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Proposed Township Operating Budget For 63-4 Runs \$439,300

A proposed operating budget for Farmington Township for the 1963-64 fiscal year totaling \$439,300 has been under discussion privately by township officials for a little over a week and is scheduled for final approval this week.

A special session has been set for Saturday morning, March 30, at 10 a.m. for the purpose of making any minor revisions and adopting the budget which will cover the fiscal year running from April 1 of this year through March 31, 1964.

The proposed budget runs \$48,338 higher than the budget approved by the township last year. It has been prepared on the premise that the county allocation board will see fit to allow the township to tax its citizenry at least at a rate of 1 mill or \$1 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation. A one mill levy for the township was approved by the allocation board last year.

THE BULK of the money planned for expenditure in the budget is earmarked for salaries. The budget calls for no increases in the salaries of the administrative staff or for members of the board of trustees. It does make allowance for slight increases in the salaries of clerical personnel and for janitorial services, however.

The biggest increase in the budget over last year is slated for salaries for police department personnel. This year a total of \$91,900 is being set aside for policemen's salaries compared to a total allocation in past years of only \$70,000.

New in the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year is an amount of \$27,000 earmarked for the Farmington Sewer Interceptor Fund. The building fund improvement fund has been set at \$9,000 the same as last year.

ONE OF THE biggest cuts in the budget from the proposed budget of a year ago has been made in the amount allocated for roads, highways and site improvement. This year it is set at \$9,000 the same as last year.

Mr. Bradley, who is the township clerk, said that the township is now operating on a budget of \$439,300, which is \$48,338 higher than the budget for last year.

Mourn Passing Of Prominent Area Druggist

Farmington residents this week mourned the passing of one of its best known citizens, Mahlon S. Bradley, for nearly thirty years a pharmacist in the City and an active member of the community.

He was 58 years old.

Mahlon S. Bradley of 33926 Oakland Avenue, Farmington, passed away on Thursday morning, March 21, in Art Centre Hospital in Detroit.

MR. BRADLEY was born in Livonia Township on December 30, 1904, the son of Frank E. and Minnie Boughner Bradley. He was graduated from Northville High School and Ferris Institute School of Pharmacy.

On August 7, 1928, he was united in marriage to Agnes Coughlin in Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley had lived in Farmington for the past twenty-seven years and during that time he has operated the Bradley Rexall Pharmacy.

Mr. Bradley was a member of Farmington First Methodist Church, The Farmington Exchange Club, Farmington Lodge P. O. #151 and Farmington Lodge B. P. O. #158.

He also belonged to numerous Drug Associations.

Mr. Bradley resided at the Thayer Funeral Home until Saturday when funeral services took place at the Farmington Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Markley officiating. Interment took place in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Surviving besides his wife, Agnes, are two sons, Mahlon Patrick of Farmington and Pvt. Deane C. Bradley, U. S. Army, stationed in Ft. Polk, La. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Evangeline Pettibone and Mrs. Walter Coon, both of Farmington, and one grandson.

Absent Ballot Deadline Sat.

City and Township voters are reminded that this Saturday, March 30, at 2 p.m. is the deadline for making application to vote absentee if it is desired to be eligible for a vote in person at the polls on Monday.

Clerks for both of the municipalities have issued warnings that voting by absentee ballot is a privilege and that it should not be abused. Four reasons which qualify a voter for an absentee ballot are listed in the application for such a ballot, it was pointed out.

If a voter cannot get to the polls for any one of the reasons listed in the application for an absentee ballot, otherwise he must vote in person.

Both local clerks will be in their respective offices on Saturday morning and until 2 o'clock in the afternoon to issue absentee ballots to those who find at the last minute that they will not be able to vote in person.

School Board Pares \$52,000 Out of Budget

A proposed operating budget for the Farmington public school system for the 1963-64 school year has now been finalized and was officially approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

Approximately \$52,000 in expenditures was pared away by the Board from the proposed budget as prepared by the administrative staff and submitted to them for study and recommendations the latter part of February.

The administration's proposed budget ran \$4,888,017 but was cut down to \$4,836,146 in its revised and officially adopted version.

Over \$22,400 was cut from the \$1,499,134 the administration's budget had earmarked for secondary instructional purposes and another \$24,000 from the \$75,000 the originally prepared budget had earmarked for capital outlay.

