

In Township:

Industrial Park Cocktail Spot OK'd

Farmington Township moved Monday to encourage development of a motel-restaurant-cocktail lounge complex at Farmington Freeway Industrial Park by approving a liquor license for a development company executive.

The license application, in the name of William Bowman, executive vice president of Thompson-Brown Co., goes next to the state Liquor Control Commission.

Thompson-Brown is developer of the industrial park, located in the 1.99 and 10 Mile areas on the west side of the township. As Bowman explained it, his name would be on the liquor license until some time after the complex is completed.

The Township Board gave a 6 to 0 approval of his application.

Bowman said the Class B (liquor, beer and wine for a motel or hotel) license was needed in order to interest a potential investor in the site.

Actual operator of the restaurant, Bowman told the board, would be Daniel Moody, presently operator of a restaurant and catering service in the Six Mile-Schafer area of northwest Detroit.

Bowman outlined plans for an eventual \$1.3 million complex. It would include a \$1 million motel and a \$250,000 restaurant with \$100,000 more worth of equipment.

Township Supervisor Curtis Hall expressed concern that the project not be halted with the cocktail lounge, but that the motel be built at the same time.

Bowman said that land is definitely reserved for the 100-unit motel part of the complex, but that it would take a market study—available in a few weeks—to indicate when the motel ought to be built.

Bowman declined to reveal the name of the Thompson-Brown project for the motel. He did, however, show board members a copy of a letter from the Quality Courts franchise manager testifying that a liquor license is a highly desirable asset to lure motel investment.

Bowman also presented letters and affidavits from owners and executives in the industrial park who declared that a motel, restaurant and cocktail lounge were greatly needed.

Some executives said they had to go as far as Holiday

inn in Southfield to find accommodations for business callers at their plants, Bowman declared.

Restaurateur Moody said the existing establishment would have two levels—an upper one for cafeteria, family-style dining (without liquor) and a lower one for the steak house and cocktail lounge.

Trustee Peter Klipp Jr. abstained from voting on the liquor license matter on the ground that his firm has been talking business with Thompson-Brown.

While Supervisor Hall expressed reservations about a dining-drinking establishment without the motel investment, Trustee Thomas Nolan was enthusiastic about it. "The motels are filled all the way down Grand River," said Nolan, "and there is a lack of good facilities in this area."



KEN NELSON of 22825 Tulane registers for this fall's Junior Football program in Farmington. From left, Jim MacManus, head coach, and Richard Grudke, assistant coach, welcome Ken to the program. Register-

Township OKs Final Budget For April 1st

Four and a half months ago, Farmington Township's fiscal year began. But it was not until Monday night, under Michigan's strange money laws, that the Township Board approved the year's budget.

Adopted after a public hearing attended by only two persons, the budget contained no startling surprises:

- The township's share of the winter property tax pie will remain at 1.2 mills. This year, because of increased valuations, it will bring in an estimated \$133,600 compared to last year's \$118,700.
- The two voted mills will bring in another \$222,800 compared to last year's \$172,000.
- The overall operating budget will amount to \$889,400, up about 15 per cent from last year's \$772,800.

The budget approved Monday was some \$75,500 less than the \$958,038 proposed by the township last spring to the County Tax Allocation Board. That first budget had asked Farmington Township's share of the tax pie be raised from 1.2 mill to 1.7. The Tax Allocation Board, however, kept it at 1.2.

The final budget, therefore, was some \$60,000 less than the original. Supervisor Curtis Hall said cuts were made in these basic areas:

- Building fund transfer (for township office expansion), \$10,000; site improvement, \$13,000; capital outlay—fire engine, \$13,000; roads and highways, \$10,000; and engineering consultant, \$1,500.

Nevertheless, said Hall, actual spending is likely to be about five per cent

less than the budget figure. That money, Hall said, would thus become available for the township building fund, now in the \$300,000 range. A township committee is currently working on an expansion plan that would more than double the present, clearly cramped facilities.

