

City Joins Council Of Governments

The City of Farmington agreed to join the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Monday night when the Council voted 4-1 to give the \$360 annual dues before Jan. 1, 1968.

City action followed approval of membership in the six-county organization by the Township Board. The Farmington Board of Education has delayed any action on the matter until it is determined whether or not school districts may participate.

Councilman Hugo E. Peterson cast the dissenting vote on the Council. He observed that "there will be a great deal of politics involved and we will have to do many things that we won't want to do because we'll need help."

Noting that the organization would deal with many items of prime importance, Peterson asserted that "probably the good things will outweigh the bad, but I'm just skeptical of it."

Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton observed that no member is bound by any action of the organization

and the local units of government can refuse to participate in any program with which they disagree.

The Council is composed of cities, villages, school districts, townships and county governments from Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Monroe Counties.

Last spring the City Council, the Township Board and the School Board all adopted Resolutions of Intent to become members of the Council.

The Council is composed of a 35-member executive committee elected by a General Assembly, which is comprised of representatives from all of the local governmental units.

The Executive Committee will be the working arm of the Council, while the General Assembly will review any action of the Executive Committee.

Areas in which the Council of Governments is expected to bring about some regional action include: police and fire protection; rubbish collection; water and sewer services; along with general administrative problems.



REV. HATHAWAY

Austerity Budget Kills State Grant For City Park Land

Michigan's austerity budget came home to roost in Farmington Monday night when the City Council learned that the state had allocated no funds this year for the acquisition of park land.

This means that the city will have to fork over 50 percent of the total cost of purchasing a 10-acre parcel on Drake Rd. adjacent to the Longacre School site.

Originally the city had budgeted to pay 25 percent of the estimated \$40,000 cost of the parcel with the state paying 25 percent and the Federal Government 50 percent.

The City Council voted Monday to authorize City

Teen Panel Scheduled

"Teen-age Problems—Parent-Child Empathy" will be discussed at the first meeting of the South Oakland Deacons of the Detroit Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women on Sept. 28, at St. Alexander Parish, 27825 Shiawassee.

Key speaker will be the Rev. Allen M. Hathaway, pastor of the Episcopal Church and currently a member of the clergy staff of Christ Church, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills.

After three years' service as a commissioned naval officer in the Pacific, he received the bachelor of divinity degree. He completed his pastoral clinical training at the Boston State Mental Hospital.

For the past several years, Mr. Hathaway has been extensively involved with programs of mental health, sex education, and family life, both in the church and in the community.

Reactors to Mr. Hathaway's discussion will be Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson of Ferndale and John S. Darby of Royal Oak.

The Andersons are very active in St. James Parish. They have 14 children, ages 10 to 23 years, three of whom are attending Wayne State University. Mrs. Anderson has just returned from day camp work with John Darby, a National Honors student, starts his freshman year at Wayne State where he has a four-year scholarship.

Mrs. Edmund Ziegler, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, is the newly elected president of the South Oakland Deacons of the DACCW, and will preside at the meeting.

Hall Moves Into 'New City' Area

Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall will be able to vote after all in the Oct. 23 election on the proposal to incorporate part of his township into a home rule city.

Hall recently completed a long-contemplated move from the home at 33980 Braebury Ridge in the Village of Quakertown, which was excluded from the ballot proposal.

He has moved into a town house in Independence Green, which is within the proposed "City of Farmington Hills."

The work of taking care of a big house took to be too much, he said.

He said the incorporation proposal.

The move came too late for him to file as a candidate for the city charter commission, although he would be able to run for an office in the new city if and when incorporation is finally approved.

It will leave the township without a supervisor, however. If incorporation is achieved, the villages of Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms and most of Sec. 17 would be left to carry on the functions of township government.

Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton said that "it makes sense to buy this property as soon as possible because of the way land values are rising in this area."

Manager John Dinan to re-submit the application requesting only Federal Government participation in the project.

Additional funds for the purchase, when and if it goes through, are in the city's contingency fund.

The purchase of the parcel for development of a park was approved as part of a five-year program for recreation purposes.

City Manager John Dinan told the Council, however, that the owner of the land had not been contacted about selling the property or about the price.

"We know what the parcel north of this piece of land was sold for," Dinan noted, "and we don't think that we are far off on price for this piece."

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The Council agreed and voted unanimously to authorize Dinan to take the necessary steps to apply for the Federal Grant.

In other action the Council:

- Voted to lift the no parking regulation on the Prospect north of Shiawassee and ban parking on the west side of the street. This action came after the council heard a letter from Edward J. Abfalter of 32090 Shiawassee suggesting this change because of the safety hazard of children crossing the street.
- Scheduled a public hearing on the 1967 Summer Sidewalk Program for 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2 at the City Hall.
- Heard a progress report that the Department of Public Works had received bids for four new car phone mobile radios, and a base station for a total price of \$2,265. The Department had allocated \$3,300 for this in the current budget.
- Proclaimed the week of Oct. 8 through Oct. 14 as Fire Prevention Week in the city.



FARMINGTON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' annual fund drive is presently underway. Two-thirds of the group's budget is obtained from the drive, for which local businesses are contacted by letter, followed up by personal calls. Working on drive details are members of the board of directors (left to right) Patsy Smith, drive chairman, Marina Gahagan (standing), Marjorie Perry, Dorothy Haase, Olga Weir, Vera Lehlang and Margaret Grabowski.

Township Axes Cycle Ordinance

Farmington Township Trustees have killed a proposed ordinance to regulate motorcycle rentals without revealing the text.