ALMOST \$7,900 was cut from the initially proposed \$159,303 for transportation and another \$8,600 from the amount earmarked for maintenance of plants and equipment.

Increased in the budget by almost \$1,100 was an amount of \$40,750 specified for fixed charges. The Board also increased by \$1,500 the amount set aside for administration of \$192,326.

The proposed budget must now be submitted to the county where it will again be analyzed to determine how much of the \$159,300 valuation tax-payers the school district will be allowed to pay for school, county and township operating purposes which exceeds \$15 per \$1,000 equalized valuation must be approved by a vote of the people in the district; the added levy is proposed to be made.

Doing Good on Hiring Teachers

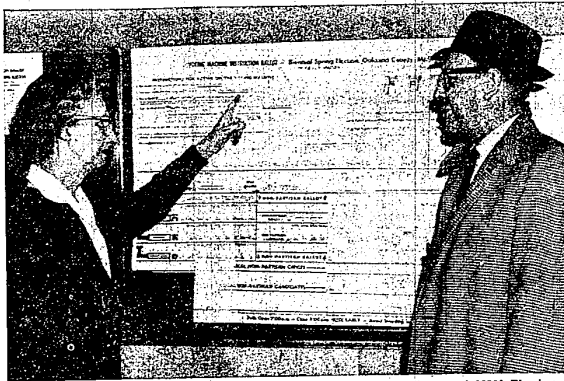
A very favorable report was given to the Board of Education Monday night by Marjorie Van Ameyde, assistant superintendent in charge of personnel, on the success he is having in hiring teachers for the 1963-64 school year.

Of the 437 teachers presently on the staff only seven have indicated they will be going elsewhere next year, Van Ameyde said. There are 12 others who are leaving teaching or taking leave of absence, he said.

The assistant superintendent also disclosed that he has a number of good candidates who have been interviewed at various colleges and universities to take care of replacements and need of additional teachers due to increased enrollment.

Van Ameyde stated that he was as well off right now in getting needed teachers lined up for next year as he was in June last year.

Predicting Better Than Usual Spring Election Turnout Here



VOTING INSTRUCTIONS which are available at both the Township and City Clerk's office this year include several important details that every responsible citizen should be aware of before going to the polls in the April 1 Election. City Clerk Trena Quinn is shown above pointing out to Don Larson of 23220 Fleming Drive in Farmington how to correctly follow the voting instructions which designate proposals in red, partisan candidates in white and non-partisan candidates in blue. Both clerks welcome voters who wish instructions.

Plea For Graduation Exercises Away Denied

A group of parents who have youngsters graduating from high school in June made a plea to the Board of Education Monday night to consider a location other than the Farmington Senior High gymnasium for graduation exercises this year, but to no avail.

Four or five of the parents stated that the Board should consider a location other than the Farmington Senior High gymnasium for graduation exercises this year, but to no avail.

With a graduating class as large as this year's it will be necessary for many relatives and friends who would like to attend the graduation exercises to stay away, the parents lamented. Some who are admitted will also have to sit in a separate room and watch the proceedings on a television set, they also emphasized.

At least two of the mothers present at the meeting were very critical of the fact that it was necessary to sit in bleacher sections. Also lamented was the fact that chairs would have to be set up on the floor and that many parents would be unable to see the proceedings as well as they would like to.

One father strongly challenged the administrative staff and Board on its claim that as many as 1,800 could be accommodated. He said that he felt it was very unsafe to put this many people into the gymnasium area and that a serious fire hazard would be created.

See GRADUATION Column 7, Page 8A

Set Up Special Bd. to Handle Absentee Vote

Township Clerk Floyd Cairns reported on Monday of this week that he has set up a special counting board for the coming April 1 election to handle the casting of absentee ballots.

The board was casted on a separate machine to be set up separate from the regular machines at the Township Hall on 11 Mile Road.

It is stipulated under state election laws that such a board can be established to handle absentee voting and the plan to do so in the township has been under consideration for some time now, Cairns said.

As prescribed by law the casting of these absentee ballots will not be allowed until after 7 p.m. on election day. But, Cairns stated that he still felt having this special board would help greatly in eliminating confusion and the work required at each of the voting precincts under the old system.

Up until this time, absentee ballots have been going to each of the precincts where the absentee voter would have voted personally and it has been up to the election workers at these precincts to cast the absentee ballots after the polls close at 8 p.m.