The special fund, township officials contend, will make it possible to finance the expansion from a bank account without asking voters for a tax increase.

The new budget also contained raises for the township's top three administrative officers. Supervisor Hall was raised to \$13,750 (from \$10,000); Clerk Floyd Cairns to \$11,500 (from \$8,500); and Treasurer Elise Avery to \$10,000 (from \$8,000).

Biggest single item is the \$332,126 for the police department, which isn't shown as a lump sum in the official budget. This was untrimmed

from the original proposal of last spring and is some 30 per cent higher than last year.

Another major item is "roads, highways and signs," \$62,300 or about the same as last year's actual expenditure.

Although the fiscal year is more than one-third gone, a number of laws delay passage of a township budget until this time of the year.

The tax base (state equalized valuation of all taxable property) wasn't known until after the fiscal year began; the County Tax Allocation Board's slicing of the 13-mill constitutional winter tax wasn't completed until May; and negotiations with some employes weren't completed until after the fiscal year started.

The public hearing began at 7:30 p.m., a half-hour before the regular board meeting. Hall noted that seven or eight persons attended. The first time a hearing was required under the 1963 state constitution, but the number has dropped steadily since then.



SWIMMERS take off in this meet at the old boys. The club completed the swimming season last week with a perfect free style event for seven and eight-year olds.

Glen Aquatic Has Perfect Season

Farmington Glen Aquatic Club in Farmington has completed its swimming season with a perfect record.

The team has a record of six wins and no losses in the Northwest, Suburban Swim League.

The 13 member club successfully defeated Pinebrook of Southfield, Woodbrook and Orchard Valley of Farmington, Woodsfield of Birmingham, Bloomfield Surf, Beverly Hills.

Coach Jim Winebrenner, 22823 Independence, said

that the team broke more club records than ever before. Children of all ages participate in the competition and only the children of the members of the club are allowed to compete in the area swim league.

There are 14 teams in the whole league and each team is set up in much the same way.

Around 300 families belong to each community pool. They must pay a \$75 bond to join and purchase a mem-

bership. This bond entitles the children of the members to swim for the club.

Winebrenner said that the clubs were formed to give the kids an opportunity to improve their swimming stroke. "Primarily the swimming meets are held for the boys and girls enjoyment," Winebrenner said.

Farmington Glen is now preparing for the league finale which will be held Aug. 16 through 19 at Groves High School in Birmingham.

Schools Hire 24 Teachers

The Farmington Schools hired a total of 24 new teachers for the coming year Monday night, but the Board of Education learned that the District is still shy about 45 teachers to staff the classrooms.

School is scheduled to open for the students Sept. 7.

This problem is not new in the district nor is it unique.

Of the teachers hired, 11 have no previous teaching experience. Nine have less than five years of teaching under their belt, while the other four have more than five years of experience.

Of the four, with more than five years experience one has been a teacher for 18 years, while another has taught for 11 years under the existing salary schedule and all have signed contracts.

None of the district's returning teachers have signed contracts. They are all waiting for a master contract to be agreed upon between the Farmington Education Association and the Board of Education.

Last week the FEAA, represented by the State Labor Mediation Board provided a mediator for the talks which

have been underway since February.

Prior to the closing of the schools in June the teachers voted that they would not return to the classroom in September without having a master contract agreed upon and signed by the two teams.

In other action the Board of Education:

- Approved a plan for the Drake Heights Subdivision in the city subject to the approval of three easements for walkways to schools and with the stipulation that the builder obtain an easement along the recently vacated Oakland Ave. leading to the Longacre School.
- The City Planning Commission reportedly approved the plat Monday night subject to the school's request for walking easements, but did not learn of the district's request for an easement on Oakland and took no action on that stipulation.
- Approved a \$1,000 change order for construction work at the Forest Elementary School. The change order was necessitated when the District learned that the subdivision plans called for the construction of a road to, but not past the school site this year.

