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ASSURE CONTINUING OPERATION OF KENDALLWOOD SEWER PLANT

Council Declares Intent To Vacate Farmington Road Along McGee Hill

The City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, approved a resolution declaring its intent to vacate McGee Hill preparatory to the relocation of the right-of-way.

In addition to the declaration of intent, the Council set Monday, July 1, at 8:00 p.m. as the date of public hearings on the right-of-way vacating Farmington Road which includes that portion of the right-of-way extending north from Shiawassee to a point where the present road curves to the east before approaching the bridge. It is proposed that the new right-of-way continue east at this point along the north side of the river to the junction with Shiawassee east of the present bridge and opposite the Junior High School athletic field. The Farmington School Board agrees to vacate that portion of the right-of-way located on school property north of Shiawassee.

A request for tentative approval of the vacated area was presented by the Farmington Meadows Subdivision failed to carry as the Council defaulted on a 2 to 2 vote. The proposed subdivision consisting of 222 homesites is located north of light industrial zone facing onto Eight Mile Road, east of Farmington Road in the newly annexed area.

The Planning Commission following several revisions. Mayor Robert Lindner raised some questions but the three number of minimum 66 foot lots stating that he would prefer to see them wider. V. O. Bates also suggested that some recreation areas be designated. The proposal will be reconsidered following further investigation.

Farmington Area Valuation Hits \$67,841,525 Mark

The total assessed valuation as equalized by the City and Township of Farmington has been set at a record \$67,841,525, officials announced this week.

The assessed valuation of Farmington is recorded at \$26,676,437 while the State equalized value is fixed at \$50,233,370 giving an equalization factor of 2.07354. The total assessed valuation in the city is set at \$8,159,010 with the equalized value recorded at \$16,916,135 for an equalization factor of 2.07354. The City equalization factor is slightly more. Last year's factor in the Township was 1.96322 and the City's factor was 1.96175. Under the new schedule each \$10,000 of assessed valuation in the Township will be computed on a base of \$1,008 while each \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the City will be figured on a base of \$1,000.

Township Zoning Hearing Planned

A public hearing has been called by the Township Zoning Board for Wednesday, July 17 to discuss the proposed rezoning, from Residential to Commercial, of a parcel of land at the northeast corner of Halsted and Thirteen Mile Roads.

CITY SCHEDULES EARLY HOUR RUBBISH PICK-UPS

City officials announced this week that beginning July 1 rubbish and garbage collection will be moved to the evening prior to the collection day.

Final Interceptor Unit Ordered

Final auxiliary equipment is now being constructed and installed in connection with the newly completed City Sewer Interceptor System.

AROUND THE BLOCK

For several months the residents of Farmington have been asking the question, "What will happen to Grand River when summer really gets here?" They found out last Saturday and Sunday. A steady flow of traffic jammed Farmington's main street from early in the morning until late at night. Intermittent warnings of ambulances and police cars speeding to the scenes of numerous accidents. All in all, it was a noisy and confusing week-end as well. The two-day demonstration that adequately answered the question many residents have been asking and provided a visual picture of things to come during the balance of this summer of 1957.

JUST IN CASE

Disappointed at not seeing your favorite Little League or Babe Ruth League on the streets last week-end, they will all be on deck this Friday and Saturday for sure. So don't pass 'em by. Your help is needed if the Farmington Baseball for Boys Program special "baseball tax" this week-end and give these boys a summer-full of wholesome recreation. You may soon forget the contribution you make this Friday or Saturday but to hundreds of aspiring "big leaguers" your help will be remembered for many weeks to come.



DEMONSTRATING the training they have received on the proper position to assume and where to locate themselves in the school building in the event of a disaster threat are special education students at the Eagle School. Individual programs in Civil Defense prepared, a disaster, such as a tornado, should ever arise. (Story on Page 1B.)

City Planners Recommend New Commercial Zone

The City Planning Commission, at its regular meeting Thursday evening unanimously recommended to the Council that the property adjacent to the new Farmington Plaza Shopping Center be rezoned from Residential to Commercial.

The proposal includes the area between Mooney Street and Orchard Lake Road from Shiawassee south to a line just north of Grand River as well as the area on the west side of Mooney from the Shopping Center parking lot north to Shiawassee. Officials stated that the land area is known as the Novels and Crosslet properties.

Recommendations on the rezoning were submitted by the Planning Commission to the City Council at its meeting Monday evening. The Council accepted the recommendations and set July 11 as the date of public hearing on the proposal.

PLAN DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP SEWER SYSTEM

A meeting of Township officials and representatives of the State and County Health Departments will be held Friday morning for the purpose of discussing future steps in the development of the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor System.

