

Farmington water loss mystery causes city to hire experts

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A \$14,000 water hunt is being launched by the City of Farmington to find out why the municipality has lost 145,000 gallons since the beginning of 1978.

The loss has cost the city \$25,700, according to City Manager Bob Deadman.

"The Water and Sewer Department has attempted to locate, without success, a water main break which could explain the water loss," Deadman told the city council Monday night.

"The department also has checked the accuracy of the meters to large water users on the system. These large meters appear to be accurately recording water flow."

The average loss under normal conditions for such a system is nine to 10 percent, says Deadman. At present, the city is experiencing a 23.8 percent average loss since the beginning of 1978.

The highest loss was 35 per cent

which happened in the first quarter of 1978. That equaled 37,870 gallons.

In the first quarter of this year, the city was experiencing a 27 per cent loss, or 30,144 gallons.

In an attempt to quell the loss, the firm of Pitometer Associates has been hired to find the leak.

"This firm has been used by the Village of Beverly Hills, Livonia and many other cities in an effort to reduce their water loss," said Deadman.

"We have also found that they seem to be the only firm in this region which can provide the kind of expertise we believe necessary in determining the source of our water loss."

Pitometer is based in Chicago. Pitometer will test the master meter which measures water delivered to the Farmington system. It will check industrial meters' accuracy and field check the water map for accuracy as well as train city employees in water leak detection techniques, according to Deadman.

"Depending on the expense of the repairs necessary to correct the leaks that are discovered by the consultant, we believe the cost of consulting engineers and the repairs can be amortized within two years," he said.

The city has set aside \$20,000 for such repairs. Originally, the city had suspected that the City of Detroit was overcharging Farmington because of incorrect meter readings. Farmington buys its water from Detroit.

But since that time Farmington and Detroit officials have worked together in determining if it was, indeed, a meter reading error.

"Detroit has attempted to cooperate in an effort to determine if the city's master meter was providing incorrect readings or if our city had a water distribution problem internally in its water distribution system," said Deadman.

Walled Lake sets basic sailing class

The Walled Lake Schools Community Education Department is sponsoring a basic sailing class on Thursdays, beginning May 17. The class will run from 6-8 p.m. for four weeks, and will be held at Kent Lake in Kensington Metropark. The course will include care and

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