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BOARD TO REVEAL PROPOSED TOWNSHIP SUBDIVISION CONTROLS

Township Plans Special Water Meeting Friday

Board To Review Cost Figures On System

A special meeting of the Township Board will be held Friday evening, November 30, to review and discuss the engineer's plans and cost estimates on the proposed water system to serve the southern and eastern portions of the township.

Albert Gain, township supervisor, stated that the meeting, which is slated to begin at 8:00 p. m., will be held on the premises of the township office building, 1000 Grand River. Plans are received from Palo and Hira, engineers. The supervisor added that the engineering firm has promised to have the material available by the meeting date. The Board had previously set a special meeting date for last Friday, but it had to be canceled because the city's engineering firm was not completed.

THE SPECIAL session is being called to study the newly revised estimates for the water system to serve the southeastern section of Farmington Township, the southwestern section of Southfield Township and the southeastern portion of Livonia Township. A representative of the engineering firm is expected to be present at the meeting to explain plans and answer questions. It is anticipated that, following a review of the information, the Board will set up a recommended plan of procedure for the establishment of a joint water authority.

Gain explained that the cost for the preliminary plans is being jointly shared by Farmington and Southfield Townships as well as the City of Farmington. Copies of the specifications and cost estimates are to be filed with the other governmental units for study and consideration.

CITY TO RECEIVE \$49 FROM STATE GAS TAX INCREASE

The city of Farmington will receive \$49.15 of its share of the increase in certain gas and weight taxes for the third quarter of 1956. Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler announced this week.

At 87 provides for an increase in weight taxes on certain types of trucks as well as a boost in state gasoline taxes six cents per gallon. These revenues are divided on the basis of 75 per cent to the State Highway Department and 25 per cent to the counties, cities and incorporated villages.

Oakland County will receive a total of \$83,066.28 from the 1956 Third Quarter. At 87 collections of weight and gas taxes.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE FIRST REAL BLANKET - The "white stuff" descended on the Farmington area during the Thanksgiving holiday and has been with us ever since. By normal standards this would be an abundance of a rather long and hard winter, but there doesn't seem to be any normal pattern these days. At any rate the snow added a dash of color to the holiday as well as some pretty miserable driving conditions. Most of the buses and automobiles were running well behind schedule and a number of auto accidents were the result of the slippery condition of the roads. At least the kids had a good time and Dad got a chance to exercise the snow shovel to mention his back. Whether this is a sign of things to come or not, is an opinion and your opinion is as good as ours. Only time will tell.

MONDAY WAS A BIG DAY - For those students of both Farmington and Clarenceville high schools who participated in the annual Student Government Day program, Monday was a big day. The Farmington high school took over the reigns of Farmington City government while at the same time Clarenceville students were taking part in the Livonia City program. According to Earl Scherffius, Farmington City Manager, the day was a success for both students and officials. The young men and women were not only benefited from the experience, but City officials got a real insight of the knowledge and interest that the students have in their local government. The "success story" reports coming out of both Farmington and Livonia indicate that there will be many more Student Government Days to come.

SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS - are beginning to pop up all over the place. Store windows are gradually being transformed into scenes of tinsel and holly, plans are being made for the decoration of city streets and various organizations are making final preparations for annual Christmas activities. All of which serves to remind us that there are only 22 more shopping days to go. This is a good time to get your Christmas shopping early. But there is a way out, you don't have to do it all at once. You'll not only save time, you'll get prompt service and quality merchandise but you'll be helping your neighborhood merchants. So shop at home this Christmas if you pay!

State Plans Early Closing Of Cut-Off

City officials have been advised that the State Highway Department will close the Farmington Cut-Off by the next few days and will remain closed until July 1, 1957.

Earl Scherffius, city manager, stated that it was originally planned to close the Cut-Off the first of the week, but the date was delayed temporarily because of the heavy snowfall. State Highway officials are indicated that the road would be closed as soon as possible to facilitate the completion of bridge structures and the grading of the road bed preparatory to the pouring of concrete next spring.

The city manager added that the Highway Department has agreed to speed erection of the regulation traffic light at the intersection of Nine Mile and Grand River. They have also offered to furnish any traffic signs necessary for the control of the anticipated increase in traffic through the city. Scherffius stated that he is now studying possible new regulations for the control of traffic along Grand River in the vicinity of the Cut-Off. He added that any recommendations will be withheld until the Cut-Off is actually closed. The manager stated that it is possible that these regulations may not have to be put into effect until next spring.

It has been suggested that all sections of Grand River and Farmington Road. It is also possible that some parking space may have to be eliminated on Grand River in the business area.

Place Annexation On Board Agenda

The proposed annexation of a strip of township land, east of Farmington Road between Eight and Nine Mile Roads, to the city of Farmington now being reviewed by a special committee of the Board of Supervisors and will be formally considered at the regular January meeting.

It was originally planned to consider the proposal at the December meeting of the Board of Supervisors, but because of a reschedule of the meeting, it cannot be taken up until the January meeting. If approved by the Board, the proposal is expected to be taken up at a special election late in February or early in March.