Frank Stephenson, Township Supervisor, stated that with the creation of the Oakland County Public Works Department, authorized by the recent session of the State Legislature, the proposed plan is receiving new attention and encouragement.

The Council Monday evening authorized the City Manager to proceed with the purchase and installation of a mechanical separation unit to be connected to the storm water supply line running to the storm water treatment plant. The unit is required by the State Health Department to prevent city backing up of sewage into the city water system. Earl Scherffius, City Manager, stated that the unit would be installed at a cost of \$1,950.

The Council accepted the bid of Mrs. Alice Brown for purchase of 200 feet along Nine Mile adjacent to the treatment plant site at a bid price of \$150. The property, situated on low ground, will provide a buffer between Mrs. Brown's property and the treatment plant.

Raymond Tappan was reappointed by the Council to a three year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Mrs. Craig Porter, Thomas Barber and John Lapham were reappointed to separate terms on the Planning Commission.

Draft Tentative Plans For Enlarged Council Chambers In City Hall

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, announced this week that preliminary sketches are now being prepared on the possible alteration of the first floor of the Municipal Building to provide space in the Council Chambers.

The Manager added that the sketches are being drafted by John Allen, architect, and will be ready for presentation to the Council at its next regular meeting on July 1. Scherffius emphasized that the sketches are only tentative, and are subject to study and review by the Council. The objectives of the new layout are to provide increased seating facilities for Council meetings, commission and board meetings as well as public hearings. The sketches will also include new office space for the building department as well as the reducing of unnecessary corridor space in the main part of the building.

F.A.R.C. Program To Open Monday

Registration for the summer program of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission will be held next Monday, June 24, at each of the five playgrounds to be operated within the district. Warren Piche, director, announced this week.

Youngsters are requested to register on the opening day at the designated playground nearest their home. Supervised activities will be conducted at the City Park, Bond School, Eagle School, Gill Road School and Shiawassee School. A total of 11 playground supervisors will be employed by the Commission during the annual summer program, which will run from June 24 to August 2.

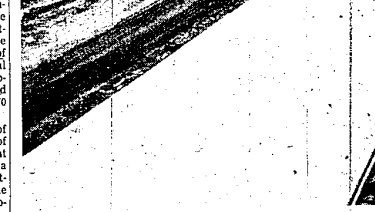
Piche emphasized that all youngsters between the ages of 8 and 15 years are eligible to take part in the program. A registration blank is printed on Page 7B of this week's issue as a convenience to residents. Forms will also be available at each of the playgrounds on the spot. (See F.A.R.C. PROGRAM, Pg. 8A.)

PLANS COMPLETED FOR POLIO CLINIC MONDAY NIGHT

Plans have been completed for the special polio inoculation clinic to be held Monday evening, June 24, at the Bond School under the sponsorship of the Bond and Eagle School Parent-Teachers Association.

Dr. S. A. Broadman, Township Health Officer, will administer the polio vaccine. Both children and adults are eligible to participate in the clinic which will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Dr. Broadman stated that the inoculation will be administered for \$1.00 per person during the special clinic.

It was emphasized that because of limited supplies of vaccine the shots will be given on a first come, first serve basis.



A WHITE RIBBON of concrete marks the scene of the new Farmington-Brighton Expressway as construction crews step up operations on the section by-passing the City. This camera-eye view of the progress of the project was taken from the newly finished Drake Road overpass looking east toward Farmington Road.

Twelve Injured In Seven Area Auto Accidents

A total of 12 persons were injured in seven separate auto accidents in the Farmington area during the four and one-half day period from Friday until noon Tuesday. The first accident occurred Friday morning around 7:45 a.m. on Farmington Road at Eight Mile when a car operated by Celestra Coolman of 20118 Shadyridge, Livonia was struck by another operated by Leonard Schaudetter, also of Livonia. Mrs. Coolman was making a left turn from Farmington onto Eight Mile by a caution light when the accident happened. She was treated for chest injuries by her family doctor.

Mrs. Gertrude Dwyer of 29337 David Road, Farmington, and two of her children, Nancy, 16, and Mary, 3, were injured Friday afternoon around 4:30 p.m. in the 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road intersection when Mrs. Dwyer lost control of her car. The auto ran over the centerline smashing into the left rear of a vehicle operated by Alvin Dahlike of Madison Heights, and the front end of another operated by John McLean of Detroit.

Mrs. Dwyer suffered lacerations to the lip. Nancy a possible leg fracture and Mary abrasions about the forehead and a knee. Persons in the other two cars involved were not hurt.

