

# FTRA Tackles Hall Again About Township's Roads

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Special assessments for road repair are unpopular with the Farmington Township Road Association but members discussed them Tuesday night with Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall and two representatives of the Oakland County Road Commission.

William J. Foghini, director of engineering for the road commission, and James Stevens, the commission's assessment expert, explained a new law that gives townships the authority to declare special assessment districts where road repair is deemed a necessity.

HERETOFORE, special assessment for road repair could only be levied if 65 per cent of the residents desired it.

Under the new law, 51 per cent of the residents can turn down assessment.

It is a matter of disapproval instead of approval.

Also, under the old law, a road project could only be initiated by a petitioner. Under the new law, a township can initiate a project. In the past, cities were the only governmental bodies allowed to do this.

AS USUALLY HAPPENS when Hall attends a road committee meeting, he was harried with questions about why the township does not do something about streets in the south end of the township.

He repeated his customary refrain: "The township has absolutely no jurisdiction over roads. We don't even own a wheelbarrow or a shovel to maintain them. We aren't allowed to under the law."

He explained that the money the township allocated for road improvement under this year's budget "is all encumbered and not a nickel of it is going for new roads."

"But," he added, "any time the county will put matching funds into a project, the township will put money into a project."

FOGHINI elaborated, "The county will not, however, put money into unimproved roads, such as you people have. We will not spend money on ditching and culverting and that's what you people need most."

"We have," he said, "replaced paving in some of Farmington Township's subdivisions where we don't think residents got the proper life out of pavement that they paid for when they bought their homes."

IN ANSWER to a question about why the road commission doesn't ask for more funds from the Board of Supervisors, Foghini answered, "We've been on their doorstep at every meeting. They voted that we had to go to the people. The people turned down our millage request."

Hall was asked if Farmington Township would get any better deal for roads under the new county board of supervisors.

He replied, "The new board will have to face up to the

facts of life, but I don't think for you. You have to face the things will be much different political facts of life, too."

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IT IS ORDERED that on December 18, 1968, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Michigan a hearing be held on the petition of Patrick Arthur Trout to change the name of Patrick Arthur Trout to Patrick Arthur Edwards.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated: November 18, 1968.

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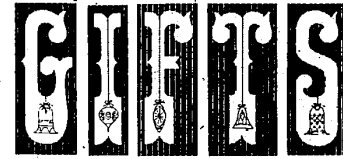
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