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If Not A Township, What Type of Government Is Best?

Is a township form of government satisfactory or out-of-date? What are the advantages and disadvantages of other forms?

Expert opinions on three kinds of other local governments will be available at a special meeting Wednesday evening, April 30, sponsored by the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce. It starts at 8 p.m., at Farmington High School gymnasium.

THE PUBLIC is invited to attend the meeting and, after the panel discussion, there will be ample time for questions from the floor.

Because of the coming elections on annexation of some eight sections of the township to the city, and formation of a new village, there is great interest in what is being done ahead of the township form of government.

Annex, Village Votes Aug. 5

Two special elections will probably be held here Aug. 5 at the same time as the primary election.

One question will be annexation of about eight sections of southwest Farmington township to the city at the primary election, and the other will be on the formation of a new village in parts of sections 15, 16 and 21.

PETITIONS for both votes were presented last part of March to the county clerk. On Tuesday the boundaries committee checked the petitions and found they were satisfactory and the boundaries correct.

The committee has recommended to the county board of supervisors that elections be held at the time of the primary election, and this date will undoubtedly be accepted by the supervisors.

QUAKER TOWN has been proposed as the name for the village. The area is along 12 Mile Road and both sides of Farmington Road.

There are also the subdivisions of Quaker Valley, Ramble Hills, Normandy Hills and Biddlestone Woods, also the Eleanor Spicer property. There are more than 400 people in the territory at present.

Under usual procedure residents would vote on incorporation, also separately on annexation, and a charter would be drawn up. If a charter is approved, the commission sets up a charter which then has to be approved at a subsequent election before incorporation becomes effective.

City Civil Defense Meeting Set May 5

A general meeting of civil defense workers in the City of Farmington has been set for Tuesday, May 5, at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Grand River at Lakeway.

Two movies will be shown — "Three Minutes" and "You Can Beat A Bomb."

Announcement was also made by Civil Defense Director Joseph B. Farnsworth that the weekly meetings of auxiliary police and fire-fighting volunteers has now been changed to Tuesday at 7 p.m. Previously instructions were being given on Sunday morning.

Leave Door Unlocked; Home Entered, Searched

The Donald T. Axons of 28124 Wildwood Trail learned last week that leaving doors unlocked when going away, even for a short period, is an unwise practice.

Sometime while they were away one night their home was entered and ransacked. Drawers in furniture in the bedroom were dumped and searched and costume jewelry scattered about, in a search for money by the burglars. Nothing was found to have been taken, however, a report made by the Township Police Department indicated.

Miller's Restaurant Broken Into, Robbed

Sometime late Saturday night or early Sunday morning Miller's Restaurant on Grand River Avenue at Hawthorne Street was broken into and searched and costume jewelry scattered about, in a search for money by the burglars. Nothing was found to have been taken, however, a report made by the Township Police Department indicated.

Food Rule Changed

The township board amended its ordinance Tuesday night so that not only employees but employers and all others who handle food must obtain a permit and have an x-ray taken. It was reported that compliance with the regulation has been pretty well observed.

Now Being Read by 4,669 Families or 67% of the Citizens of the Farmington Area

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Budget, Sewer Hot Topics at Twp. Meeting

The legal opinion that annual meeting actions were not valid, and the interceptor sewer were talked at length at the township board meeting Tuesday night.

In other business the resignation of Donald D. Pullen as township civil defense director was tabled, and the township officials plan to ask him to reconsider.

Mr. Pullen pointed out the Civil Defense organization already has an excellent staff, with considerable equipment. He has felt, however, that the group was not getting much cooperation from the township.

ORDINANCE governing fire prevention, giving of burning permits and all fire regulations was asked by William Fisher, and the township board will study this and present such an ordinance.

Harvey Freeman reported for the planning commission, and said that the township board should stand for any government, but they felt all interested citizens should be familiar with all possible types of municipalities. It is also an opportunity to get answers to any questions in the mind of any resident.

