

Report Made on Effect Of Cities On Township

The township board hired two Wayne State professors, Deil S. Wright and Nicholas A. Masters, to prepare a survey of the effects the two proposed city incorporations would have on the township. This summary was submitted to The Enterprise Tuesday morning.

At the board meeting Tuesday night Farmington Woods backers criticized the board for not having the report available earlier so more could study it, pointing out its cost of a little over \$1,000 was paid by all township citizens.

The board agreed to try to get about 100 more full copies immediately, and they are expected to be available by yet this week at the office of Clerk Floyd A. Cairns, particularly for subdivision associations, as well as other interested citizens.

This is a summary of our report submitted to the Farmington Township Board on the effects of the two proposed city incorporations on the township. It is in two parts: one dealing with the township as a whole, and the other dealing with the two proposed cities separately.

I. Purposes of Incorporation: The usual reason for main advantage of incorporation is the greater local control permitted to townships. This reason or advantage is not one desired by the backers of either of the two proposed cities. Their desire is incorporation in order to forestall annexation to another unit and to prevent any substantial increase in services and taxes.

Incorporation most assuredly would prevent annexation. However, population growth, inflation, and the fact that some of the factors that may result in increased services and taxes are beyond the control of the township, similar to those advocated by the Farmington Woods group, might approximate a certain amount of increase in services and taxes.

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Here's Comment by 2 Sides On That Report

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Certain excerpts from the report of Professors Wright and Masters which the Farmington Township Board wishes to bring out:

3. City incorporation permits the adoption of a home rule charter which would allow the township to meet the needs and desires of the community.

9. Farmington Woods takes in an area more than twice the size of the township, covering some 14.5 square miles. Its estimated population of 9,820 is slightly larger than that of the township, which is nearly so densely settled.

Its per capita assessed valuation doubles that of the township, being \$1,586. These figures would seem to indicate that Farmington Woods has a more favorable tax base for incorporation than does Clarencenville.

34 & Table VI. The property tax millage is obtained by first subtracting estimated state and federal taxes from total revenues from the total service costs. (See Table VI.) The resulting figure is the amount that would be levied on the property tax. From Table VI, Farmington Woods \$12.98. This amount is then translated into a millage rate based on the 1958 assessed valuation of each respective area. From Table VI, Farmington Woods - 84 mills.

Compared with the township-wide basis the millage rates for incorporation of Clarencenville and Farmington Woods are justly and reasonably low, and that the existing modest level of services presently extended by the Township is retained. At least two important factors which their effect cannot be readily shown in quantitative terms are the property tax to increase costs (and the tax rates) but their effect cannot be readily shown in quantitative terms.

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SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR — NUMBER 5

City Sued to Open Blockade Of 2 Streets

It's likely a circuit court will decide whether or not the barricades at the edge of Floral Park subdivision will remain.

The city council heard a report from the township on Monday night in which it questioned the legal soundness of the barricades.

A SUIT to compel the city they remove the barricades at the north end of Lilac and Violet streets was recently filed by James and Anna Fanzini, who live on Fink street in the township, and Elizabeth and Delores Grose, who live off Lilac within the city limits.

Councilmen could not decide immediately whether to take immediate action to ask the city attorney to request the attorney for the petitioners to grant them another week to make up their minds. However, even last Monday was past the deadline in which the city could file an answer, so it is not known whether the city will decide the case.

CONCILIATION V. O. Bates reported he had spent three evenings on Lilac street between Fink and Shawnee, and that opinion now seemed about even between the two sides.

Jim Cavanaugh commented that at first it had seemed a clear-cut case for the township, but now that opinion was divided it might be best to let an outsider judge the case.

CONDITIONS have changed somewhat since the first barricades were installed, said City Manager Elmer G. O'Brien, and earlier reasons no longer exist. He said the city had tried to yield to a majority of the people concerned in a bid to get the barricades actually a minority of all the people concerned with use of the public streets.

Barber figures the city has improved its streets, so if they have to be used the county should be pressured to improve them.

Barber said that points were brought out in the legal opinion prepared by Attorney Paul Title for an assessment report. The law is clear that highway authorities may not permit obstructions on highways, land damages have been caused by the barricades, and it is possible the city would have to acquire by purchase the land on which the barricades are at the blocked end of the street.

TRUCKS supplying fuel oil have to back out of the blocked street to get to the pumps, which probably have to do this also. This could pose a greater hazard to children than speeders.

The city's right to barricade streets is doubtful, the attorney said, and it is his recommendation that they remain, from a legal standpoint.

Four Injured In Crash Saturday

Four persons were injured last Saturday afternoon in a crash at Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile.

The incident resulted when a car driven by Marilyn Morgan of Walled Lake pulled into the path of another going driven by James E. Eppert of 9190 N. Ringwood, Farmington, proceeding south on Orchard Lake.

The Morgan car was driven into a third car parked at the gas station in the error.

Injured were Donna Eppert, shock; Marilyn Morgan, lacerations about face and legs; Helen Johnson, chin and leg lacerations; and Swendyl Brill, leg lacerations.

C-C Breakfast to Hear Sewer Plans

The monthly member breakfast of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, next Tuesday morning, will hear a talk by R. J. Alexander, deputy director of the Oakland County Department of Public Works.

The municipal building will open an extra hour each day. Starting next Monday, Nov. 3, the city offices will be open an extra hour each day.

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FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1958

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City to Look At Proposed Water Setup

Farmington city officials voted Monday night to work with the township to see if agreement were possible which might create a joint Water Authority with soft water from Detroit and serve the entire area.

City Manager Earl Scheffner was authorized to take initial steps and get more information.

STRICTER enforcement of the city's health and safety ordinance has been started, and will be carried forward upon requests by the city planning commission and the Farmington Downtown Business District Ass'n.

Two local buildings have been inspected by the state fire marshal's office, and a written report will be received this week. A verbal report last week indicated both were below minimum standards and would require a great deal of remodeling.

The council meets again next Monday, and the state report will then be discussed.

BIDS WERE let for sanitary sewer and water mains to serve the Arundel school, with cost to be submitted along with the agreement signed Monday reimburses the city for engineering and inspection also. The school will connect with the sewer line at the intersection of the sewer line.

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