SATURDAY afternoon, Shirley Hawkins of 28232 Shiawassee Road was injured when she smashed into a car with her motorcycle on Grand River at Inkster Road. Thrown from her bike, she suffered contusions on the chin, a fractured finger and injuries to the arm and shoulder. The car operated by Clarence Ashmore of 21032 Inkster was proceeding across Grand River on Inkster when the mishap occurred.

Two of three accidents Sunday occurred on Grand River near the eastern boundary of the township and the third at the extreme eastern boundary at Eight Mile.

HARTOM ELECTED BOARD PRESIDENT AT CLARENCEVILLE

At its annual organization meeting held last Thursday evening, the Clarenceville School Board elected Elbert Hartom as President of the Board of Education for the year 1957-58.

Other newly elected officers include: Fred Bailey, Secretary and Richard Gault, Treasurer. The Board of Education met for the first time during the past year. Regina Beard and Halley Hayes, newly elected members of the Board, will serve as Trustees.

All of the officers were elected for terms of one year each. Their terms will become effective on July 1, 1957.

CITY INCREASES NORMAL OUTPUT OF WATER SUPPLY

The City's water supply was increased by approximately 200 gallons per minute last week as a result of repair and maintenance work on one of the wells in the City Park, Earl Scherffius, Mayor, announced Monday.

The work consisted of cleaning and repairing the pump and motor. The City Manager stated that as a result of the work the capacity of the pumps has been increased from 100 gallons per minute to 300 gallons per minute.

Officials expressed their appreciation for the excellent cooperation being displayed by residents in regard to the current water use restrictions. The City Manager stated that charts showing water levels in the storage tank varied only slightly throughout the week-end in spite of the unusually warm weather.

Thompson-Brown to Maintain System Pending Creation Of New Authority

Residents of the Kendallwood Subdivision were assured late last week by Township officials and the Thompson-Brown Company that water and sewage treatment facilities will be operated and maintained despite cancellation of the existing contract between the Township and the developers.

The assurance was given during a special meeting of the Township Board held Friday afternoon at the Town Hall. Present at the meeting, in addition to the Board members, were Donald Pierce of the State Health Department, and Ross Campbell and Charles Brown of the Thompson-Brown Company. The meeting was called at the request of the Board in order to settle the problem created by the recent County Corporation's Council opinion to the effect that the Township has no legal authority to enter into a continuing contract for operation of subdivision water and sewer systems.

The opinion, rendered by Charles Davis, Chief Assistant of the Corporation Counsel, was read to the group at the beginning of the meeting. Officials of the Thompson-Brown stated that they had reviewed the opinion and came to the same conclusion as Davis. Pierce stated that, while his office did not question the opinion, it came as considerable shock to the State Health Department. He added that numerous Township officials are meeting with other authorities on similar systems and that the Health Department has been issuing permits for their construction and operation. Pierce stated that his office would request the Attorney General for an opinion on the question.

SCHEDULE BASEBALL TAG DAYS, FRI., SAT.

The Annual Farmington Baseball for Boys "Tag Days", originally scheduled for last week-end, will be held this Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22. Hubert Barton, president of the organization, announced this week, following receipt of formal approval by the City Council, that the "Tag Days" project was delayed until application could be submitted to the Council and formal approval received. Barton stated that the project will be used to purchase supplies and field equipment for this year's baseball program. Members of the various Little League, Babe Ruth League and Farm Club teams will take part in the project. The boys who will be dressed in their team uniforms, will be stationed at key locations throughout the Farmington business area selling "Tagging" tags.

Officials emphasized that over \$2,300 is needed to help finance the program in order to accommodate approximately 200 boys. While uniforms and team equipment for the organized Little League and Babe Ruth League teams are furnished by the various sponsors, field supplies and Farm Club equipment must be provided from the operating budget of the organization.

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League Sets Date For Organization

The organization meeting of the Farmington Township League of Subdivision Associations will be held on Monday evening, June 24, at the 10 Mile Elementary School.

The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers and hold a first regular meeting of the Assembly of Delegates. The Constitutional Convention had set mid-June as the target date for the organization of the League. Many subdivision associations had become charter members of the League.

Officials of the Temporary League reported as of Tuesday noon that 21 associations had ratified the League Constitution and that 10 of these had already completed the various additional requirements of the charter membership. All 21 are expected to qualify as charter members prior to the meeting on June 24. Except for the temporary directors, the press and Residents Committee guests, only delegates of charter members of their alternates will be eligible to attend.

The League organization meeting will climax eleven months of preparatory work which began last July when the Residents Committee formed a group which was accelerated last January when the Temporary League was organized. The purpose of the League of Subdivision Associations has and will continue to be to help members in their efforts to achieve a good community.

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