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## INDUSTRIAL ZONING PLAN AFFECTS ALL TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS

### Township Turns Down Land Fill Proposal For Keller Property

Detroit City rubbish fill for the Mrs. Emma Keller property at 2905 Grand River was turned down by the Township Board at its regular meeting Tuesday night. A crowd of at least 100 was present and cheered the results of a motion by Wendell Brown, supported by Elise Avery. Only "no" vote was from Supervisor Frank Stephenson, who explained he felt Mrs. Keller was up against a terrible problem and the fill might have been approved by the township. The township board members questioned Mrs. Keller's attorney and the Detroit representatives, who again explained the methods used and the fill would have been ashes, street dirt and refuse, but no garbage. Work would have started Oct. 1 and ended by May 1, so there would be no hot weather smells.

Member Fred Westlake said he was familiar with the ground, had gone over it first four years ago, knew the method, and was not in favor of any municipality filling land in this way.

DR. S. A. BROADMAN, Township Health Officer, who he had gone out with the Detroit engineers with his mind made up to oppose the method. He knew his decision would be unpopular, but he told the crowd why he had been convinced such land fill would be good for all concerned. He suggested a number of safeguards for the township if the plan were approved.

CONRAD BRASETH, president of Clarenceville Civic Ass'n, told the people in the area, opposed the plan, and presented a petition of opposition with 150 signatures. A representative of Heartstone Sub, south in Livonia, told his group's opposition to the plan. Other people opposed the plan for various reasons, and some said if this fill were allowed they would want to be allowed to do the same thing.

Dr. Broadman, knowing his support of the fill plan was unpopular, wondered if action by the Board was a repudiation of his stand. The Board quickly praised him for his stand and the initial responses have been highly gratifying, Chairman John Kamego stated Wednesday.

Initial U.F. Drive Response Good

Nearly all of the business places and industrial firms in Farmington have now been contacted for contributions in the 1957 United Foundation Torch Drive and the initial responses have been highly gratifying, Chairman John Kamego stated Wednesday.

School Boards Meet

Most board of education members from Clarenceville School District, plus Superintendent Leonard E. Schmidt, were at Lansing Wednesday for a meeting of Michigan Association of School Boards. The meeting was also sponsored by Michigan Society of Architects and MSU College of Education.

### City Adopts New Method On Contracts

#### House Fire Saturday Causes Extensive Damage

A fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the upper story of the Richard Nobel home at 4220 Grand River Avenue Saturday afternoon and did considerable damage to the lower floor as well.

Starting shortly before 2 o'clock the fire had gotten a good start before the Novi fire department arrived. They immediately summoned departments from Farmington, Northville and Commerce Townships who assisted in bringing the blaze under control.

Two convalescent patients living in the home were removed before suffering any injuries.

### County Orders Study of Gov't

Oakland County supervisors, under leadership of Chairman Delos Hamilton of Farmington, Monday ordered a special committee to study reforms in county government.

Chairman Hamilton will soon name a nine-member committee to study possible legislative and constitutional changes in state law governing county government.

THE BOARD also ordered an experimental "open door" policy for its committee meetings. Supervisor Frank Stephenson of Farmington had requested this some time ago.

The new policy calls for all committee meetings to be open to the public, with all supervisors and "interested persons" to be notified of committee meetings at least four days in advance.

Supervisors asked for summaries of committee action to be sent to them after meetings have been held.

In his report to the board, Mr. Hamilton said:

"There is no doubt that this county is in for many changes. It is in a hot spot—a swiftly developing metropolitan area.

County government must be stronger, practically to the point of home rule. But I think we have been doing a very good job, working under existing laws and conditions."

Twp. Attorney Gives Rulings

Several opinions were presented by Township Attorney Arthur L. Robbins at the Township Board meeting Tuesday night.

He said that a health ordinance for the Township was not necessary, pointing out state statutes which covered the matter. He suggested rules and regulations to make these workable.

Discussion brought out such rules and regulations would mean any possible fine money would go to the county treasury. A new ordinance would mean fines would go to the Township.

Rules and regulations prevailed, with Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Hug voting against, feeling each department should be self-sustaining so far as possible.

Robbins also said the Township could legally put a one and one-half percent charge on land developers to defray township expenses.

He also gave Treasurer Elise Avery a lengthy study defining rights, powers and duties of the treasurer.

### City Adopts New Method On Contracts

A new method of handling contracts for utilities in new subdivisions in Farmington City, and general specifications for various engineering details were adopted by the city council Monday night.

In the past, subdivisions have used several methods of contracting for utilities, sometimes with small problems for the city which must eventually take over and operate them.

HEREAFTER the city will ask bids for the utility work in subdivisions. When bids are received the subdivision developer will deposit with the city money to cover the bid, plus a small amount for inspection, etc.

CITY Manager Earl Spherfius told the council this method is being used more and more. Contractors often prefer to deal with the city. He thinks the method would save money, and assure completion. The city would not do the engineering, but would pay for it. The city engineer would approve plans.

ENGINEER Dean Elwart pointed out the city would thus be inspecting the utilities it would eventually operate.

