

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: FARMINGTON

Tom, 14, delivers the Farmington Observer in the Canterbury Commons subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since May, 1987.

The North Farmington High School 10th grader's favorite subjects are science and math. He is an honor roll student. His hobby is collecting comics.

Tom plans to go to college and be a chemical engineer.

Meeting friendly people and managing money are some of the things he has learned on his route.

Tom is the son of Tom and Norma Loch.

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Tom Loch

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The names of public safety director Frank Lauboff and assistant city manager Robert Schultz were both mentioned Tuesday as possible internal candidates, with Hartsock saying he had spoken to both about their interest in the job. Laubhoff, 40, heads the city's largest department, both in staff and budget. Schultz, 58, is instrumental in other city operations and works out of the manager's office.

Tupper was firm in his stand for staying inside city hall, saying he wanted a candidate who was experienced with the city and "has a true concern for Farmington — that's important to me," Tupper said he also had talked with Laubhoff.

"I'm concerned about hiring somebody who would use this position as a stepping stone," Tupper added. "It's important to have someone who will take the job for a reasonable amount of time. If we have someone within the ranks, then I think we should consider them."

Though noting that the manager's job would be a "dream position for somebody in any stage of their career," Hartsock said "to be able to promote from within is key in any organization." He said he also wanted to be sensitive to any appointment, especially in light of recent major changes made at city hall.

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Monday's public hearing included creating a district for the whole subdivision because once publicly advertised, a special assessment district can only be reduced, not enlarged.

"I quite agree. I don't like to be disturbed either," Moseman said, referring to the majority that doesn't want their neighborhood torn up for city water.

That's why she suggested providing city water for the minority of the subdivision by bringing it in over on easement on lots, such as hers, that about Farmington Road, where a water main now sits. Some of those houses already have city water from that main for which they paid privately.

"We are very willing to discuss an easement," said Sue Schumacher,

who originally signed a petition for water with the minority in the neighborhood and then changed her mind.

Councilman Larry Lichtman suggested an easement across northern lots of the subdivision, such as Schumacher's. If the rest of the subdivision wants city water later a special assessment district would be created, city attorney John Donohue said.

To be sure of who wants what, city staff conducted a postcard survey of all 29 property owners. More than 52 percent don't want water. Five of 10 property owners on the northern and western portions of the subdivision want water, according to the Secrests' petition.

To add to the quagmire, the city council isn't sure that owners of

three floodplain lots (that might be unbuildable) should be assessed — or allowed to sign a petition — for water. That would reduce the petition signers to four of seven homeowners who want water, said Tom Blaisell, public services director.

If the majority of homeowners were assessed for water, each homeowner would pay an estimated \$3,279. A special assessment district for just 10 lots means those homeowners would pay an estimated \$11,360 each.

The cost of bringing in water on an easement across private lots "may be less just from the footage (of where the water has to come from)," Blaisell said.

Despite complaints by the Secrests and Casner that the well water is bad, the Oakland County

Health Department has determined otherwise.

Ruth Rycroft, president of the Biddlestone Woods Homeowners Association, urged the city council Monday to re-read those health department test results. Rycroft has had argued against splitting up the neighborhood to create a smaller special assessment district.

Just as the council was agreeing to pursue the easement idea, John Dinamore who lives at the back of the subdivision — away from the petitioning group who may benefit from an easement — demanded he be included.

"If you're splitting off five or six lots, you can bet Dinamore will be in with other people in a petition. You're not going to treat me differently," Dinamore said.

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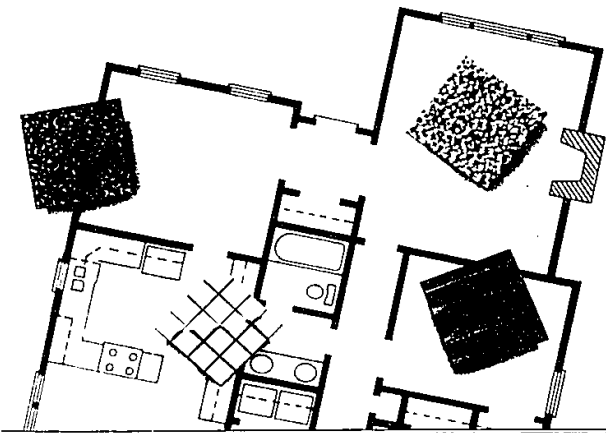
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Facilitator: Frank Kadlec

Time

Thursday, September 24, 1992  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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