This means that the school must grade and provide drainage for entrances and exits to the school property as a temporary measure from its previous plans. The temporary drives will be constructed on a seven percent grade.

- Approved a staff conference for Wednesday, Sept. 6, for a luncheon meeting.
- Approved a leave of absence complete with salary and benefits for Director of Personnel LeRoy Bartman. The leave covered the period of the Detroit riots when Bartman was called into service as a Major in the Air National Guard Unit.

Schools Need New Teachers For Classroom Duties

The Farmington schools still need approximately 45 full-time teachers with the opening of school set for Sept. 7.

This was the estimate of Assistant Superintendent M. VanAmejde at Monday night's session of the Farmington Board of Education. VanAmejde said that this need was about the same as last year at this time.

VanAmejde said that the district is also seeking sub-

stitute teachers.

The district has used the results of the school census in its effort to recruit teachers. A total of 245 former teachers were found living in the school district and VanAmejde said that these people had been contacted about the possibility of returning to the classroom.

VanAmejde noted that the pay for substitute teachers had been raised to \$24 per day and \$12 for half day.

He said that a change in the teacher certification law provided that people with 120 hours of college work (about three years) could obtain a certificate allowing them to teach for 90 days during the school year.

VanAmejde stressed that the college work must include 30 hours taken during the past 10 years, but added that the study need not be in the field of education.

"The school district will obtain the certificate from the state," VanAmejde said, "but the applicants must provide us with a transcript of their college work."

VanAmejde said that a physical examination is also required for teachers under the new state law.

Reports For Duty

Army Private Kirt A. Bartsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Bartsch of 22155 Averhill St., Farmington, has reported for basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. He has been assigned to Company D, 15th Battalion.

Teletrans Works For Fast Delivery

In the near future an airline passenger will deposit his luggage in an electronic power cart in the parking lot and have his baggage arrive at the terminal before he can reach the ticket counter to confirm his flight.

Teletrans Corporation in Farmington Township's Industrial Park has completed its prototype baggage system and on Aug. 16 the company will present it to the 35 airlines for which it was designed.

"Once the system is installed at an airline terminal it will eliminate 80 per cent of the work force," commented the company's Executive Vice President, Thomas Mur-

phy.

The first complete system will primarily be used to exchange luggage between airlines at major connecting airports.

Two feet long and three feet wide carts which move

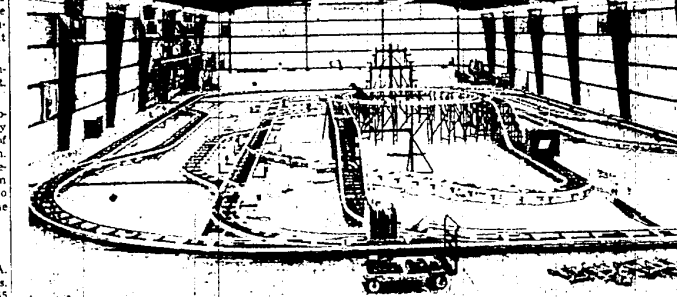
along tracks at about 20 miles an hour will transport passenger luggage to various points in the airport.

These carts—big enough to handle about 75 pounds of luggage—are driven by linear induction motors that reduce the number of moving parts and eliminate any shock usually associated with electric motors.

Each cart has its own "brain" so that it will automatically find its way to the correct plane for boarding and to the luggage area after a flight terminates.

The cart's "brain" would be activated by the passenger. He would insert a punched card previously programmed for that particular flight.

American Airlines experts estimated that 98.4 percent of all passenger luggage can be handled by this system, with only skis and other unusually shaped luggage requiring special handling.



TELETRANS CORPORATION'S prototype baggage system has been completed and is now ready to be demonstrated to the 35 airlines for which it has been designed. This is the prototype at the Teletrans headquarters in Farmington Township's Industrial Park. The workman in the middle of the track is making some minor adjustments in preparation for the official unveiling Wednesday, August 16.

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