Instead, the Township Board will wait for the Planning Commission to suggest a zoning ordinance amendment under which the Zoning Board of Appeals would be able to issue "special use" permits before a motorcycle rental business could be started.

Board consensus Monday was that the "special use" method would be better than a specific ordinance on motorcycle rentals.

SUPERVISOR Curtis Hall observed during the discussion that there had been one such business in the township—"a guy who came out on a weekend and set up headquarters in a gas station and rented 50 or 60 of them."

For awhile, he said, there had been noise complaints in residential areas, notably Westbrooke, Canterbury Commons and Kendallwood.

Attorney J. T. Brennan noted there are laws requiring mufflers on motorcycles, and that the township had obtained "a couple of convictions in justice court."

But he added that arrests are difficult to obtain: "Unfortunately, a bra-a-a-a and the guy's gone."

The problem isn't entirely teen-agers, a board member said. "We have some older juveniles in our neighborhood, too, mothers and fathers with matching helmets."

Road 'Action' Committee Suffering From In-Action

By HENRY J. TEUTSCH

The Citizens Advisory Council's Road Committee started off with a roar last spring, but now it has lost most of its bite.

The committee is plagued with lack of attendance, and poor organization.

During its first meeting last April, the committee passed out road reports to the audience, asked them to describe the bad conditions of their roads and then sign the reports.

At a recent session, the reports were counted. Of the 135 given out, only 30 had been turned in.

Clifford Antis, committee chairman, said that he has been having trouble getting

the people to distribute the reports.

UP UNTIL now, nothing else besides the compiling of these road reports has been accomplished.

A member of Tuesday's audience asked Mrs. Lorraine Legros, president of Citizens Advisory Council, what steps had been taken to foster an effective self-help program for low-income people.

Mrs. Legros admitted, "We haven't implemented any of the steps we first proposed."

It was sadly admitted by Antis that the committee meetings have accomplished nothing so far.

The Enterprise & Observer has been attending the committee's last three meetings, and at none of these sessions were there any motions proposed or acted upon.

THE COMMITTEE'S officers say that the road committee is being sponsored by

the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO).

However, a representative of the OEO was at only one of the three meetings that the Enterprise & Observer attended.

For all intents and purposes, it seems as if the OEO has left the road committee in the lurch.

However, at the last session it was decided to write two letters.

One letter would be sent to Frank J. Kelley, Michigan's Attorney General.

The letter will request Kelley to rule on the committee's legal position for receiving a breakdown of the Oakland County Road Commission's budget.

Antis claimed that the commission has refused to pass out any of its maintenance budgets, and Antis believes that the budgets should be public knowledge.

THE OTHER letter will be (Continued on Page 4A)

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Sports Pages	12B
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Township Eyes Sale Of Unused Park Land

Farmington Township is getting ready to sell five acres of never-used park land that it was given 38 years ago.

The land is located between Glen Oaks Golf Course and Glen Oaks Sub-division northeast of 13 Mile and Middlebelt.

The proposed sale offering, on last Monday's agenda, was tabled so that township attorney J. T. Brennan can find out whatever happened to the members of the now-defunct township park board and solicit their advice.

Supervisor Curtis Hall said the land seems undesirable for a park—it's on a dead-end gravel street, and nearby residents would probably object to the traffic.

Trustee Earl Oppertbauer suggested that proceeds of any sale be used for a recreation purpose.

TWO COUPLES, Edward and Irene Beals and Glenn and Hazel Reddock, gave the

land to the township in 1929. Among the conditions were that the property shall be used in perpetuity for playground and recreation purposes.

"That the premises shall always be known as the Mon-Oaklands Playground . . ."

"That the premises . . . shall always be kept in such condition as to be attractive as a place for recreation and shall not be permitted to become a nuisance in appearance or unattractive as a place for recreation."

CAN THE township sell the land?

Yes, says attorney Brennan, adding:

"Any purchaser or lessee would take subject to these restrictions insofar as they are valid. As a practical matter, it is very unlikely that these restrictions would be enforced or, if enforcement

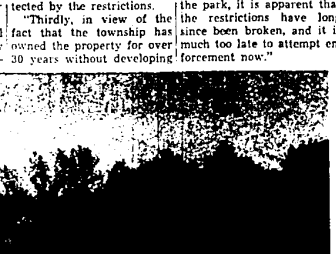
were attempted, that they would be upheld.

For one thing, the only persons who would have any right to complain would be the 'original grantors,' now deceased.

"Secondly, the original grantors no longer have any interest in the area to be proposed for sale."

"Thirdly, in view of the fact that the township has owned the property for over 30 years without developing

the park, it is apparent that the restrictions have long since been broken, and it is much too late to attempt enforcement now."



THIS NEVER-USED park land in Farmington Township is expected to be sold in the near future. The five-acre parcel contains approximately 200 trees which will be cut. When the township received bids on cutting the trees the decision was made to explore the possibility of selling the land. Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan is expected to rule on whether or not the township may sell the land which was donated for use as a park.

Help Us Celebrate

Friday will mark the 80th anniversary of The Farmington Enterprise.

In order to help celebrate The Enterprise & Observer invites all the octogenarians in the Farmington area as our guests during an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday.

If you are 80 years of age—or older—or know of anyone that age it would be appreciated if you would call the Enterprise & Observer at 474-6225 and let us know that you plan to be with us.

Industrial, business and civic leaders have all been invited to help us celebrate this birthday along with all the residents of the Farmington area.

The open house will be held in the Enterprise Building on Farmington Rd. just south of Grand River.