

Discuss Soil Removal, Unsightliness Control

Major topics of discussion at the Wood Creek Farms Village Council meeting Tuesday night were what controls the village should have over soil removal and whether it has authority to force correction of unsightly conditions on private property.

Talk centered around provisions on these subjects contained in the newly adopted village zoning ordinance.

THE CONSENSUS of opinion was that provisions in the zoning ordinance need not be so strict as to require control of earth removal. Agreement was reached to study the zoning ordinance in more detail and discuss this matter further at the next regular council meeting.

Councilmen Harry Lang and Norman Kreider were appointed to get more information about earth removal ordinances under effect in other communities. They will study these as well as deed restrictions and pertinent provisions in the zoning ordinance and report back next month.

IT WAS SUGGESTED that a special ordinance be formulated to get regulations for tree removal and other projects which might permanently alter the appearance of property.

Not a new topic, the problem of unsightly conditions around a few homes in the village was again brought up with specific request the council to force correction of the conditions.

IT WAS generally agreed that a further study of provisions in the ordinance on this matter should be made and an effort made to force correction under such provisions before considering a separate ordinance. This will also be discussed again at the March meeting.

City to Build Metered Parking Lot in Spring

A city parking lot nearly as large as the site at the rear of the Bradley Ford and Hinkle stores on Farmington Road, will be developed as soon as weather permits.

This was announced by city councilmen Monday night after a study had indicated to them that an earlier, larger plan for assessments made against adjoining property had some serious defects.

THE TRACT to be developed was purchased last fall from John Lutz, and is east of Farmington Road and south of Grand River, so that it will serve most of the stores at the intersection of the two thoroughfares.

City Manager Earl Scherffius was given authority to go ahead immediately, but it will be pressed before bill can be made and a surface built. Meters will be installed, to be paid for from revenue. The city will try to squeeze out enough money from the general fund as a loan to do the work, and this will then be repaid.

CITY OFFICIALS say this is the start just that they do not intend to drop off-street parking plans here, but feel this lot will be so successful it will point up the need for a much larger parking area.

Their plans for a large lot continue, and they will work with the city to get needed property owners to agree on a practical form of assessment to pay for the construction and benefits.

To Again Vote At Wells Home

A policy of continuing to keep costs at a minimum will find Wood Creek Farms Village residents again casting their election ballots in the basement of a private home.

The Donald Wells residents at 2817 Eastbrook was again offered as a polling place and accepted by the village council meeting in regular session Tuesday evening.

It was also reported that members of the Wood Creek Farms Women's Association had again agreed to serve as election inspectors free of charge.

The village election will be held Monday, 9 p.m. for the election of the village council and councilmen Harry Lang and Norman Kreider. No opposition has as yet been reported.

Hit Abutment, Two Injured

Two Farmington residents were injured last Friday evening when the car in which they were traveling went over a concrete abutment and smashed into a bridge abutment.

The accident occurred on Ten Mile Road, short distance east of Middlebelt, around 7:30 p.m.

Frances L. Brim of 28359 Greenacres, driver of the car, suffered bruises about knee and minor rib injuries. Janet Helgen of 28750 Schroeder, a passenger, suffered lacerations about her face and knee injuries also.

Both were taken to Redford Medical Center for treatment.

Next City Council Meeting Is Changed

Because of the primary election the next regular meeting of the city council will be changed to Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the usual time of 8 p.m.

Precinct one will vote hereafter at the municipal building, and the counting board will be using the building after Feb. 16.

Multiple Dwelling Rezoning Is Final

Rezoning of a tract at Farmington Road and Freedom Road by apartment houses was given final approval Monday by the city council. Earlier a public hearing had been held, and amendments to the zoning ordinance had been introduced two weeks ago.

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Street Survey In City Shows 20 Year Needs

Street building and improvement needs for the next 20 years have been determined and laid out under a thorough study just completed by City Manager Earl Scherffius and Engineer Dean Elward.

City officials now have data on every block, down to such details as curb radius, curbing, even the number of trees. Condition of street surface was judged in light of when repairs might be necessary.

THE REPORT was given to the city council at a regular meeting Monday night. It was made not only for city planning, but for presentation to the state legislature. The law requiring distribution of tax money under the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund was changed, resulting in more funds for cities and villages.

The map and inventory were made up under standards set by state.

