

Schools City, Township Sign Water-Sewer Pact

Revise Budget

Farmington Board of Education adopted a revised budget Monday that contrasts by some \$90,000 with trustees' pre-election estimates with how much the school budget would be in the red at this reckoning. Revised figures call for total expenditure of \$9,351,525. Pre-election estimate for spending was \$9,367,840. Pre-election estimate for income was \$8,438,948. Monday's revised receipts for income were \$8,438,948. Pre-election estimate of the deficit was \$1,002,840. Monday's revised estimate of deficit is \$912,541. A boost to the budget came in and added \$247,706 in income.

THIS BREAKS down to an additional \$101,355 from the current tax levy; \$10,000 from deposits; \$122,015 in state aid; \$1,125 in vocational education funds.

Biggest adjustment in estimated expenditures between the budget adopted in June and the revised budget of Monday night was in personnel salaries.

This amounted to an increase of \$675,523. Adjustment for administrators' salaries was \$25,651 upward. Plant operations called for a hike of \$57,406; plant maintenance for one of \$33,668. Fixed charges went up by \$74,700. Cost of pupil transportation increased by \$15,850.

BOARD PRESIDENT Herbert R. Neal commented as the revised budget was adopted. "Our operating balance is \$900,000 less this July 1 than it was last July 1. We can't go on forever." During discussion about another item later in the meeting, Trustee Sanford Bloomberg referred back to expenses and said, "We may have to re-evaluate our entire program next year. I hope not, but we may have to."

Off-Campus Course Set For Jan. 17

A graduate course in education is being offered Farmington area students through Central Michigan University Off-Campus Education in cooperation with Eastern Michigan University. Enrollment for the course is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in Room B-1, North Farmington High School. Dr. James Davidson, coordinator with the CMU School of Education, will teach the course titled Education 551, Supervision of Student Teaching. This is listed in the CMU catalog as LE591.



WINTER WONDERLAND — That's what the Michigan Tourist Council calls the state at this time of year. From the looks of the City Skating rink Saturday afternoon many people agree with the slogan. Figure skaters, beginners, and hockey players can all be seen on the ice at Farmington Rd. and Shiawassee.

Motel, Apartment Idea Opposed By Developer

Groundswells of an approaching tiff between developers of the Chatham Hills subdivision and a proposed neighboring multi-family project of 170 apartment units were evidenced at Monday's meeting of the Farmington Planning Commission.

At issue is the question of how much of a buffer zone will be left between the private homes of Chatham Hills, costing from \$35,000 to \$60,000, and the planned complex next door, which is designed to include a motel and shopping center as well as the multiple units.

The general area is that lying east of Halstead Rd. between Grand River and Nine Mile Rd.

Three Pay Court Fines In Township Cases

Farmington Township Justice of the Peace Byron Walter accepted guilty pleas from three defendants on separate charges Friday, fine all three and sending one to Oakland County jail for five days.

Charles W. Russell, 47, of 21705 Colgate, drew the last penalty, plus a fine and costs totaling \$97.50, when he pleaded guilty to simple larceny.

The CHATHAM HILLS single-family development already is well under way, and the multi-purpose complex is only in the planning stage. The latter would occupy the 29 acres in the southeast quadrant of Halstead and Grand River, immediately abutting Chatham Hills just to the east.

Monday, the planning commission gave the complex the go-ahead by voting to rezone 10 acres of the parcel from ERO (Education, Research and Office) to R-3 (multi-family) and C-2 (general commercial). The rest of the sector already meets the developer's needs. The commission's action came on the heels of a public hearing in which only one objector rose to be heard—George Pastor, the developer of Chatham Hills, who had the floor for 30 minutes.

He complained that in the preliminary design his neighboring developer, Bruce Polozner, has failed to leave a satisfactory "green belt" between the two projects.

Pastor said that in lieu of the "green belt" he would agree to a road, or another tier of homes, but this drew no response. The commission approved the zoning change unanimously, and now it must go to the Farmington City Council for final approval. Before that is granted, however, another public hearing must be held and it could be a strenuous one.

IN A SECOND public hearing Tuesday, the commission heard proponents advocate rezoning of an area on Farmington Rd. north of Maple Nut to change it from R-1 (one family) to R-3 (multi-family) and again voted approval.

In its third major decision of the night, the commission also was given a request to divide a 183-foot piece of acreage fronting on Powers Rd. at the northwest intersection with Nine Mile Rd. into three lots of virtually equal size for individual resale. There were no objections.

He also was ordered to make restitution of \$64.50 to the complainant.

Lee Evans, 27, of 19762 Sam-Insloe, Redford Township, paid fines and costs of \$53.50 for assault and battery, and Dennis O'Keefe, 19, of 27435 W. Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, was assessed \$75 for careless driving.

Expanded Coverage Has News For All

Continuing the expanded coverage of news stories and pictures during the blackout of Metropolitan dailies because of the strike situation, we have many unusual items for your reading pleasure.

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Woodcroft Area Will Get Service

The city and township have agreed on a contract with the Oakland County Department of Public Works which gives the green light to the city to start providing water and sewer facilities to the Woodcroft Subdivision and the newly annexed portions of the city.

