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City Budget Gets Review

The proposed fiscal budget for the City of Farmington for 1966-67 this week began receiving the undivided attention of Councilmen with Wednesday, May 11, at 8 p.m. set for the public hearing on the \$560,357 budget.

The proposed budget is up slightly more than \$18,000 from the 1965-66 budget of \$541,056. CITY MANAGER John Dissan, who prepares the 50-page budget, reported:

"The budget is designed to continue our program of providing tools, equipment and programs resulting in producing more effective service to the community at all levels. In addition to equipment and capital improvements, salary adjustments and fringe benefits, especially in the Public Safety Department, were given foremost consideration in the development of the budget to maintain an enlightened program of work performed," Dissan stated.

Blue Cross coverage is provided for the first time in the proposed budget and will cover all 47 of the City's employees. The medical and hospitalization plan, as proposed, equals the cost of what one Blue Cross subscriber would pay in a similar group plan, about \$10 per month paid for each employee by the City. At the present time, the City does not participate in any Blue Cross coverage for employees.

"As part of our reorganization of the Public Works and Water & Sewer Departments we have strengthened our operational administration with the appointment of a Director of Public Services and additional clerical help. The Public Service Administration has instituted new procedures in the area of records, work assignments, cost accounting disposition of complaints and have improved planning and scheduling of the various departments in the two departments. Productivity should be on the upswing."

Memorial Day / Parade Plans Include Jets

The Memorial Day Parade Committee, headed by J. J. Barh announced this week a flight of jet planes will fly in formation over the City to kick-off the Monday, May 30, parade at 10 a.m.

Many marching units have already been contacted and will be participating in the annual parade. Units from the various military services, scout organizations, local bands and many others have announced their intentions to participate.

"RESPECT FOR THE FLAG" is the theme being promoted in this year's Memorial Day Parade. Barh said local groups and organizations are encouraged to enter parade floats in keeping with this theme on the Memorial Day spirit. All floats and marching units planning on joining the parade must be approved by the Parade Committee.

A luncheon is to be held immediately following the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 Middlebelt Road in Farmington.

Reservations may be made for this luncheon by contacting one of the following: Joseph DeLoe (KL 8-2268), Hubert J. Barh (GR 4-9286), Helen Kure (GR 6-0723), or Alma Rose Mattox (GR 4-3831).

Reservations for the luncheon will be \$125 per person. All reservations must be paid for in advance. No reservations will be held after May 20.

Stage Hearing On Master Plan

A public hearing on the adoption of the City of Farmington's comprehensive Master Plan was staged Tuesday night, April 25, before the Farmington City Planning Commission.

The hearing lasted about an hour with objections to a proposed land acquisition program in the City's plans for expansion of park sites drawing the heaviest response from residents. The plan proposed for addition to the Rouge River Valley park site south of Grand River Avenue would affect residents living on the east side of Brookdale, taking in a portion of the rear of those lots.

Copies of the Master Plan were distributed to homes in the City two weeks ago. Planning Commission Chairman Fred Siebert termed objections to the Master Plan light and expressed appreciation for the comments aired by residents Monday night could be resolved without major revisions. The public hearing and research conducted by the planners with the next step being its adoption in accordance with the City Code.



CLEAN-UP MONTH during May was officially proclaimed by a joint proclamation issued this week by Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall (left) and Farmington City Manager John Dissan standing in the foreground. Residents of the community are urged by officials to join the annual May Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Campaign. Special dates for trash collections have been set in both the City and Township. A Proclamation was also issued this week in observance of Arbor Day and garden clubs and scout organizations from the community planted trees, flowers and shrubs to mark the observance.

Twp. Plans Clean-Up Month, Crackdown on Junk Cars

The Farmington Township Board resolved at their regular meeting Monday night, April 25, to crack-down on junk cars not only cluttering the yards of some residents but also on those accumulating at service stations around the Township.

