

## Seven Candidates File For Three Seats To Be Filled On City Council

Seven candidates have filed nominating petitions to bid for the three seats to be filled on the five member Farmington City Council at the polls on April 5.

The terms of office of Mayor Robert Lindbert, Mayor Pro-



**Mayor Lindbert  
Stepping Down  
From City Gov't**

Mayor Robert Lindbert, who was first elected to the Farmington City Council in April of 1962 and has served for three consecutive four-year terms in that capacity, has declined to run for re-election, bringing an end to the longest tenure a mayor has ever had in the city of Farmington's history.

Lindbert was first drawn into Farmington City government by his appointment to the Council in January of 1953 to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Roy Miller, who had resigned. He first ran for election to the City Council in April of 1953 and won a four-year term.

Lindbert became Mayor of the City by a unanimous vote of the members of the City Council on April 11, 1953. He was elected Mayor again following his re-election to the Council in 1957 and 1961. Lindbert's decision to not seek re-election was based solely on the press of his business, L & H Wood Industries, which he started in the spring of 1964.

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## Council Okays Start on Rejuvenating Projects

The Farmington City Council took action at its regular meeting Tuesday night, approving the city manager to proceed with engineering plans and cost estimating work for the development of improved off-street parking facilities for business places in the southwest quadrant of the Downtown Farmington business section.

This quadrant is bounded by Farmington Road on the east, Grand River Avenue on the north, State Street to the south and the new city municipal building property on the west.

The acquisition of property to the rear of stores fronting on Farmington Road and Grand River Avenue in this quadrant has been in progress by the city over the past several years.

Most of the land in this area has now been cleared and the city's plan is to develop a municipal parking lot to accommodate 80 cars or more. An asphalt surfaced lot with proper drainage is proposed with the cost of the surfacing and drainage work required to be absorbed by the business places in the area. The city manager is expected to submit a special assessment plan to the city council on a special assessment basis with the city donating the land.

As part of another major improvement project proposed in the downtown section, council members also authorized the city manager to take bids for the demolition of the old Elks Temple building on the north side of Grand River a short distance east of Farmington Road. The city hall building, now in poor condition, is to be replaced by a new building to the east of the Elks building (the old Grace Hotel structure).

Plans call for the Elks building to be taken down and for ingress and egress from Grand

Tem Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton and Henry Forrest all expire this year.

Mayor Lindbert was not one of the seven filing prior to the 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, deadline. The mayor is stepping out of public office after over 12 years of service to the city on the Council during which he was mayor for all but a few months.

Both Mayor Pro-Tem Brotherton of 23222 Beacon Drive and a Councilman Forrest of 34109 Alta Loma will be bidding for re-election, however.

THE OTHER five men who have filed petitions as candidates are Ralph D. Voder of 31601 Lamar Drive, Virgil Corwell of 33356 Valleyview Circle, Ernest E. Sauter, Jr. of 21323 Breewood, John A. Allen of 32293 Shawassene, and Robert A. Rogers of 22212 Slocum.

Brotherton has served on the Council since May of 1958 when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of John Laphan who resigned. He was named mayor pro-tem in 1959 and in April of 1961 was elected to serve for another four-year term. Brotherton has been the Council's representative on the planning commission for several years now and is presently acting as chairman of the planning group.

FORREST was elected to the Council in April of 1961 for a two-year term and re-elected again for another two-year term in 1963. He has also been active on the economic development committee for the city.

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## Administrators' Duties Call For Traveling

Farmington School Administrators' duties are not all in Farmington. On Tuesday of this week Marjorie VanAmeyde, Asst. Supr. Instruction, traveled to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo to interview prospective teachers. He was accompanied by Norman Langen, principal of Alameda School.

Lindbert is currently attending the American Association of School Administrators convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He is expected back in Farmington by Friday of this week.

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## Taxes Come in Well Prior to Penalty Date

The deadline for paying winter tax bills without penalty this year was Monday of this week, Feb. 15, and reports from both the city and township treasurers' offices on Tuesday morning revealed that payments had come in exceptionally well.

City Treasurer Kathryn Catter reported that she had collected a total of \$1,033,417.54 in school and county taxes as of 5 p.m. Monday. This is just \$36,774.32 short of her total billing of \$1,070,191.86, she commented.

It is one of the best collections records ever recorded prior to the penalty deadline in recent years in the city.