THE NEXT five years will be critical ones for the city, the survey shows. Here is the summary of costs for that period:

Major streets \$388,000
Local streets \$80,000
Total \$468,000

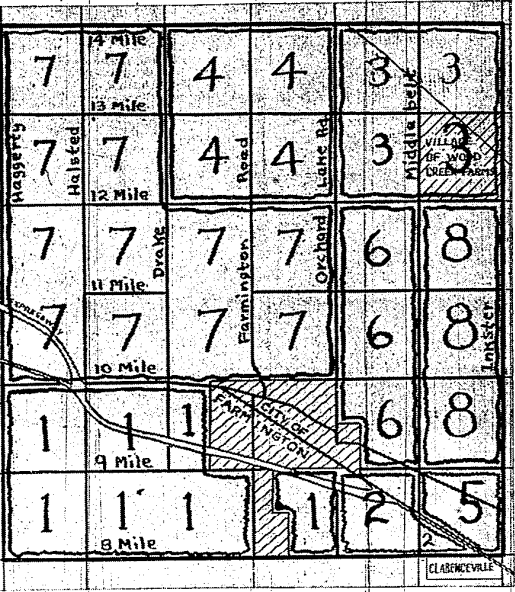
In the second five-year period the needs will be so great:

Major streets \$129,500
Local streets 215,000
Total \$344,500

In the third five-year period it is estimated \$48,000 will be needed for the local street system.

MR. SCHERFFIUS told the councilmen the city had been doing a lot of paving, but there would be much to do in the next decade.

However, when the 1960 census is completed, when which state aid is paid, he expects the city will be able to get more than double the present amount.



TOWNSHIP VOTING precincts are identified in this map, for use at the Feb. 15 election. Last fall some precincts were changed, with resulting confusion. Any township resident should be able to figure out from this map what precinct he lives in, as all mile roads are named. Polling places are as follows: Precinct 1, Twp. Hall, 23715 Farmington Road; No. 2, Wheeler St. Fire station, 21420 Wheeler; No. 3, Middlebelt school, 21400 Middlebelt; No. 4, Bond school, 22515 Orchard Lake Road; No. 5, Wheeler St. Station; No. 6, Shawnee school, 30415 Shawnee Road; No. 7, Duncanson Junior High, 22100 W. 12 Mile; Precinct 8, Wm. Grace school, 22010 Shawnee.

Food Handler X-rays Feb. 13

A chest x-ray mobile unit will be in Farmington Feb. 13 for exclusive use of food handlers employed by local establishments. It will not be open to the general public.

The unit will be at the city police department between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., according to City Clerk Trena Quinn. She has sent notices to all city firms who employ food handlers who must have the x-ray in order to get a city permit.

Grand River Avenue Residence Robbed

A home occupied by Grace Spleer at 36835 Grand River Ave. was broken into last Friday night and robbed.

Taken were three watches, a diamond ring, and several other items of jewelry. Also stolen was a portable typewriter.

Investigation of the theft is being continued by officers on the Farmington Township police department.

Start Minstrel Rehearsals Sun.

First rehearsals for the Farmington Jaycees 25th annual minstrel show to be presented in March were held Sunday.

Songs were introduced to the cast and chorus and initial "run-throughs" were made. An official spokesman for the organization disclosed Monday.

Regular rehearsal sessions will be continued until show time. Two performances will be given - one on March 21 and another the following night.

Tickets are now available from any Jaycee member.

One Candidate Out for Council

It's early for action in the April election when three candidates will be designated by voters, but indications now are there may be contests.

Hugo Peterson has taken out petitions and is having them signed. Two other men have taken out single sets, and one woman three sets. These may not be for incumbents, of course.

Tom Barber has stated definitely that he will be a candidate for reelection, and Jim Cavanagh is considering running again. V. O. Bates will make no commitment at this time.

Petitions must contain at least 30 names of registered electors and no more than 75 names. Signatures must be the same as on the registration records, or will be considered fictitious. They will be filed with Clerk Trena Quinn on March 2, and until 5 p.m. March 12.

Dog Rabies Shot Clinic Feb. 15

If you haven't already done so this year, it's time to get your dog vaccinated.

A rabies vaccination clinic has been set for Sunday, February 15, at the Township Fire Hall on Grand Street.

A one block east of Middlebelt between Grand River Avenue and Independence.

Three veterinarians will be on hand to administer vaccinations between 1 and 4 p.m.

Dog license forms but the licenses will also be available.

City Gets \$59,000 For X-ray Parcel

After extensive negotiations the city is accepting \$59,000 from the state highway department in payment for 8.75 acres of city land taken for the Farmington-Brighton expressway.

A larger figure had been offered by the state, but the option ran out and re-negotiations established a more equitable figure.

JC Distinguished Service Award for 'Man of Year' Goes to John K. Cotton

John K. Cotton, physical education director for the Farmington public school system, has been named Farmington's outstanding young man of the year.

Announcement of his selection to receive the Distinguished Service Award presented annually by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce was made last Thursday. The award is presented by the Jaycees to the young man who, in their opinion, has contributed most to the community.

Cotton, 33, began his duties as director of physical education in 1955. He is now completing the school system in 1955.

SINCE this time he has set up a well rounded athletic and physical education program not only at the senior high school but also at the two junior high schools. Also organized under his guidance and direction has been a program of physical education for young men of all elementary grades in the school district.

Advisor for the Varsity Club at the senior high, he wrote the varsity code. Jack is now compiling data on a handbook for the athletic department which clearly outlines goals for all basketball and football during the Christmas holiday period for students.