Township Board Trustee Thomas A. Duke said Monday night, "We got rid of two junk yards on Grand River Avenue and now these down are giving us junk yards all over the Township." Duke was referring to certain service stations in the towing business which have engaged in the practice of keeping wrecked cars on their premises in order to collect storage fees.

Service stations presently engaged in towing wrecked cars will be directed by the Township to haul the vehicles immediately to the Farmington City and Township Car Pound on Haggerty Road north of Grand River Avenue, the Bettyes Brothers Junk Yard. Bettyes' maintain a 24-hour service, it was emphasized by Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall, and there is no reason an eyesore on service station lots around the Township.

CLEAN-UP MONTH which is scheduled to run throughout May is expected to see a redoubled effort on the part of Township officials to bear down on violators of the Anti-Blight Ordinance. All motor vehicles not licensed for 1966 being stored in the open by residents can be held in violation of the junk car ordinance.

THE TOWNSHIP has set two special trash pick-up days on May 10 for the collection of rubbish and trash not picked up by regular trash collection services and yard cleaning. Everything short of junk cars will be picked up on these special days.

May 14 (for residents living south of Ten Mile Road), and Saturday, May 21 (for all residents living north of Ten Mile). If additional days are needed to cover each of these areas, the following Monday, May 16 and 23, respectively, will be scheduled for trash collection.

IN THE CITY OF Farmington, special trash pick-up days have been set for each Monday in May (except Memorial Day) with each area of the City to be covered. On Monday, May 2, the City DPW trucks will be covering the area from Power Road to Farmington Road, north of Nine Mile Road; on Monday, May 16, the area from Power to Orchard Lake Road, north of Nine Mile; and Saturday, May 21, the area east of Orchard Lake Road will be covered. Residents are asked to have all their trash at the curb and ready to be picked up before 7:30 a.m. on collection days.

Twp. Bd. Studies 'Subsidiary' Plan

The Farmington Township Board heard a report from Trustee Thomas R. Nolan on ambulance service rates proposed by the Superior Ambulance Company now serving the Township.

Nolan expressed the belief more time was needed for study and review before submitting a final report to indicate Superior's proposed rates, a flat \$3,600 per year, were high. The report was made at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night, April 25.

Superior Ambulance petitioned the Board last month for a "subsidized" rate increase from the \$300 paid last year to the \$3,600 figure under study by Nolan's sub-committee.

There were a total of 239 personal injury accidents in Farmington Township last year which required ambulance service and in addition, Nolan's report pointed out, Superior made a number of "dry runs" where calls to the scene of accidents did not require transporting of those injured or thought to be injured.

Township Sets Zoning Board Agenda Ap. 28

Public hearings and zoning requests to come up before the Farmington Township Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting on April 28, will include a rezoning request by A. C. Kahrl for a party store and contingent parking on Shawsee Rd. between Purdue and Colgate Streets. It will entail a change from RA-4 to P-1 (local business) and P-1 (vehicular parking) the applicant being Mr. Figley for the Michigan Bank of Detroit.

There will be a continuation of the preliminary review in which Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hutcheson, owners of a convalescent home on Middlebelt Rd. between Liberty and Independence Streets, wish to enlarge their facility.

THE PROPOSED purchaser of property at the southeast corner of Farmington Street and Farmington Rd., R. W. Johnson, will request a change from RA-3 to B-1 (local business) for the purpose of building a professional office structure.

There will be a continuation of the preliminary hearing for the proposed Smokey subdivision in the southeast corner of section 30.

A rezoning from RA-2 to O-500 TOWNSHIP PLANNERS Page 8A

Superior Board Members Voted to Register in Order to be Eligible to Vote June 8

Next is only this weekend and next for Township residents to register in order to be eligible for the Incorporation Election on June 6. The deadline for registering for the June 6 Election is Monday, May 9.

The Township Clerk's office will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 29, and May 6 for registering voters. The office will also be open from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, and May 7. On the final day of registrations, the Clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you have recently moved or have not voted during the past two years you must register to be eligible to vote June 6.