TOWNSHIP Treasurer Elise Avery was also very well pleased with the way payments had come into her office prior to the penalty deadline date. She reported a total collection in school, county and township tax bills of \$3,133,532.74 as of 5 p.m. Monday. The total winter tax billing by the township treasurer's office this year ran \$3,864,177.55.

The slightly more than \$730,000 still outstanding in bills is substantial. But, compared percentage-wise with the amount outstanding by the penalty deadline date in previous years, the percentage of collection this year is exceptionally good.

BOTH TREASURERS reminded taxpayers that they may still continue to pay their bills at the local municipal treasurers' offices for the remainder of this month but that a 4 per cent additional charge will be assessed against the bill.

Starting March 1, it will be necessary for all taxpayers to get corrected bills from the local treasurers' offices and then take the bills to the county treasurer's office to make payment.

In addition to the 4 per cent penalty an added charge of one-half of one per cent will be made for each month the tax bill is delinquent.

## Meadowbrook Water Is Set

A formal resolution was adopted by the Farmington Township Board last week setting up a \$165,912 special assessment water district to extend Detroit water into the Meadowbrook Hills Subdivisions in the southwest corner of Farmington Township.

The action came following the holding of a public hearing on the cost estimates that had been set on each individual piece of property in the subdivision.

No written or oral objections were voiced at the public hearing but a number of questions were raised.

It was explained that the tap-in costs for individual homeowners would run \$75 and the cost for running lines from the street to the houses would be around \$1.10 per foot.

Township officials pointed out that since a substantial amount of paper work would have to be completed it was not likely that Detroit water could be expected much before fall of this year.



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# Township Voters Soundly Reject Pay Increases For Top Officials

Farmington Township voters made it decisively clear at the polls on Monday that they were strongly opposed to granting pay raises in the amounts proposed to the township's supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

Voters rejected the pay increases proposed to be granted the township's three top officials by the four trustees on the Township Board by a lopsided vote of 2,559 to 928. The raises that had been approved by the trustees on November 3 would have increased the salary for the supervisor from \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually, the salary for the clerk from \$8,500 to \$11,500 and the salary for the treasurer from \$8,000 to \$11,000.

The voter turnout, although

very poor, was substantially higher than the turnout in most other communities where primary elections were necessary on Monday.

A TOTAL OF 3,663 township voters went to the polls. On the basis of a total voter registration of 13,756 in the township, this represents a voter turnout of over 26 per cent.

It was predicted that the voter turnout would probably run under 20 per cent and in the township as a whole where primaries were held this prediction held true.

Comments from those who are either involved in local politics or are fairly well versed on local governmental affairs were that the size of the

increases proposed had much to do with the one-sided defeat. They also felt that the fact that the trustees waited until the evening prior to the November 3 township election to take official action on the large pay increases severely hurt chances of getting voter approval.

The referendum vote on the pay increase action that had been taken by the trustees was required when petitions were filed by a sufficient number of citizens to make it mandatory.

THE VOTE against the pay increases ran one-sided in all 12 township precincts ranging from approximately 2 to 1 to as high as five to one.

Voters in Precinct 2 handed the proposition the soundest re-

jection by voting 292 to 49 against the raises. Precinct 1 and Precinct 6 voters rejected the increases soundly also by votes of 258 to 61 and 229 to 58, respectively.

The proposition fared best in Precinct 4 where the vote was 161 "yes" to 100 "no." In the remainder of the precincts the range of defeat was from 2 to 1 to 3 to 1.

Supervisor Curt Hall's comment Tuesday morning was, "I feel the people of the township just don't realize how great the pressure is and all the work that is involved in the job of being supervisor."

"THE AVERAGE person didn't fully understand all the

facts regarding this proposition on the ballot nor do they understand all the work involved in the clerk's, supervisor's or treasurer's offices," commented Clerk Floyd Cairns. "We'll just have to wait two or four years now before any consideration of pay increases can be given again."

"I didn't expect that the pay increase proposition would carry because of the higher tax bills that went out this year," stated Mrs. Elise Avery, treasurer. "Really, granting the increases wouldn't have raised anyone's taxes but the people just didn't understand this fact," she added.

## Roberts, McNamara Senate Race Winners

In the race for the 14th State Senatorial District set to be decided April 5 it will be Republican Farrell E. Roberts pitted against Democrat Edward H. McNamara. The victor will be filling the seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Paul M. Chandler on Dec. 12.