A member of the board of directors for the Farmington Junior League Football Association, other facilities and also assisted in coaching during early weeks an important part in setting up of practice last fall.

Jack has shown real leadership in helping set up the physical education program in the Farmington schools, particularly in the grade schools in starting the annual Christmas basketball tournament in which four area schools, including Farmington, are alternate hosts to the Christmas holiday period for students.

FOR THE PAST two years, Cotton has served as secretary-treasurer of the Inter-Lakes League. He was responsible for starting the annual Christmas basketball tournament in which four area schools, including Farmington, are alternate hosts to the Christmas holiday period for students.

Water Plan Pushed Into Township Political Race

Jaycee Week Set Feb. 5-12

February 5-12 has been set as Jaycee Week by official proclamation of Farmington City Mayor Robert Lundberg.

Each year a week is set aside to commemorate the many community-betterment projects undertaken by the local Jaycees chapter during the past year.

COMMUNITY projects sponsored by the Jaycees last year included the annual Teen Age Road-E-O, a circus, the first annual Little League Football Banquet and a series of Politicals. Work was also started by the Jaycees on the establishment of a new city park on an acre parcel of land on Farmington Road south of Alta Vista subdivision. Clearing a dune trading has already been done in conjunction with the plans call for both playground and a picnic area with tennis courts and other facilities to be added later.

TO HELP publicize Jaycee Week here and in other communities throughout the area, a special trailer will be provided under the auspices of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce in which local chapters will display their w.a.r.s., plaques, etc.

The 40-foot trailer will be here Tuesday, Feb. 10, and will be parked near the Township Hall in the center of town. Residents are invited by the Jaycees to visit the trailer and see the many awards won by them.

March of Dimes Goal Still Short

Due to inclement weather last Thursday night volunteers taking part in the annual Mothers' March were not able to contact all homes in the community.

Mrs. Matt Stevens, March Drive chairman, stated:

She asked that all those not contacted send their contributions to Mrs. Matt Stevens, 33318 Grand River, as soon as possible.

The quota for the drive in the City of Farmington has been reached. Mrs. Stevens said, but contributions in the township are still short.

Businessmen were also reminded that it is still not too late to make a contribution. Those who have not already done so are asked to contact Bayard Supper, chairman of the drive in the business area.

Divide Twp. Into C-D Areas

Civil Defense officials are making plans to divide the township into six sections for emergency assistance, according to Mrs. Florence C. Lohmeyer, deputy county director.

Each section would have its own police, fire and medical setup as part of the township organization. The purpose is to plan for possible evacuation of township residents, as well as residents, in case of a warning.

SINCE 1946 Mrs. Schumaker says more than 1500 have been killed about 1500 injured in Michigan tornadoes, and it is partly for tornado protection these plans are being made.

Right now more volunteers are needed to take training in the various C-D programs which could make these and evacuation plans orderly when needed. Anyone interested is asked to phone GR 4-2985.

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Absent Voter Ballot Deadline

There may be great interest in the township primary election, if applications for absent voter ballots mean anything.

Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns reported Tuesday his office had handled 40 applications for absent voters. On the other hand, the frigid weather may be sending more than the usual number of township residents' suit right now.

Deadline for application for absentee ballots is Saturday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. The primary election is Tuesday, Feb. 16.

City Employees May Get Plan

Costs of a proposed retirement plan for city employees are being studied now by the council, after a report by the city manager last Monday.

He made an extensive evaluation study of the Michigan Employees Retirement system, based on figures on that system.

IT WOULD COST the city \$10,786 a year at present to maintain such a plan, and this would grow as the number of workers and wages expanded. The city would pay part, and the employee part.

This plan provides voluntary retirement at age 60 with ten years of service, and compulsory retirement at 65. However, special permission may be given to continue to age 70, when retirement is mandatory.

The plan can be adopted by a three-fourths vote of the council, or brought to a vote by citizens. Councilmen intend to study it thoroughly before taking any action.

BORN in Cornwall, England, Cotton came to the United States as a youth. He attended Northwestern High in Detroit where he participated in many activities including football and track. He was named an All-City guard (football) in 1940.

"Jack was one of our finest players in years, but more important he was one of our finest gentlemen," was the comment made by his high school coach, Coach Ben Bishop.

Cotton went on to star in football at Wayne State University, winning three varsity letters and serving as co-captain in 1946. He received a bachelor's degree in 1947 and his masters degree in 1953.

From 1942 to 1945 Jack served in the Armed Forces.

AFTER GRADUATING from Wayne, Jack served as an assistant professor in the division of health education and athletics at the university. He also coached the freshman football team for two seasons and then moved up to serve as assistant coach and work directly with the varsity backfield.

Cotton is married and the father of four children - John III, Leslie Suzanne, Mary Ann and Laurie. The Cottons make their home at 33318 Oakland Avenue.

