

Board OKs Clean Up Law

"An attempt to end the passing of the buck" concerning maintenance of shopping centers won approval of the Farmington Township Board Monday night.

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Trustees passed an ordinance making failure to maintain the parking and street side areas of shopping areas a misdemeanor.

The ordinance makes each tenant responsible for cleaning up his property and any parking lot owned in common with other tenants.

Supervisor Curtis Hall said the township hadn't received "any response of any kind" from absentee landlords of shopping centers. However, Hall noted much progress has been made in the past two years in keeping shopping center areas clean.

"We've got them all pretty well cleaned up," he said.

HALL READ one letter which asked the area behind a grocery store at Middle Belt and 14 Mile be cleaned. He said the action was taken before the letter arrived at township offices.

The township board voted to take advantage of a low bid for a water line on 10 Mile between Inbster and Middle Belt.

The action involved transfer of \$40,000 from the township's interceptor fund to the water district. Oakland County's Board of Public Works must approve the fund transfer.

Hall said the low bid of \$7 a foot for the line would "never happen again." The inability of cities to sell bonds because of pending congressional action on the tax-free status of the bonds has halted most work of this type, he said.

Contractors, Hall said, are willing to bid low just to keep their crew together. A normal bid for a water line is about \$12 a foot, Hall said.

THE MONEY loaned to the water line district will be repaid over a period of years by connection charges.

The board also approved requests for street lights at entrances to two subdivisions.

The township approved lights at the entrances to Olds Franklin Town on Middle Belt, and to Farm Meadows on 11 Mile.

In other action, the board amended the zoning ordinance about the height of industrial buildings and setback on multiple family dwellings.

The board raised the maximum height of industrial buildings from 40 to 50 feet, and increased the minimum setback for multiple family dwellings from 25 to 50 feet. The amend-

ment also eliminated parking in the 50-foot setback front yards of multiple family dwellings.

THE TRUSTEES rezoned about 17 acres near the intersection of Northwestern Highway and Middle Belt from residential to office.

Consideration of bids on a public address system for the trustees' meeting room was tabled. One bid of about \$1,300 was quoted on six microphones and three speakers.

Center Elects Officers

FARMINGTON Farmington Community Center elected officers for the coming year at a meeting on Oct. 5. Bill Smith will serve as president of the 21-member board of directors.

First vice president will be Mrs. Claire Orvis Dr. Bob Douglas is second vice president, Mrs. Anne Moesman, treasurer; Dennis Phene, recording secretary; and Mrs. Gail Perrin, corresponding secretary.

At the time of the meeting, the center was also being used by the Hill and Dale Garden Club and the Democratic Club. At last year's annual meeting, such activity would have been hard to visualize.

Since then, the center has been decorated, furnished in a minimal fashion, and a program has been set up.

Executive director, Mrs. Alberta Taylor, would still be glad to hear from anyone who would like to sign up for classes. She would also be glad to hear from prospective donors of items still needed at 474-6873.

Writers Gather At Oakland

"Suspense in the Short Story" will be discussed by Mrs. Helba Mariett as a member of a panel dealing with fiction at the eighth annual Writers' Conference, sponsored by Oakland University, on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Mrs. Mariett, associate professor of English at Oakland Community College, is the author of seven novels and is listed in "Who's Who in American Women."

Among her works are "Death Has a Thousand Doors," "The Devil Builds a Chapel," "Tomorrow Will Be Monday," and "The Frightened Ones."

She has also written "The Runaway Clown," a three-act play which won first prize in the Seattle Junior Play Contest.

Co-sponsored by the Detroit Women Writers and the Division of Continuing Education, tickets may be obtained by calling the OU Conference Department, 377-2000, ext. 2175.

Library Aids

Girl Scouts

FARMINGTON The Farmington Library has been working with Southern Oakland Girl Scouts to assemble resources and program ideas which will help Girl Scout adults have more fun and do a more rewarding job in working with their girls.

Girl Scout adults will have an opportunity to tour the library, meet the librarians and preview the collections of Girl Scout materials. All South Oakland libraries have participated in this joint effort.

Half-Day Case In State Court

LIVONIA The lawsuit over half-day sessions in Livonia Schools reached the Michigan Supreme Court Wednesday.

The Livonia Board of Education filed an emergency application for leave to appeal from the State Court of Appeals decision. The Appeals Court denied the board's request for a stay of Wayne County Circuit Judge Charles E. Kaufman's ruling that all grades be placed on full days with all dispatch and expediency possible under the circumstances.

The board asked the Supreme Court to hear the case "forthwith."

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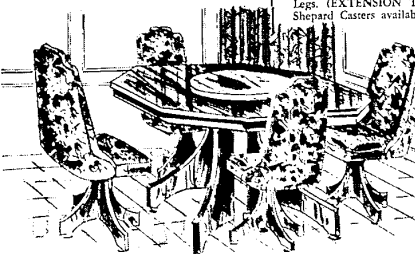
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