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Preliminary School Budget Tops \$7 Million

Expenditures More Than Incoming Funds

In a year of record high budgets, it appears that the Farmington School District will be no exception. At their Monday evening meeting, the Board gave their approval to a preliminary operating budget of \$7,141,147. Highest in history for the Farmington Public Schools, it tops the current budget by over \$800,000. The total anticipated expenditures top the total revenue by \$198,647.

Of the \$7 million budget, \$5,374,440 goes for instruction. A breakdown shows elementary expenditures to be \$2,815,200; secondary, \$2,225,300; special education, \$302,700; summer school, \$16,215; and adult education, \$23,875.

Other monies include \$254,670 for administration; \$7,550 for attendance services; \$8,000 for health services; \$201,096 for transportation; \$181,700 operation of plant; \$244,163 maintenance of plant and equipment; \$124,240 fixed charges; \$117,929 capital outlay; and \$3,450 community services.

Building of the proposed 1966-67 budget has been a long task. Building principals and other departments submit



Police Shift 3 in City

A reorganization of the City of Farmington's Department of Public Safety has been announced by PSD Maurice Foltz. In the changes, Donald H. Youles was named a patrol sergeant and shift commander. Glenn T. Harding was named to similar post; while Alfred Van Dell was transferred to the Department's Detective Bureau.

Youles, 39, has been with the department since 1954. For the past year and a half he had been assigned to the detective bureau. A native of Farmington, Youles was in the Marine Corps from 1944 to 1946. Prior to joining the Farmington Department, he was a member of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for a year. He is married and has three children.

Harding, 25, is married and has four children. He has been a member of the force since 1942 and went four years in the Air Force.

Van Dell is single. He has been with the Farmington Police Department since 1949.

New School Site Picked

A site in section 4 of Farmington Township was selected as the location for the school district's new elementary school. It is scheduled to open, if possible, in September, 1967. This action was taken by a unanimous vote at the regular Monday night meeting of the Farmington Board of Education.

The school plot is located north of the Briar Hill subdivision and south of Heritage Hills, now under construction. The area is bordered by 13 and 11 Mile Rds., Farmington Rd. and Drake Rd.

The administration said that enrollment projections indicate the section 4 site to be most desirable if roads and utilities were developed in time to serve the school.

At present 148 Briar Hill children are being bused to Alameda school. The opening (Continued on Page 20-B)

Township Clears Way for Rouge Clearing

Farmington Township gave its go ahead to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project to widen and clear six-tenths of a mile of the Rouge River channel in Section 35 and 36 and to clear the flood plain for a distance of 50 feet back from both river banks Monday night.

Both the City and the Township will benefit from the project which is estimated to cost a total of \$2,000. The local government would pay costs which have been pegged at \$3,500 by the Army. The Federal Government will fork over \$20,100 for the work.

However, this figure is termed as a high estimate and local officials place the cost to the City and Township at less than \$500. This reduction is brought about by the fact that the owners of the Children's Hospital property, the Grasse Pointe Nursing Home, have agreed to pay the \$1,600 paving bill for black topping in the area.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall told the Township Board that under the agreement the Township would have to agree to pay any additional costs other than those outlined by the Corps of Engineers. He said that he had talked to Farmington City Manager John Dinan and was assured that the matter would be taken up at next Monday's City Council session.

Dinan told The Observer that the matter would come under discussion and that there was no question that the project would also benefit the City. Dinan added that he had suggested to the City that the City had a "moral obligation" to help defray the costs, but added that he didn't know to what extent the Council would vote to help pay this bill. "We will work with them on the project," Dinan asserted.

Hall said that he had suggested to Dinan that perhaps the City could agree to pay a certain percentage of the costs rather than a set figure of the estimate.

The Township received a letter from the Michigan Water Resources Commission outlining the proposal on Jan. 12, but had delayed action on the matter until it had time to study it. Local costs would be borne out of the general funds and in answer to a question from the audience the Board stated that there would be no special assessment district set up on this.

What the Board actually did Monday night was to authorize Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan to draft the necessary resolution, but the project has been given its go ahead.

In response to the question in your opinion what are the five most important things which need to be done to make this a better community," the

New Trash Collection Examined

Farmington Township Trustees Earl Oberbauer would like to see a generally workable system of trash pickup throughout the Township rather than the monthly service available to residents who wish it.

He reported to the Township Board Monday night that he was aware that under the Township form of government there was not possible to have a Department of Public Works and that such a service would have to be administered by the Township officials through a private contractor.

However, he pointed out that a currently operating residents 50 a quarter for the service. He reported that the City of Southfield pays \$2.50 a quarter per resident for a similar service.

"At this point I don't wish to advocate any particular type or program," he said, "but I do think the Board should study this problem."

During the question and answer portion of the meeting a resident asked Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall if such a system of trash collection would be easier under a city form of government rather than the present Township form.

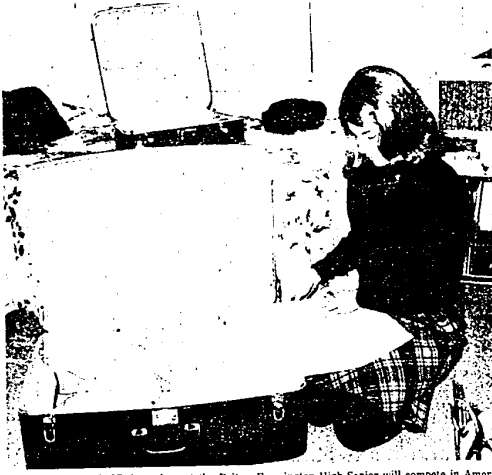
Hall told him that he would like to answer the question and had definite opinions on the subject, but was restrained by a "cease and desist" order which is thwarting the democratic process." However, Hall assured him he will be adjourned in just a few moments and then I'll be happy to answer your question in an unofficial capacity.