Twp. Meeting Dates Changed

The Township Board will meet this Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m. at the Township Hall to take action on a proposed 1963-64 operating budget.

The regular Monday night meeting slated for this week was cancelled.

Again in April a regular meeting date has been changed. The meeting regularly scheduled for Monday, April 8, will not be held on that date, but will be held instead on the following Monday, April 15, Supervisor Curt Hall reported on Monday of this week.

River Valley Zoning Asked

A proposed amendment to the City of Farmington's zoning ordinance establishing a special zoning for flood plain areas has now been developed and was unanimously recommended for adoption by the City Planning Commission at its meeting Monday night.

The amendment calls for the establishment of river valley districts. In the prescribed zoning "RV" it is stipulated that no building or other structure will be allowed to be erected, converted or altered.

Uses of the land area zoned RV would be restricted to gardening, horticulture, open recreational use (such as parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, golf courses) or bridge trails or nature paths. All the area which was flooded to the extent experienced in the 1947 spring flood would be restricted to these uses only.

In areas above the flood lines established by the 1947 flood but still included in this proposed RV zoning district along the route of the Rouge River Branch running through the city would be allowed a little wider scope of uses under the proposed ordinance.

The planners' recommendation will now go to the City Council for consideration.

Farmington JC Project Cited For Excellence

Farmington came in for special recognition this week for the efforts put forth by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and other citizens of the community in promoting the Farmington Area Recreation Program.

W. L. Whitfield, chairman of the Michigan Recreation and business promotion department, notified local officials that Farmington had received the runner-up award for excellence in the area of community project promotion.

WHITFIELD, who is the Division Manager for South Oakland County as Consumers Power Company, said the Joyce-promoted Farmington Area Recreation Program was considered by the two judges, Paul Averill of the Birmingham Economic and James Court of Royal Oak, as being worthy of first place honors.

The judges, however, had to make their decision on the basis of a project cited.

See PROJECT CITED Column 3, Page 8A

Delay Action On Buying Land

A report was made to the Board of Education Monday night by Trustee Herbert Neal to the effect that the highway department had agreed to sell the school district five additional acres of land adjacent to the Beechview School at a reasonable price.

The Board had asked earlier that a price be obtained on three additional acres to the east and two acres to the north. A moderately low per acre price was obtained on the land by the highway department with the stipulation that this land never be used for anything other than school purposes.

It was the Board's decision to delay approval of the purchase until such time as it is determined what development the school district will make to the north of this school site.

The same special session which was held last year prior to Easter will be held this year with each of the local stores to give away a ham. The contest begins today and continues through Saturday, April 6.

EVERY reader of the paper over 16 years of age has an opportunity to win a ham for his family. There is nothing to buy and no obligations to be met. All you have to do is fill out the "Easter Ham" coupons in the special advertisement in this week's edition of The Enterprise and deposit them at the respective stores of the sponsoring merchant of each "egg coupon."

Just turn to Page 5-A, read the contest rules carefully and then fill in the coupons and start clipping.

Each store will draw its own winner after 6 p.m. Saturday and announce their winner personally at this time. If you are one of the lucky winners you will be notified by phone and told where to pick up your ham.

Downtown businesses participating in the contest this year are: A & P Super Market, Barbas Drug, Bradley Rexall Drug, The Book Corner, Corner's Super Market, Eastern Food, Farmington Farmington Hobby Shop, Farmington Lumber Co., Hinkles of Farmington, J. B. Sausage Shop, Penny's Supermarket, Scott's & Co., Towne Toggery and White House Valet.

Easter Hams to Be Given Away By Merchants

Again this year on Easter Sunday free family-sized hams will be gracing the tables of a number of local families who shop in the Downtown Farmington area.

A group of 13 business establishments in the downtown commercial section are the same as last year, offering an equal number of hams to customers visiting their stores.

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FALL OUT SHELTER SIGNS appeared on Farmington buildings for the first time last week as part of the National Civil Defense Survival Program. Shown above in front of the National Defense Building at Grand River and Farmington. Road are Chief of Police Joseph G. DeVriendt (left), Harry Lapham. The only other building to be marked with one of the yellow fallout shelter signs is the Our Lady of Sorrows Church at Power and Shawnae.