Under state law registrations must be closed 30 days prior to an election.

Superior Board members were in agreement that ambulance service was a Township responsibility but they were reluctant to be committed to any subsidization in the amount proposed by Superior. It was pointed out hospitals have similar problems in collections but yet are not subsidized by the Township. They (Superior) are in business and must consider all the possibilities.

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Festival Dates; Theme Announced

General Chairmen for the 1966 Farmington Founders' Festival, John K. Cotton and Harley Walters, announced this week the dates have been set for the three-day observance on July 28, 29 and 30. The theme for this year's Festival will be "Farmington Honors Its Own."

In making the announcement of this year's Festival dates and theme, Cotton and Walters stated the major contributions of Farmington citizens in the field of government and politics, entertainment, the communications media, sports and others will be highlighted with a community-wide salute to these individuals.

"THERE ARE MANY Farmington persons who have earned a place of prominence in their field," Cotton said, "such as Warren 'Red' Cawley (Olympic Gold Medal Winner and World Record Holder in the 400 meter hurdles) who will be featured as 'Farmington Honors Its Own' in this year's Founders' Festival."

Walters, a life-time resident of Farmington and a member of the Farmington Historical Society, also added persons who have added much to the heritage of the community through long and active service which has helped shape Farmington into the fine community it is today will be honored during the Festival.

ONE OF THE FIRST activities set in motion for this year's Founders' Festival is the Bear Growing Contest being co-sponsored by the Farmington Enterprise and the Farmington Elk, Lodge No. 1988 B.P.O.E. Registration for the Bear Growing Contest opened April 2 and to date more than 80 men have started on what should provide considerable interest in this year's Founders' Festival.

Last year, the Founders' Festival included many activities which proved highly successful and will again be planned into the schedule for this July's events. To mention just a few of these attractions, a Miss Founders' Festival Beauty Pageant, Giant Parade, a "Battle of the Bands" and Teen Dance (A-Go-Go, an Oz-Road and Chicken Bar-B-Q are in the Festival plans for 1966).

The Festival promises to be every bit as big as last year's and again is expected to draw record numbers of persons out to join in the gala activities.

Ready Ballot In School Vote

An eight-page resolution containing the pertinent information regarding the June 13 vote on the construction of three swimming pools and auditoriums in Farmington school district was adopted by the Board of Education at their meeting on April 25. Petitions signed by more than 3000 electors were presented at a previous meeting requesting that the matter be placed before the voters.

The pools and auditoriums, if approved, will be added to the existing senior high school and included in the third one to be constructed. To accomplish this, the following propositions will be submitted at the forthcoming election:

I. BOND PROPOSITION: Shall Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) and issue its bonds therefor, for the purpose of defraying the cost of erecting, furnishing and equipping, as additions to the Farmington Senior High School, three swimming pools and auditoriums located on the north side of Farmington Township's Stone Creek Subdivision.

The driver of the car which struck the boy was also injured as the vehicle overturned. 17-year-old Richard P. Gunderlock of 32355 Nestlewood in Farmington, the driver of the car, was heading east on Ten Mile Road at the time of the accident, 7:50 p.m. last Friday night.

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Teachers Propose Textbook Changes

Textbook changes as proposed by members of the teachers who have been studying the new texts for as long as three years were approved by the Board of Education at their April 25, meeting.

The affected subjects are high school math, English, and chemistry, and teachers involved in the study group were enthusiastic about the new teaching possibilities which will be provided by the changes.

Car Falls Boy on Bike; Overtakes with Driver

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Educational TV Report Made

The Educational Television Committee made the following recommendations to the Board of Education at their meeting April 25:

Continuation of membership in MPATI for Ten Mile School, estimated cost, \$1,000. Continuation of membership in Channel 56, Langacre, Middlebelt, Eagle, Cloverdale, Bond, Kenbrook and Shawsee Schools, estimated cost \$700. New membership in Channel 56 for Parkshire, Gill and Highmeadow Schools, estimated cost \$300.