Following adjournment of the meeting Hall told the resident that under the City form of government the additional revenues would make the creation of a Department of Public Works feasible.

Township Eyes Cost

Farmington Township officials will prepare the specifications and obtain a cost analysis of extending connections for future lateral sewer lines from the Farmington Interceptor sewer on Eight Mile Rd. in Section 35 prior to the County's widening of the road this summer, while they determine how such a project should be financed.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall told the Board that an estimated \$11 (Continued on Page 20-B)



THINGS ARE HECTIC these days at the Britton Junior Miss Contest! Bonnie is busy parking for the trip above. (See related story on page 4B.)

Pool, Auditorium Petitions Circulating to Get on Ballot

The drive to place a proposal for swimming pools and auditoriums in the Farmington community is well underway according to an announcement by the Farmington Jaycees.

The Jaycees are spearheading the drive for 2,000 signatures to place the question on the ballot at the annual school election June 13. The proposal is an outgrowth of their recently conducted Community Attitudes Survey.

Dr. John Richardson, Jaycee Community Development Chairman, says the City of Farmington survey indicated that the citizens of the community felt a strong need for these facilities.

In response to the question in your opinion what are the five most important things which need to be done to make this a better community," the need for auditoriums and pools was mentioned more frequently than any other response.

As a follow up to the survey the Jaycees contacted city and township officials, the Board of Education, and other interested civic leaders and determined that the most logical approach to obtaining these facilities was through the school district since pools and auditoriums were a part of the long range master plan for the high schools.

A telephone survey by the Jaycee Auxiliary involving approximately 250 persons chosen at random who voted in the last two school elections further substantiated the desire for these facilities, with a 4 to 1 majority in favor of the proposals.

Working closely with the Board of Education, the Administration, and the attorney for (Continued on Page 20-B)

Meeting Slated

The next meeting of the study committee considering the proposed incorporation of Farmington Township will be Monday, March 21 at 8 p.m. at Dunckel Junior High. The junior high is located on 12 Mile Rd. just east of Farmington. The study committee Chairman Joseph T. Brennan said that the group would possibly report on the proposal to the Board of Education and Farmington Township combining as one governmental unit.

Postpone Commission

According to the Farmington Human Relations Council's Newsletter the group's Board of Directors voted at its last meeting to postpone a formal request to the City Council and Township Board for a Human Relations Commission.

"Lack of public response (either positive or negative) to the idea prompted the postponement," according to the newsletter.



LARKSHIRE FIFTH and sixth graders were president of the Board of Education, spoke the flag bearers at the new school's dedication while the Rev. Robert E. Zoeller, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Inspiration, gave the invocation. Mark Webb; Craig Paul; Bill McKenna; Ricky Stoddard; Leland G. Clifford, president, lead the dedication pledge.

Grade School Child Is YMCA Seminar Topic

An eight week seminar on "Your Grade School Child" will be held at the Farmington YMCA beginning March 23. The sessions will be conducted at the YMCA on Grand River from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays.

It is open to parents of grade school children and other interested adults. Objective of the program is to provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about the development of grade schoolers; to discuss some of the common problems of grade schoolers; and to become acquainted with various resources of the community.

Topics will include: normal behavior; family relationships; school; physical development; discipline; developing ethics and morals; emotional development; and where to go for help.

Dr. Sanford Bloomberg, a practicing psychiatrist in Farmington, will serve as a resource person. Mrs. Margaret Morris will serve as group moderator. Registration, which are limited to 24 people, may be made by contacting the YMCA at 474-3232.

Bad Roads Irk Section 35 Residents

Residents from Section 35 just west of Truck Rd. in Farmington Township were out in full force Monday night at the regular session of the Township Board.

They were complaining about their roads and asserted that they couldn't get anything done. They said that they had been to the Oakland County Road Commission and had received many promises, but nothing was ever done. According to them the problem has existed for 15 years.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall told them that both he and Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns had written the Road Commission about that area and that they had gotten "promises and vacancies" from the Commission along with the explanation that the funds just weren't available to do the work.

"If I were not restrained by a Court order I could say something about this," Hall said, "but after we adjourn here I will have something to say."

Township Trustee Thomas Nolan added that he "wished we had control of this."

This was an obvious reference to the fact that while a Township all road work is done by the Oakland County Road Commission, but that under the state law a portion of the gasoline and weight taxes which maintain the roads are returned directly to the cities for their use in doing their own maintenance.

The residents were zoned by the end of the meeting, however, and did not hear any comments Hall had to make.

Medicare Opens Headquarters in Farmington

Citizens 65 and over have until March 31 to sign up for the federally sponsored Medicare program which becomes effective in July.

No physical examination is necessary and you do not have to qualify for social security.

Senior citizens from Farmington may contact the Medicare Headquarters at the R. of C. Hall, 21900 Middlebelt one week day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to sign up for the program.

A special meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 25 at the Farmington Junior High School cafeteria to discuss the program. A speaker from the social security administration will be present to answer questions.



HIGHMEADOW STUDENTS participated in an International Day last week and to further the flavor the students wore costumes of various lands. The Girl Scouts and Brownies furnished the entertainment at a dinner sponsored by the PTA that night. They sang songs from Brazil, Denmark and the Philippines. From left, are Sallie Racke, a fifth grader; Sharon Racke, Clifford Racke, second grade; sixth grader; Keith Racke, first grade; and Debbie Tomchak, sixth grader. The girls all made their own costumes as a part of the work necessary to earn their Girl Scout Sewing Badge.

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