Property owners in the area to be annexed, as well as the city, will be notified of the proposal at the special election. The area includes a strip of land facing on the east side of Farmington Road adjacent to the city limits at Nine Mile Road and extending south to Eight Mile Road. Since it is adjacent to the city limits, only those persons in the affected area who are citizens as a whole are eligible to vote in the election.



MANAGING the affairs of a city is no easy job, Farmington High senior Fred Pepper learns after spending a day with Earl Scherffius, Farmington City manager, during Student Government Day on Monday. Pepper, standing at the right of Scherffius, seated, Day on Monday. Pepper, standing at the right of Scherffius, seated, Day on Monday. Pepper, standing at the right of Scherffius, seated, Day on Monday.

Site For Third Grade School Still In Question

Location of a third elementary school in the Farmington school building program still is in question, it was disclosed Monday evening at a meeting of the School Board.

It was indicated that contacts have been made to arrange for negotiations with property owners south of the new Brighton to Farmington Road for a suitable site, but as yet no negotiations had been conducted.

Warner Farms subdivision residents present at the meeting questioned members of the Board relative to their preference in location of an elementary school north or south of the expressway, on which they generally agreed that it would be most desirable to have a school built in the expressway area. It was pointed out, efforts will be continued to locate a site south of the expressway on which to build a school in the current building program. The additional costs which would be involved to provide water and sewer facilities for a site in this vicinity will be taken into consideration before any land is purchased, it was assured.

Board Considering Two Possible Areas

It was agreed by the Board that a complete investigation would be made to determine the advantages and disadvantages of having a school on either the north or south side of the expressway. A report on this investigation will be made at the December 10 Board meeting.

Superintendent O. E. Dunkel and the Board that approval to tie in both the new elementary school and junior high school to be constructed in Rendelwood south of the expressway. A water system had been granted. A request from the Thompson-Brown Development Company that their engineer be permitted to super-

SPECIAL PAVING ASSESSMENTS DUE THIS SATURDAY

Residents on Violet Street and the northern half of Liac Street in the Floral Park section are being reminded this week that payments on special assessments paving taxes must be made no later than Saturday, December 1, to avoid penalties. A notice to that effect was mailed to all property owners. A 2 per cent penalty will be added to payments made after December 1.

This Sunday Travel Lecture To Feature Colorado

"Adventure in Colorado" will be the subject of the next World Travel series program to be presented by the Travel Bureau, December 2, at the Farmington Junior High School Auditorium.

W. Emerson Scott, noted photographer and travel lecturer, will present the Colorado story beginning at 4:00 p. m. on Sunday under the sponsorship of the Farmington Kiwanis Club. "Beauty in the Mountains" is the title of the interesting and colorful lecture. The audience will get a close-up view of wild life from the bighorn sheep to the famous moose. They also will be treated to gorgeous scenery from mountain peaks to canyon floors.

Unusual scenes, such as the highest inland sand dunes and the multitude of wild flowers that abound in the nation's loftiest mountain ranges, will be featured in all of their colorful beauty on the screen. Whether you have visited Colorado before or not, you will thoroughly enjoy this exciting tour of the mountain country with W. Emerson Scott as your guide.



STUDENT officials from Farmington High School who took over the reins of the city for a day found a browse through one of the city's tax roll books of considerable interest. Seated, left to right, are Kathryn Cotter, city clerk, and Linda Chambers, student city clerk. Standing behind them are, left to right, Jerry Portman, city clerk; Lindell Ross, assistant city manager, and Tom Kosty, city engineer.

Combined Population Of Farmington City-Township Estimated At 23,200

Regional Planning Commission Report Shows 71.2% Increase In Area During Past Six Years

The population of Farmington City and Township has increased 9,651 during the period from April, 1950 to July, 1956 according to the latest estimates released this week by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

This brings the combined City-Township population total to an estimated 23,200. On the basis of the Planning Commission estimates, Farmington City population has increased 2,575 making the total 4,900 as of July, 1956. This represents a boost of 110.8% since April, 1950. The Township population has increased 7,076, according to the Planning Commission report bringing the total to 18,300 as of July, 1956. This represents a percentage boost of 63.0.

Father John Dunn Critically Injured In Crash Sunday

Six Others Injured In Area Accidents

Father John Dunn, assistant pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, was critically injured Sunday morning when the car in which he was traveling skidded and spun into a snow pile near Trout Lake in the Upper Peninsula. He was enroute from Moran to Trout Lake to say Mass when the accident occurred.

He was taken to War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie with a crushed chest, two broken legs and severe lacerations. According to latest reports, he was still in critical condition. Father Thomas Beahan, pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, said.

FOUR persons were injured on Thanksgiving day, November 22, in three separate accidents on the Grand River Cut-Off. None were injured seriously.

The first occurred just east of Nine Mile when a car operated by Irene Traunce of Detroit went into a skid on the icy roadway and ran off the road into a ditch. Mrs. Traunce suffered facial lacerations and her husband, Samuel, lacerations about the nose. Both were taken to Mt. Carmel hospital for treatment.

