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Frederick Lichtman elected Hills mayor

By DIANE HUBEL
FARMINGTON HILLS — Frederick Lichtman was unanimously elected mayor of Farmington Hills by the Hills council at their July 7 meeting. Earl Opperthauser was elected mayor pro-tem.

Lichtman, the second mayor of the city, will succeed Robert McConnell. Lichtman was serving as mayor pro tem during McConnell's term of office.

Following his election Lichtman said, "As you recall during the time that we were on the campaign trail, as it were, to sell cityhood to our citizens, one of the most important arguments, that we had for the new community was that it should be professionally managed."

"I think that during the second year, now that the transition is complete, the goal that I and the council should set is to see that we

turn over the administration of the city to the very capable city manager we engaged, Mr. George Majoris, whom we all have confidence in."

Lichtman encouraged the board to begin moving away from the operational aspects of running the city and to begin dealing with the broader aspects of setting up guidelines, ordinances, and policy.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING his election Lichtman cast the tie-breaking vote which made Opperthauser, mayor pro-tem.

William Ortman was also nominated as mayor pro-tem. Ortman is currently seeking the Republican nomination to run for a seat in the House of Representatives.

Lichtman said he voted for Opperthauser because Opperthauser is "familiar with all aspects of the city affairs."

He also said, "I feel that when a member of one elected board states his intent to seek a new office he in some way diminishes his service to the other board."

Lichtman said he thinks that an elected official should give up his office when he decides to run for another office.

IN NOMINATING Lichtman for the office of Mayor Mrs. Joan Dudley said, "We are most fortunate to have a highly capable and deserving council member to serve us as mayor."

Mrs. Dudley cited Lichtman's service to the community which includes serving as a township trustee, charter commissioner, chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and as current Mayor Pro Tem.

Opperthauser supported her nomination saying, "I certainly

feel that you, Mr. Mayor (McConnell) have done an excellent job in bringing the city through its infancy and I certainly feel that Mr. Lichtman will do an excellent job in likewise bringing it through its second year of childhood."

THE COUNCIL MEMBERS also gave a special vote of thanks to McConnell, citing the work he has done as the first Mayor of the city, and the work he did in an effort to bring Farmington Hills from a township to a city.

McConnell thanked the council for its support but said he felt it was time he "step aside and leave the reins of leadership to someone else on the council."

He assured the council that he would continue to be an active member during the next four years of his tenure on the council.



FREDERICK LICHTMAN

School board gets new head

FARMINGTON — Gary Lichtman was elected president of the Farmington School Board by a unanimous vote of the board during an organizational meeting July 7.

Lichtman will be succeeding Dr. Mervyn Ross, who has served as board president for the past year.

Lichtman was first elected to the school board in 1968. He left the board in 1971 and was elected again in 1972.

During the past year he has served as the vice president of the school board.

LICHTMAN HAS just completed serving two consecutive years as the president of the Oakland County School Board, and will continue to serve as a member of that board for another two years.

He has two children in the Farmington school system.

"I want the best education possible for the children of this district, and I would like to do it for the least expenditure of money possible," he said.

"I think all the members of the board will work to give the people of this district what we feel they want. I certainly intend to do my best to see that this is done."

Lichtman also thanked Dr. Mervyn Ross for the outstanding job



GARY LICHTMAN

he had done as board president during the past year.

William Corliss, who served as the board treasurer this year, was elected vice president of the board.

Mrs. Emma Makinen was re-elected secretary. Newly-elected board member William Gravius was elected treasurer.



Nurse Sue Beebe of Walled Lake stopped at the scene of the crash (above) to render assistance to the victim pinned in her car.

1 dies; 5 injured in truck crash

By DAN McCOSH
FARMINGTON HILLS — A double tandem gravel truck blew a tire and rolled over on I-696 near Middle Belt Rd. Tuesday, causing what a hardened Hills policeman called one of the worst accidents he had ever seen.

Margaret J. Birney, 20, 32300 Old Forge Lane, Farmington Hills, died of injuries in Hotsford General Hospital following the crash. Her car was the first to be hit by the rolling truck, which passed completely over her vehicle, according to Hills police.

The truck rolled over the one car and the runaway trailer was hit by a second. There were six people hospitalized, including two children, the drivers of the truck and both cars.

State agencies are investigating the cause of the accident, according to Hills police.

David Shaw MacAllister, 28, his wife Ester, 29, and their two children Hope, 3½, and Heather, 6, were all listed in "guarded" condition at the hospital.

MacAllister's car collided with

the second trailer as it detached itself from the truck.
The truck, driven by John L.

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