Harry Farmer and his planning and zoning committee members were asked to present a report on this meeting, with the support of the Chamber's board of directors.

Picked Up Shortly After Stealing Car

Two Detroit youths were apprehended Saturday afternoon by members of the city's department of public safety shortly after stealing a car in the vicinity of the Henry Funeral Home in the downtown business district.

Apparently sensing that they were being followed, the youths pulled the car in behind the Farmington Chambers establishment after traveling a short distance east on Grand River and took off on foot into Warner Farms Subdivision. They were picked up shortly afterwards walking along the Farmington-Brighton Expressway.

Observe Law Day

Next Thursday, May 11, is being observed as Law Day USA by first citizens of the nation, and the municipal court of Judge John J. Schulte Jr. will recess at 11 a.m. that day. The new observance is on the theme of "Observe the Law." The day and all courts have been requested to join in a prayer sent out by the U.S. Bar Ass'n.

League Survey Shows Mild Opposition to Industry Zoning

Opposition to the township interceptor sewer was expressed by those who answered a questionnaire prepared by the Township League of Subdivision Associations. Most expressed a desire for more information.

A surprising result was that 47 per cent of those answering favored industrial zoning in the township.

QUESTIONS as to whether or not the survey results indicated feelings of the entire township population were raised at the township board meeting Tuesday night where the results were given board members.

In discussion the audience pointed out there are about 5,800 families in the township, whereas the questionnaire was circulated to 1,200 families located in 20 subdivisions, and 619 actually answered. There are approximately 370 subdivisions in the township, but the 20 are among the larger.

PRESENT TYPE of sewer system was asked. The results:

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| Septic tank | 66% |
| Community tank | 27% |
| Other | 7% |

Inside Features

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| Falcons Humble Trojans In Baseball Opener | 3A |
| Scout-O-Rama Plans for Saturday Completed | 6A |
| Ground Breaking for New YWCA Set Saturday | 1B |
| Pre-Kindergarten Sign Up Date Set at Cville | 1B |
| Classified Ads | 4A, 5A |
| Church Activities | 5B |
| Editorial Features | 2B |
| Michigan Mirror | 2B |
| Neighborhood News | 2A, 7A |
| News | 3B, 4B, 8B |
| Sports Activities | 3A |

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City Paving Bid Accepted, Delay 2 Others

The city manager was ordered by the council Monday night to enter into a contract on the paving program, which will be signed later.

However, a final decision on water and sewer bids to serve the recently annexed area south of the expressway will probably be made at a special meeting Friday night.

SOME PAVING had been dropped from the plans since original bids were taken, but City Manager Earl Scherffius reported the low bidder had agreed on the smaller amount of work with a 10 cent per yard increase in price. His price of \$114,584 was still under the second bid of \$117,746.

To be paved are: Shilawesee hill east to the pump house, and Shilawesee between Liberty and the east side of the city.

State, from Liberty to Wilmarth.

Powers Road from Grand River north to the good blacktop on Valleyview.

Farmington Road from Shilawesee north through Twin Valley sub to the blacktop at the top of McGee hill.

Tracy Court objected to the fact State would not be paved through from Liberty to Farmington Road, and council members explained it was left out because of uncertainty on the future of that block. They felt it could be added later if desirable.

WARNER FARMS residents complained at the plan to bring a new sewer line from 8 Mile Road on Farmington north to the Clover-

Fatally Injured In Crash Tuesday

Mrs. Barbara Fitzgerald, 26, of 26804 Grayling Street was fatally injured Monday morning when her car collided with a dump truck loaded with 20 tons of gravel in Pontiac Township.

The mother of three small children, she died two hours after admission to Pontiac General Hospital.

Betty Woodington, 36, of 21355 Wagon Wheel Drive was also injured. She was admitted to the hospital with leg and ankle fractures.

Deputy County Sheriff's deputies said that Mrs. Fitzgerald was headed north on Perry Street when she ignored the stop sign at M-24.