Standard specifications for much of the paving, sewer and water buildings are also being adopted. Among these will soon be a requirement that sidewalks built where driveways cross will have to be thicker than the standard four inches.

ACTION was delayed again on a petition of property owners on Powers Road and Cloverdale. However, the city expects to work out a deal so not many of the trees will have to be removed for new sidewalks. A request for adoption of a plan in that area was also delayed.

Henry Otis resigned from the Planning Commission and the action was accepted with regret by the council. A replacement will be studied and made later.

Roads and sidewalks in Alta Loma Sub 3 were accepted by the city for municipal maintenance. An escrow check for paving along Gill Road was accepted.

The city-township library budget was received from Pres. C. Goddard Smith and filed for inclusion in the budget prepared next spring. Because of the possibility of operating in a new location during the coming year, it was asked that the budget not be cut.

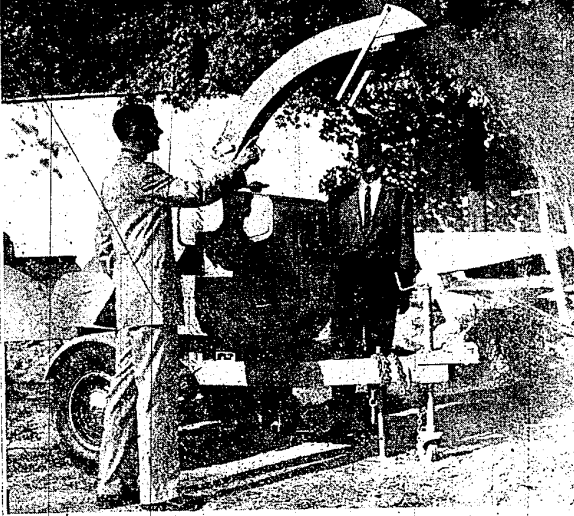
Next meeting of the city council will be Monday, October 28.

Speaks on Seaway

Congressman William S. Brownfield was the speaker last week at the Farmington Exchange Club meeting. He gave a report on the progress and problems involved in the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway. He also brought movie pictures of the project.

Cafeteria Readied

Clarenceville's new junior high cafeteria is expected to be ready for use by pupils soon. Plumbers and electricians are now completing the facilities. Men's have already been served by carrying the food across the road from the senior high school kitchen.



DEAN J. ELWART, new Farmington city engineer, is being shown the new city brush grinder by City Manager Earl Spherfius (left). This piece of equipment is pulled behind a truck and workers feed branches into the chipper. Chips are blown into the truck, or off the side of the road. It will take a six inch tree limb. The machine went into use last week, and

probably will be used by the department of public works weekly. Before this, tree limbs and brush were picked up in a bulky load which had to be hauled out to the dump often, even though not especially heavy. Fewer loads now will save much time and fuel. Feeding the machine, not shown in picture, is Jules Mehay, the city's building maintenance man.

### Strange Object Falls From Sky

Considerable excitement was caused in the neighborhood of Albion Street north of Grand River last Saturday afternoon when a strange object dropped from the sky.

Unwilling to get too close to the weird device, residents summoned police officers who made an examination. The object was found to be a radioisotope modulator which had been sent up by balloon from Detroit for the purpose of obtaining weather information from altitudes up to 14 miles.

Following instructions, the local police department returned the radioisotope modulator to the Detroit weather station.

### Old City Fire Truck Parades

Farmington's grand old fire truck, the 1918 LaFrance combination pumper and ladder truck, appeared in one large parade this week—National Fire Prevention Week.

Acting Director Joseph G. DeVriendt of the Department of Public Safety, says the appearance was Wednesday night, October 9, at Pontiac, for a parade of antique fire equipment.

THE OLD-PIECE of equipment has been overhauled and is now in excellent condition. It is used by the department as a standby pumper.

The Department of Public Safety takes the new combination pumper and ladder truck to Plymouth Thursday, October 10, for a parade starting at 7 p.m.

It will end at Phoenix Park, where the equipment from all adjoining cities will draft water from Phoenix pond in a huge stream display. There will also be hose layout and ladder drills.

### Petitions For Dry Area Soon Go to Township

Petitions for water in the so-called "dry" area in southeast Farmington Township are soon ready for presentation to the Township Board. Members Tuesday evening voted to advise for a financial consultant to help set up the proposed plan.

At the same time they assured possible hardship cases in the area they would study every method to do away with heavy costs on owners not needing or wanting the water service.

A REAL STUDY of the area need and costs will begin soon, Supervisor Frank Stephenson promised.

A letter from one attorney advised the Township could not delay assessments in the area until killing chances of selling the bonds. Another attorney present argued this could be done.

TWENTY PEOPLE from Kendallwood Subdivision asked a meeting with the board, the board members agreed in regard to the Township taking over and operating the Kendallwood and Westbrook Manor water and sewer systems.

Mr. Stephenson explained the attorney general's opinion permitting this is expected soon, that a meeting would be set soon, including representatives from the Oakland County Department of Public Works.

