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ANTHONY MARRA

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Mr. Marra, 87, of Farmington,
died of lung cancer Nov. 29 in St.
Joseph Mercy Hospital.
Born in Ishpenning, Mr. Marra
was a retired Livonia educator.
He started at Clarencevill High
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arte teacher in 1951, rose to assistant principal and eventually
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1986. Ho was a member of the
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Survivors include his wife, May sons, William and Thomas; daughters, Ellen Morrish, Lor-raine Urban and Yvonne Rapin;

Farmington plans to hire county workers for sewers

BY SUE BUCK
STATF WINTER
The City of Farmington will use
Oakland County personnel to operate and maintain it's new
pumping and retention facility on
Nine Milo Road between Brookdele and Grand River.
The Farmington City Council
voiced to approve a 90-day temporary agreements with the county,
with the aim to make the arrangement permanent.
The retention facility, part of a
multi-million-dollar sewer improvement project, has also improvement project, bas also impro

the the city's older combined servors.

In reviewing the capabilities of the Farmington operation, the city determined that it has the personnel whic could be trained in the operation of the new equipment. However, in evaluating the situation, City Manager Robert Deadman expects a need for ong support and the possibility of having to employ additional employees.

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For instance, he expects that at least a portion of the retenction basin will need to be cleaned about 70 times a year.
"The pumping station is con-trolled by computer-aided con-trols which need to be adjusted from time to time," Deadman said. "They (county personnel) will be provided on an as needed basis."

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When Deadman and Earl Billing, public services director, recently studied annual mapower costs to operate and maintain the new facilities as compared to the proposed county costs, they found that it may actually be cheaper to

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Robert Deadman city manager

"We found that the cost of their personnel can be shared between more than one facility, thereby saving both the city and the county labor costs." Deadman said. "Farmington would benefit because it would have access to specially trained personnel and a staff originer at a cost considerably less than that which we could bothein from the private sector."

To Deadman's knowledge, the county has not entered into an agreement with another community exactly like the one proposed. "However, they (the county) do operate facilities on behalf of communities, such as sower treatment plants. The labor rates they are proposing are their employee hourly rates times 1.8 percent. The rates include overhead, supervision, fringes and other asso-

citated employee costs."

Deadman estimates that a private consulting firm would charge the employee ratio times 2.8 percent to 3.4 percent.

the employer rate times 2.5 percent to 34 percent.

"In negotiations, we concluded
that it would be very helpful to
bring the county people on board,
prior to the start-up of the pumping station so they could participate in the training and help with
the testing of the facility." Deadman said. "The county has a
ready been helpful to us in pointing out some areas that we should
address during the construction
of the pumping facility."
Although it is difficult to put a
firm cost on the number of hours
the city will use the county employee or employees during this
start-up period, Deadman estimates the costs will be about
\$5,000 to \$5,000 a month, depending on the number of hours the
city uses the county's staff engineers.
During the \$00-day neriod, the

During the 90-day period, the city will also train city personnel at the same time that the count personnel are being trained so that if the interim agreement doen't work out, to either parly the county or city, the city will be prepared to operate the facility, Deadman said.

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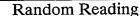
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