

Farmington Public Schools

Annual election, Monday, June 13, 1988

Precincts:	Abernethy	Prutow	Jacob
1. Farmington Training Center	125	109	33
2. O.E. Dunkel Middle School	101	97	41
3. Warner Middle School	69	65	54
4. East Middle School	40	42	39
5. Absentee votes	43	44	16
Totals	378	357	183

Vote counts are unofficial.

Registered/active voters, 50,021; actual number of voters, 565; turnout percentage 1.1 percent.

Abernethy, Prutow re-elected

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Abernethy, a Farmington resident, is a professor of architecture at Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield. He and his wife, JoAnne, have two children who are graduates of the Farmington district.

Entering her 13th year on the board, Prutow said she was "delighted" to be returning, but was disappointed with the low voter turnout. "There wasn't really an issue to bring them (voters) out," she added.

Prutow is a Farmington Hills resident and also sits on the Oakland Schools Board of Education, the intermediate district for the county.

She and her husband, William, have two children who graduated from the Farmington district.

IN HIS first run for political office, challenger Jacob of Farmington Hills said he was pleased to receive 20 percent of the vote and some name recognition, adding "I'm the new person on the block." He has not decided whether he will run for office in the future.

Voters in precinct one at Farmington Training Center — which includes the south side of Farmington Hills and the city of Farmington — cast the most ballots, 156, followed closely by precinct two at Dunkel

Middle School with 149. Precinct two covers an area roughly from 10 Mile to 13 Mile and Haggerty to Orchard Lake.

In precinct three at Warner Middle School, which covers the northeast corner of the district, 122 voters cast ballots, followed by precinct four where 75 voters went to the polls. Precinct four is at East Middle School and covers an area in the southeast corner of the district.

A total of 63 residents voted by absentee ballot.

Farmington Public Schools covers the city of Farmington, most of Farmington Hills and a portion of West Bloomfield Township.

Candidates night scheduled

The Council of Homeowners Associations of Farmington Hills will sponsor a candidates night for primary races at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, in Farmington Hills city hall, 31555 11 Mile.

The primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 2. Voters may meet and ask questions of candidates seeking election as Oakland County prosecutor and state representative for the 69th district, which includes Farmington and Farmington Hills. Other candidates for Oakland County Probate Court and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners also will be on hand.

The two-hour program's format will provide for two-minute opening statements and one-minute closing statements by candidates for prosecutor and state representative. Candidate responses to questions from the audience will be limited to one minute.

Candidates for probate court and county commission will make two-minute statements and will be given an opportunity to speak individually with audience members after the program.

Judge Deborah Servitto of the 37th District Court, Warren, will moderate the program, which will be taped and replayed on Metrovision cable community access Channel 12.

Hills increases millage to support new budget

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one dispatcher in the police department,

• three new maintenance worker positions in the Department of Special Services for parks and recreation, and

• additional part-time staff members in the personnel office, senior adult program and parks

maintenance.

Despite councilwoman Fox's comments, most members spoke in favor of the new budget Monday. "Last year, we rolled back taxes," said councilman Joe Alkateeb. "I think we've been very responsible people. Fourteen percent of your tax bill is ours (the city). The rest goes to somebody else — mostly the schools."

The 1988-89 budget expenditures are distributed among the following departments and services: police, \$7 million; fire, \$1.5 million; debt service, \$1.7 million; administration and support government, \$3.5 million; 47th district court, \$769,000; library, \$1.4 million; special services, \$1.3 million; and public services \$4.7 million.

Council splits on contract for paving of scenic Drake

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most sensitive road paving project this city has ever done."

The city administration had recommended awarding the bid to South Hill Construction of Wilcom, which bid \$80,000 more than the Rochester contractor, and was the second lowest bidder. Bids ranged from P & R's \$1.7 million to a high bid of \$1.56 million. Five companies submitted bid proposals.

The city council voted 5-2 to award the bid to the lowest contractor.

Council members Aldo Vagnozzi and Jean Fox voted against the measure, both leaning on the expertise of city staff. "We're not willy-nilly throwing taxpayer money away," said Vagnozzi, who added that the city has not awarded to the lowest bidder in the past. He suggested the council consider the matter for another week.

Although Fox said she "certainly didn't want to spend any more money," she said she felt uncomfortable

because only one vendor came before the council pleading his case.

Councilman Ben Marks spoke in favor of the low bid award, echoing the sentiments of other council members who voted with him.

"I have not seen anything in this report . . . to make me justify spending \$80,000. You are qualified to even be bondable — that's a plus in my book," he told Giannetti. "I don't buy the super-sensitive nature of Drake Road. It's a curve, that's all. I do have a problem spending an extra \$80,000."

GIANNETTI and Lazar told the council of the contractor's experience in previous companies, although his Rochester-based company has been in business only five years. It was also noted, by various estimates, that more than half the project will be underground work, for which Giannetti said P & R is experienced.

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The final plan, approved by the citizens committee, the historic district commission and the city last August, will leave the stretch of roadway curved, but will remove the severe, 90-degree hairpin turn by moving the road slightly east.

There was also concern voiced last February about the placement of a sidewalk on the east side of the road, which was approved with safety and liability concerns in mind. The sidewalk project was later postponed.

clarification

A front page story in the June 13 Observer about the family of Howland Hill should have clarified that

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