Thomas H. Thompson, 31, of Detroit, the driver of the truck, was not injured. He was released after making a statement to the Oakland County Prosecutor.

LAPHAM RESIGNING

John Lapham has told city officials that he intends to resign as a councilman, because of the press of other business. He had intended to give his resignation in the mail this week, but it had not yet been received at the city hall. He has been unable to attend the last two regular council meetings.

Councilman supported a careful study by City Engineer Dean Elwart that showed the extra 12-inch sanitary line would leave a fair margin of safety in the Cloverdale pipe. A study by L. N. Hayden, former city engineer, was in general agreement. Councilmen also pointed out that excessive rainfall last July failed to do damage in that area.

Record County Budget Proposed

A tentative budget of \$12,762,280 was unanimously approved by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors this week. The proposed budget will now go to the County Tax Allocation Board for review.

This is a record budget for the county running \$3 million more than the current one, a reflection mainly of the highest welfare load since the late 1930's.

An expected floor fight over an extra \$4,000 appropriation for the Oakland Child Guidance Clinic never materialized. The Clinic originally had asked for \$72,467 but this was trimmed to \$32,000 by the Ways and Means Committee and the Board of Auditors, or \$15,000 more than the current budget provides.

Township Loses

Two lawsuits regarding zoning have recently been lost by Farmington Township. The attorney told board members Tuesday night.

The court ordered the township to approve the Ridgeview subdivision plan, and to issue a building permit to A. J. Primm to build on a lot the township board says does not conform to the zoning regulations.

Wendell Brown said he had heard the city would also like to annex to the east, and warned the people would have to pay for city services.

After similar comments by other members the board asked township people to get out and fight against annexation and inform the people concerned about the problems.

Township Annual Meeting Not Valid, Attorney Says

Improperly working septic tanks and a lack of sewers in the township, and whether or not this may aid the spread of contagious diseases, became a hot subject of discussion Tuesday night at the township board meeting.

The township health officer admitted there has been a small increase in the incidence of hepatitis (yellow jaundice) in the township schools. He stressed it is not an epidemic, said, in fact, that if there were five times as much, he still would not consider it an epidemic.

However, he said that sewerage in the township now is such that an epidemic of any kind got started it might be difficult to control it.

The health officer suggested that people opposed to the interceptor sewer should consider the health hazard involved. Cost is very important, he said, but a community is judged by its sewer and water facilities, and that sewerage might be more important than dollars.

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Later the attorney told the crowd this entire question is in a very indefinite legal area, and no one can give an answer. He said he can only try to interpret the law to the best of his ability. Many things involving township government are obsolete and should be changed by the legislature, he said.

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CHECKING of signatures has just started for Greencastle subdivision, located on 12 Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt. Clerk Cairns reports there were 117 petitions with 87 lots involved, and 74.7 per cent of the owners had signed.

Estimated cost of the blacktopping is \$4,096 or less. Bids will be let by the township board, and residents will pay the cost over a 10-year period.

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Twp. Fighting 1 1/2 M. Highway

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It refers explicitly to the proposed 1 1/2 mile expressway running from Northwestern to the new expressway and joining at Haggerty Road.

Members pointed out this would cut the township in two, causing grave hardship and expense to homeowners, churches, fire protection, schools and all other services.

Injured When Car Rams Semi on Expressway

Chest and head injuries were suffered Friday afternoon by Louis Boni of Dearborn when his car ran into a ditch after crashing into the rear of a semi-truck on the Farmington-Brighton Expressway just west of Farmington Road.

Boni was unable to stop in time when the truck cut sharply in front of his auto without signaling. The truck driver swung out to avoid hitting a flagman on the roadway directing traffic around a road crew working a short-distance ahead. The truck did not stop and witnesses were unable to give sufficient identification.

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POWERS STREET will be nice, wide and smooth and will be settling. Part of the summer concrete paving planned by the city will bring a 31-foot road from Grand River more to about the middle of the hill in the distance, where it will connect with the present good blacktop.