Knolls, however, a second hearing was not scheduled.

Before any road work cost estimates can be established, approval on necessary road construction facilities must be given as required by the county road commission. Supervisor Curt Hall explained. The date for a hearing on this required drainage work has not yet been set.

Two Police Officers Complete Training

Two officers from the Farmington City Public Safety Department last week completed a 12-hour in-service training course in the handling of youth in connection with regular police work.

Sgt. Robert F. Desmond and Officer Richard H. Miller were the two officers from the Farmington City Public Safety Department who completed the comprehensive course, given by the Delinquency Control Training Center. The classes were held at the Oak Park Police Station and were sponsored by Wayne State University. The classes were the course instructor.