

# Special term

## 3 vying for 2-year council term

Nancy Bates, 56, and Herbert Liner, 69, are challenging incumbent Paul Sowerby, 45, for the right to fill the remaining two years of an unexpired term on the Farmington Hills City Council.

Sowerby was appointed in March to replace Joe Alkateeb, who resigned from the council in February. Sowerby's appointment is effective until the Nov. 7 election.

Voters will fill Alkateeb's old seat on a ballot that's separate from the regular biennial council election, through which four seats will be filled.

In this race, voters may vote for one candidate, who will serve a special two-year term until the November 1991 council election.

I know the necessity of carefully monitoring every tax dollar spent.

Should the city seek renewal of the 0.5-mill for parks and recreation development that's expiring in 1991? Yes. Again in the survey, parks and open space rated 6.99, including 92 percent indicating the recreation program as "very important" or "somewhat important" to them. Nearly 69 percent of our voters indicated they would support continuation of the millage, I believe we should put it on the ballot and let the people decide.

5. Is the city justified in spending \$200,000 per year to add sidewalks to major roads?

Sidewalks on major roads are a public safety issue. The Year 2000 Task Force listed sidewalks as an objective. The citizen survey rated just 5.5 satisfaction with present sidewalks. The planning commission has given them the highest priority. Sidewalks have been proposed since 1973. Children have been hit by cars, a jogger has been killed. We don't need another study. The facts are in and funding is approved. We need to do it.

### Paul Sowerby

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incumbent

1. What can the city and the public do to assure ethical behavior on the part of elected and appointed officials?

A person learns the difference between right and wrong as a child. No ethical code will ensure or demand a distinction by an individual who does not know the difference between right and wrong. I believe the code of ethics will be nothing more than a vehicle behind which the unethical can hide. The best method of assuring ethical behavior is to punish those who have conducted themselves unethically.

2. Given the city dragged its feet in some respects after the last great flood in 1981, do you feel the city's

response to the Great Flood of '89 is responsible in terms of scope, timeliness and cost?

Certainly it is unfortunate that we have all suffered the tragedy of this past summer. However, I do believe that the city has responded appropriately in the instant case regarding solutions to the problem. The issue of responding appropriately to the cost of the solution is an opportunity that will be afforded to all of our residents in the very near future.

3. Do you feel the current city tax rate of 3.8 operational mills is affordable to most residents and is prudently allocated?

As a member of the city council that just approved a budget, of course I feel that the funds generated by the tax receipts are prudently allocated.

4. Should the city seek renewal of the 0.5-mill for parks and recreation development that's expiring in 1991?

Absolutely. A great deal of time and thought has gone into the utilization

of the funds generated in the past. Allocations have also undergone the serious scrutiny of the parks and recreation commission (which is composed of volunteer citizens and has done a commendable job), and I have no reason to believe that said commission will not continue to function responsibly in developing the natural treasures of this city.

5. Is the city justified in spending \$200,000 per year to add sidewalks to major roads?

Yes. However, I do object when sidewalk installation becomes an unrealistic priority by certain elected officials and residents. I do not necessarily equate sidewalks with safety. I am concerned with the rationale that refuses to accept that there is a downside to the installation of sidewalks. Finally, if the city is going to install them, the city should maintain them, not only in terms of repair, but in terms of snow removal.

most areas, as is reflected by the beauty of our city.

4. Should the city seek renewal of the 0.5-mill for parks and recreation development that's expiring in 1991?

The city should seek renewal. The beautiful recreational area Heritage Park is one of several park developments — and the city should be encouraged to expand on similar programs.

5. Is the city justified in spending \$200,000 per year to add sidewalks to major roads?

The city is certainly justified in spending \$200,000 per year to add sidewalks to major roads. Safety and convenience are necessary for residents to convey themselves walking or running on major roads.

### Herbert Liner

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challenger

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I do not believe that the city has responded well. The absolute top priority of all elected and appointed officials in Farmington Hills should be to initiate immediate steps to eliminate this horrendous homeowner catastrophe, regardless of how much cost or effort is necessary. I have been a victim in previous years of home flooding by our once-in-a-100-year rains that occur about every year. I understand the problem and sympathize with the situation.

3. Do you feel the current city tax rate of 3.8 operational mills is affordable to meet residents and is prudently allocated?

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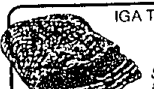
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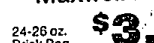
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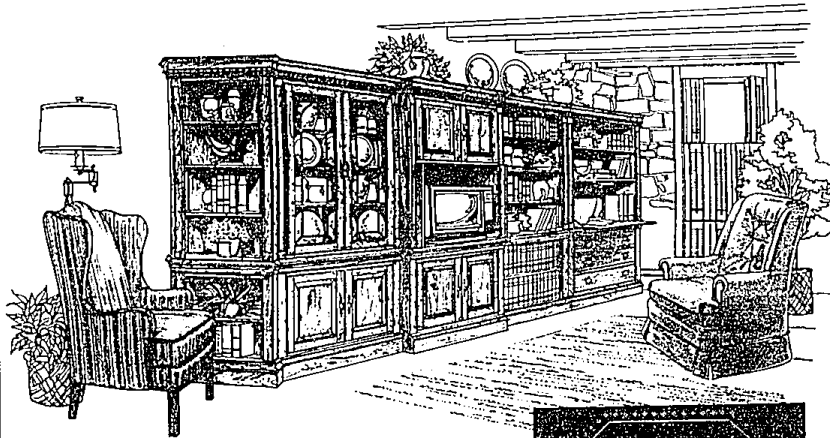


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