Under the terms of the agreement, the city will pay a total of \$105,059.43 to the county as its share of the costs of the existing county water and sewer lines in the area.

These facilities have been constructed by the county, but the township was financially responsible for the costs.

Earlier the township had filed a suit against the city seeking to have its financial obligations protected. The agreement approved Monday night by both the city council and the township board grew out of the legal maneuvering.

THE REAL EFFECT of the agreement is to reallocate costs of the systems involved, and establish bases for individual connection charges.

City Manager John D. Dinan told the council that residents of the Woodcroft area "are losing their patience on the installation of sewer and water facilities promised for the summer of 1967."

By virtue of Monday's action, it now appears that installation of lines can start almost immediately, with the subdivision being provided by necessary construction equipment within the week.

The city assumes these obligations of principal under the contract, agreeing to pay \$38,455.96 as the remaining share due on the Farmington intercept sewer, \$38,192.79 on the Terabud industrial arm and \$28,410.68 on the industrial section of the county system.

DINAN CLASSED the obligations being acquired by the city as "voluntary" and said that they can be paid from tap-in charges.

Although the city still must specify these rates in a new ordinance, Dinan suggested \$200 as the approximate charge for connecting with the sewage system and a fee of \$100 for each tap-in with the two other units.

"All residential units, including apartments, will be required to pay the same tap-in charge," he said. "Commercial, office and industrial units will be based on the schedule developed by the Oakland County DPW."

The annexed area comprises 450 acres, and the highly industrialized land use planned for the sector by the city was extended at the ratio for percentage assessments between city and township.

Charts submitted by Dinan show that the city will take over 1.97 per cent of the capacity of the sewage disposal system, 8,740 per cent of the Terabud industrial arm and 18,077 per cent of the industrial arm of the township's water supply system to service the annexed area.

A feature of the agreement provides that the city will pay the funds already put into the sewer and water systems in the area over the next 10 years. These funds will go directly to the rest of its obligation.

IN RECOMMENDING approval of the contract to the township board, Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan called it "an eminently fair agreement which should help to resolve the differences between the city and township."

Dinan told the council that the agreement "is acceptable and a logical approach in solving the development of the newly annexed area."

Seek Zone Extension For Trucks

Farmington Township has gone on record as requesting the extension of the commercial trucking zone to include the entire township.

Current zone for interstate trucking carriers for metropolitan Detroit ends at Halstead Rd.

Monday night the trustees approved contacting 10th District Congressman Jack McDonald and Congressman James E. Yevy (Saginaw) requesting legislation of the zone to Halstead Rd.

Harvey is the Michigan representative on the Congressional committee dealing with interstate commerce.

The zone is significant as it currently rules out deliveries from outside firms into the township's industrial park.

Monday night the trustees approved extending the zone to include all of the township and thus allow any interstate trucks servicing the metropolitan Detroit area to service the township's industrial park.

Trustee Thomas Nolan said that if extended, the zone would help to service the existing industry and help to attract new industry to the township.

RECEIVES HONORS
John G. Jewett, son of Mrs. Virginia Kopp of Farmington, earned a 3.67 grade average out of a possible 4.0 during the fall term at Grand Valley State College in Allendale, Mich.

Snow Removal Ordinance Lacks Enforcement In City

You can be sent to jail up to 90 days in the City of Farmington for not cleaning the snow and ice off the sidewalk.

That's possible under the terms of a city ordinance which classifies failure to clean public walks as a misdemeanor.

Enforcement of the ordinance is lax, however, and oftentimes the city is the prime offender.

CITY MANAGER John Dinan says that ordinance is almost impossible to enforce and adds that while the ordinance has been on the books "for years" that he doesn't know of any person ever being fined (up to \$100) or imprisoned for failure to clean the walk.

In today's mechanized society about the only person who is harmed by failure to clean the walks is the mailman. Of course there are a few hardy souls who insist on walking, but most people prefer to drive two blocks for a loaf of bread.

Shoppers in the downtown area often have a hard time sliding between stores during the winter months. Dinan said that the city is requesting the cooperation of the merchants in keeping the walks clean.

"We would dislike issuing violations of the ordinance," he said, "but the snow covered walks are inconvenient and dangerous in many spots."

the snow must be cleaned within 24 hours or the city can issue a violation and take the case to municipal court. It's up to the judge to set the punishment.

If the walks aren't cleared the city has the power, under the ordinance, to clear the walks and bill the owner for the work. There is no case on record of the city ever having taken this action either.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON (before the latest accumulation of snow which fell Saturday night), The Enterprise & Observer took the pictures which appear just to the left of this story.

Three of the four pictures are of city sidewalks.

From left, the scenes are:
• The sidewalk on the south side of Grand River, just in front of the parking lot at the city hall.
• The walk on the south side of Grand River in front of the city park at Oakland and Grand River.
• A walk on the north side of State Street.
• The walk on the north side of Grand River along the city park and the Masonic Temple.

Dinan admits that the city has been lax in cleaning the walks. He notes that with the small amounts of snow falling the men don't always clean the walks.

"If we had five inches of snow they would clean them," he says.