THE SUPERVISOR, suffered from a recommendation of the Planning Board. Mr. Stephenson per Messrs. Berger, Lucant and Bowden had asked that five acres at Ten Mile west of Haynes Road be rezoned commercial.

The board recommended the request be turned down. Mr. Stephenson moved the recommendation be upheld, and voted with other board members to do so.

THE PLANNING Board recommended approval of the Clyde C. Mays property at Ten Mile and Middlebelt for commercial use, from Residential Four. Despite objections from one family to the townsmen, the board passed a resolution of intent, from which a public hearing will be held by the Township Zoning Board. Mr. Stephenson pointed out this would give objectors another chance to present their case.

The township decided to enter into a contract with the Village of Wood Creek Farms for building inspections at the prevailing rate. A complete contract for all services will be discussed later.

The application for rezoning from residential to commercial for Floyd Bruni at Middlebelt and Thirteen Mile was turned over to the Planning Board for action.

A Classified Ad Will Reach Over 15,000 Prospective Clients

### Planning Board Hears Objectors Against Old and New Districts

A modified plan for industrial zoning in the west part of Farmington Township met the same opposition as the original plan, at the regular meeting last Thursday night of the Township Planning Board.

Protests from many of the 40 people there brought a vigorous statement from the board members that what they are proposing is for the benefit of people from the entire township. The plan will be asked to be accepted.

A PUBLIC program to explain and discuss the industrial zoning will be held November 8, sponsored by the Farmington Civic Association, at the high school. Residents from all parts of the township will be asked to attend.

As the meeting started, Chairman Charles Ghesquire told the audience the entire township plan, when completed, will first be submitted to the Township Board. It will refer the plan to the zoning board which will conduct a public hearing. There are several stages involved before final adoption.

Anywhere along this route township citizens may petition for a vote by all the people, to determine if the public supports zoning which includes an industrial sector.

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SUNDAY in a similar crash on 12 Mile at Drake Road, Julia McHale Starnel of 38800 Eight Mile Road suffered nose injuries.

Proceeding west on 12 Mile, Mrs. Starnel was unable to stop her car in time to avoid hitting a second vehicle driven by Burt Bryant of Plymouth, making a left hand turn from the eastbound lane of 12 Mile. The Starnel auto ran off the road, knocking down a sign and smashing into a flag pole.

In another Sunday accident at the Grand River-Eight Mile intersection, Jeanne Morris, a passenger in one of the two cars involved suffered ankle injuries.

Operating the cars colliding about Dorothy May Johnson of 21281 Randall, proceeding west on Eight Mile, and Beverly Ann Buckingham of 28618 Gaylord. Both claimed that they crossed the intersection on a green light.

Two witnesses were available to testify. Early Tuesday morning, around 12:20, William McGuire, 44, of 2921 W. Grand Street, suffered a broken leg when he smashed into a parked car on Haynes Street on his motorcycle. The parked car was owned by Eugene Kerr of 22411 Haynes.

The north end of a buffer area to the north and east might be created. Main entrance to the expressway would be at Ten Mile intersection. Highway 10 Road should be a heavily traveled route, partly because of the Novi zoning and partly because Halsted farther north goes through residential areas.

SECRETARY H. N. Wiest sees the area developed in the future by light industry such as Farmington's Star Catter Company, proposed restrictions on building and proper landscaping, pointing out light industry can do these things and that no heavy industry is wanted or could be developed. He calls such an area industrial estates.

Five types of light industry are most apt to locate in such an area. They don't need much water or sewer facilities, could use the area now. There have been requests already to the township, the applicants knowing water and sewer were not available.

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### AROUND THE BLOCK

Last Wednesday, October 2, was quite a noteworthy day around The Enterprise. In true newspaper tradition, Michael Philip, first-born son of Editor Mike Kiley and wife Phyllis, waited until the paper was off the press before putting in an appearance at the hospital. The new little Mike is named for both father and grandfather. He arrived a little prematurely, the young man was kept at the hospital several days after the mother was released. Their daughter, Susan, is a little over two years old. Editor Mike wasn't sure until the end of the week just how many pages there were in last week's issue, but he'll always remember the circumstances.

Delos Hamilton's nine-page report on past accomplishments of Oakland County government was enthusiastically received by the Board of Supervisors Monday. He is chairman of the board, and long an advocate of getting a more workable county government. These days, in fact, he just about lives at Pontiac rather than Farmington.

2,000 BOOKS found new readers at the fifth annual book sale of the American Association of University Women, Farmington Branch, under the tent set up on the Township Hall green last week. Proceeds of the sale go to the Association's fund for the awarding of annual awards to American and foreign women scholars for research and post-doctoral study in the United States and abroad. Mrs. Harley Gibson (right) was on duty when this picture

was snapped. Her interest in books is of many years standing. She is secretary of the library board, a U. of M. graduate, and has been both program and education chairman of AAUW. Among the books are from left: Michael Harris, eighth grade; Mary Ellen Kirby, first grade; Kathleen Kirby, seventh grade, and Joann Gadaw, seventh grade, all from Our Lady of Sorrows school.

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