The choices of voters Tuesday were also the chosen candidates of voters in both the City of Farmington and Farmington Township.

Pontiac Attorney Roberts who has served two terms as a state representative and two terms as a state senator scored one-sided victories for the Republican nomination in both the city and township.

IN THE TOWNSHIP, Roberts piled up a total of 1,088 votes and was the winner in all 12 precincts. His closest competitor was Farmington Township Justice of the Peace Allen C. Ingles who received 322 votes. Running third on the GOP ticket was Paul A. Kern, Jr. who garnered 246 votes.

On the Democratic ticket in both the city and township it was a very close race between Livonia City Councilman Edward McNamara and John Burke, Farmington Township resident, but McNamara held the edge in both cases.

McNamara received 497 votes in the township to 467 for Burke while in the city McNamara picked up 89 votes to Burke's 84.

IN THE CITY only 799 of the total number of 4,275 registered voters bothered to get out to the polls for a percentage turnout of just under 18.7 per cent. Because of the local proposition on the township ballot, a better turnout was recorded in the 13,756 registered voters, 3,663 showed up at the polls or approximately 26.6 per cent.

In the 14th District as a whole, Roberts received a total of 4,738 votes. His closest GOP ticket rivals running far, far behind were Kern with 1,493

votes and a single with 1,154. Thomas McHugh received 969 votes, Fitzhugh, Prescott, 399, and George Ames 231.

McNamara also walked away with the race in the district as a whole for the Democrats. He received a total of 4,004 votes to Burke's 1,010 and Mrs. Elsie Gilmore's 976.

## Farmington Twp 6th in County In Home Starts

Figures released by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission last week showed that Farmington Township ranked sixth in Oakland County in new residential dwelling starts for 1964.

A total of 377 single family building permits were issued by Farmington Township during 1964.

FOR THE second straight year, Southfield led the county in new home starts with a total of 1,550 permits being issued of which 1,232 were for single family dwellings and 328 for multiple family dwelling units.

Royal Oak Township ranked second with 1,044 permits of which 918 were for multiple units and only 127 for single family homes. The third fastest growing community in the county was Bloomfield Township with 650 single family housing starts and 124 multiple family unit starts. In fourth place was West Bloomfield Township with 443 single family home permits issued followed by Royal Oak Township with 286 permits for single family homes and 19 for multiple units and then Farmington Township.

OF EXCEPTIONAL interest in the report is the increasing amount of apartment dwelling development going on in the entire Detroit metropolitan area. In the total area, 39 per cent of the total number of new house building permits issued in 1964 were for multiple housing units compared to 28 per cent of the total in 1963.

## B of C Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 23

A general membership meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce will be held this coming Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, in the Friends' Room at the First Farmington Savings and Loan Building on Orchard Lake Road just east of the Farmington Plaza.

Deviating from the practice of the past, there will be no dinner prior to the regular meeting starting at 8 p.m. The change in practice is being made to determine what type of meetings members prefer.

All members of the B. of C. are being urged to bring guests to Tuesday's meeting. Guest speaker will be John E. Barnds of the National Bank of Detroit who will speak on the subject of "The Short Term Business Outlook for the County Area." Also featured will be short presentations by five local business firms on their business and what they have to offer citizens and fellow businessmen in the community in the way of products and services.



**THERE WAS NO WAITING** in line at most of the 18 precincts in the City and Township of Farmington for Monday's Primary Election. Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall is pictured above where he voted, Precinct 7 in the O. E. Dunckel Junior High School, with Election

Board workers (L to R) Verta Allen, Mary Jane Rubin and Olga Miller. Only 26 per cent of the registered voters in the Township and slightly more than 18 per cent of the City's registered voters went to the polls Monday. The cost per vote ran very high.

## Lowering Tax Levy Request For Expansion Of Library Facilities

The amount of the special tax millage levy for library expansion that Farmington Township voters will be asked to approve on the ballot April 5 has been reduced by one-quarter of a mill.

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The lowering of the amount to be requested for expansion was recommended by members of the district library board following a re-evaluation of their initial request. Taken into account in the re-evaluation was the problem that would be presented for the City of Farmington with approval of the one mill levy by township voters.

OFFICIAL action on the lowering of the amount of special levy to be requested for expansion was taken by the Township Board at a special meeting Monday night. The action came following the presentation of the district library board's re-evaluation figures in their entirety to Township Board members by Mary Allison and Tom Czubicki, township representatives on the library board.

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