With the exception of Herbert Neal, the board voted to approve these suggestions. Neal said that his negative vote was based on the high cost of the MPATI program and the fact that Farmington is located on the outer fringes of the reception area for the aircraft-based television transmittal.

OUR COLUMNIST ANNE M. PHILLIPS in Wood Creek Farms Village came up with an interesting report this week in the "small world dept." It seems a Wood Creeker was vacationing in northern Michigan with his wife and friends and stopping off at Wartman's AFB for dinner. Our subject, Dick McGrath, was walking down the hall when another man scrutinized him closely (neither was in uniform) and said "Navy?" McGrath answered "yes". Then came the question "Kodiac?" Answer: "yes". It seems that 22 years ago when McGrath was a naval officer stationed in the Aleutians his ship stopped at Kodiak and he went ashore for dinner at the Officers Club. As he was going by a slot machine he felt in his pocket and our subject, Dick McGrath, which he put in the machine and pulled the handle. Quarters sprued out all over the place. This happened just after a captain who had been playing the machine for hours, getting nothing, decided to give up in disgust. Imagine it would be difficult to forget a face belonging to the person who hit the jackpot on the very next quarter.

YOUNG JOHN PEACE who is one of our favorite newspaper boys is recovering from an accident he suffered last Friday when he hit by a car while riding his bicycle. Our best wishes for speedy recovery go out to John this week. We know his customers in Stone Creek Subdivision are pulling for him, too.

LATEST ENTRIES IN THE Founders' Day Festival Bear Growing Contest are Bob Kleiss of 22871 Frederick and Don P. Gould of 20030 Purling Brook. Have you seen the noisy whiflers on Bud Fell of the Farmington Pitt Stop, catch the Region-8 Slot-Car Races at the Pitt Stop this Saturday, April 30, beginning at 11 a.m. and 5¢ Bud for yourself. There's still time to get in the FFFBGC. The judging isn't until July 29. Sign-up at the Biks or at the following barber-shop: Ken and Pete's Korner, Clip-Joint and McCouglins.

SOMEONE HAS DUBBED the Jaycee boat in the City Park "USS TETANUS". We hope the name doesn't stick.

Festival Kick-Off Dinner May 18

The May general membership meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce will be the kick-off for the preparations for the Farmington Founders' Festival.

The dinner meeting will be held at the Farmington Senior High School on Shawsee Avenue starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18.

BOARD OF COMMERCE president William Bowman announced that Founders' Festival Chairman John K. Cotton and Harley Walters will report on plans for this year's Festival to be held July 28, 29 and 30. The theme for this year's Festival will be "Farmington Honors Its Own."

Bob Lindberg and Ed Balden will report on the progress of the Board's current membership drive.

Detroit's Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh will be guest speaker for the dinner. Tickets will be "What Does Municipal Government Expect From the Business Community?". Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available from City Board of Commerce Director or from the Board office. Call 474-3440 for information.

School Road Repair Costs Ok'd by Bd.

Since improvement of the road surface of Rhoswood will be essential to the completion of Fairview School, the Board of Education at its April 25 meeting agreed to pay one-third of the cost of the improvement. Another third will be met by the board of county road commissioners, and the abutting property owners will be asked to participate in sharing the remaining one-third. It was estimated that the school board's share would amount to approximately \$6800.

The Latest Addition to playground facilities in the Farmington City Park is the boat pictured above which the Jaycees plan to fix up as a permanent fun spot for youngsters. Before being chained to the tree by the City DPW, the boat was launched twice by pranksters in as many days in the Rouge River. A large hole in the boat's bottom prevented it from getting very far down stream and it was retrieved each time by the DPW. City Councilmen were concerned last week about a possible hazard for children present by the boat in its present condition but the youngsters above weren't mindful. The Jaycees are right about one thing, the boat is an attraction for kids.