A three-car pile-up a short time later on the Cut-Off just east of Haled Road resulted in injury to Josephine Johnson of Detroit. She was treated for shock. Unable to stop in time, the Johnson car was crushed.

NEW COLLECTIONS BOOST UNITED FUND DRIVE TOTAL

A total of \$208.01 has been received during the past week in behalf of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest, bringing the total collection as of November 26 to \$21,769.01.

The latest figure represents nearly 78 per cent of the \$28,000 goal set for the 1956 campaign. While the regular solicitation closed on November 15, follow-up drive is still being completed.

Sponsor Holiday Religious Project

The Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club announced this week that they will sponsor a "Put Christ Back in Christmas" project, this year among the Farmington merchants.

Members of the organization have contacted as many merchants as possible with the request that they devote at least a portion of their window space to the religious theme during this holiday season. Ellen Kulback, chairman of the project, stated that because of time limitations, not all of the merchants have been contacted. She added, however, that all Farmington business firms are invited and encouraged to take part in the project. It is hoped that this will become an annual program of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Information on suggested layouts for window displays, as well as the procurement of materials, can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Inez Edgar at GR. 4-6225.

Plan Special Meeting December 10 To Consider Suggested Changes

On the basis of a legal opinion submitted by its counsel, A. G. Leonard, the Township Board, Tuesday evening, withheld action on the proposed subdivision regulations as well as other phases of the planning study pending a special meeting to be held December 10.

Leonard stated his opinion that the subdivision regulations are not in such form as could be accepted by the Township Board. He stated that the proposal, as submitted by the Planning Committee, exceeds in several instances the legal limits vested in the Township Board by statute. Leonard referred to sections of the proposed covering roads, water, sewage and drainage, which he stated are outside the jurisdiction of the Township Board. He also cited portions of the document which mentioned other planning studies that have not been enacted as yet.

Zoning Variance Request Aired At Public Hearing

The attention emphasized that his opinion should not be construed as a personal objection to planning. Leonard stated that he would be willing to work with the Planning Consultants, Planning Committee or Township Board in developing a legally constituted set of regulations. The Planning Committee, stated that in view of the opinion he would suggest the Board use Leonard's services in this regard. The Planning Committee has done about all it can in preparing the suggested subdivision guide.

Zoning Appeals Board Votes To Delay Action

Following lengthy debate at a public hearing Tuesday night, the City Zoning Board of Appeals moved that action be delayed on granting or rejecting a request for a proposed exception or variance in zoning to permit the construction of a gas station at the southwest corner of Farmington Road and Alta Loma Drive.

It was felt by the Board that no action should be taken until a check could be made on some pertinent City Council action which, it was indicated, was taken at the time the plat for this parcel of land was approved in 1950. Kenneth Loomis, former mayor of the city, stated that it was stipulated the time the plat was approved, that the property would not be used for commercial purposes unless a change in zoning was first obtained. The minutes of the council meeting at which time the plat was approved will be checked to see if this is so stipulated.

Cornell then asked the Board to consider adoption of the Neighborhood Plan and Commercial Use Plan as submitted by the Planning Committee. Edward Mosham voiced objection to the two proposals on the basis that they contained provisions which would change the existing Township Zoning Law. Albert Gain, township supervisor, suggested that any further action be withheld until the special meeting on December 10. He added that the Planning Committee, the Planning Commission and Leonard will be invited to take part in the discussion.

IN SEPARATE action the Board adopted an Ordinance as prepared by Allen C. Ingle and reviewed by Leonard. The ordinance, which closely follows the State Vehicle Code, will allow the Township to retain certain court costs which presently go to the County. According to Ingle, the ordinance also will place the Township police officers under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's office. The ordinance will be effective within 30 days from the date of publication.

ADULT CLASSES TO OPEN NEW TERM NEXT WEEK

Two courses of the Farmington adult education program will open their second term during the first week of December. James Read, assistant superintendent, announced this week.

The two courses are the Monday night and Thursday morning classes. The first term of the Monday night class officially closed on November 26. The second term will begin Monday evening, December 3, at 7:00 p. m. in the Farmington senior high school.

CHS Students Aid Government Day

Seven Clarenceville high school students took part in the special Government Day program held Monday, November 26, at the Livonia, officials announced this week.

The Clarenceville representatives, along with students from Bentley and Ludwyck high schools, took over the reigns of Livonia city government for the day. The administrative student representatives worked with the legislative officers in the conduct of business while the legislative officers toured city installations and conducted a mock election. All of the participating students also attended a regular session of the city council Monday evening.

The various student representatives were named at a special election held prior to the Government Day program. The Clarenceville representatives were: Dale DeWolfe, superintendent of public works; David Singley, city treasurer; Betty Edwards, constable; and Marie Wyss and Marion Dalley, council members. Elva DeWolfe, exchange student from Italy, was appointed as deputy city treasurer by David Singley and Roy Carlson was appointed superintendent of public works by the student mayor.

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