

Two New Ordinances Enacted By Farmington Township Board

The Farmington Township Board meeting Monday night, July 8, produced action on two new ordinances and settled questions, for the time being, on a controversial sanitary land fill request which was brought before the board at their last regular meeting, June 24.

One of the new ordinances (both of which are published in the Enterprise) will provide for the Township with water restrictions and the other will act in the interests of preventing and eliminating blighted conditions in the Township.

BOTH OF THE NEW ordinances contain penalties, calling for a maximum fine of \$100 or up to a 90-day jail sentence, or both, for non-compliance. They will not go into effect for 30 days.

The ordinance aimed at enforcing restrictions on the outside use of water by subdivision homeowners was prompted by the urging of several subdivision associations which have petitioned the Township office the last two months with complaints against lack of enforcement of lawn sprinkling regulations.

Dave Wilmer of 23187 Greythorne Trail, representing Kimberley Subdivision, said many residents who had been complying with the sprinkling regulations were irked by the indiscriminate outdoor use of water by other homeowners. Wilmer said enforcement of the sprinkling regulations under the new ordinance would be welcomed by Kimberley homeowners and he felt, beneficial to all residents of the Township.

EARLY ACTION on the matter by the Township was delayed due to the necessary working out of details with the Oakland County Department of Public Works which owns and operates the Township water systems. The County has been unable to enforce the sprinkling regulations and the Township previously has not had the proper authority.

The new ordinance is expected to curb a serious problem which has found water pressure in subdivision hydrants dangerously low due to the extensive use of water for lawn sprinkling, car washing and

Break Ground in Twp. for New Botsford General Hospital

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new \$3,000,000 Botsford General Hospital (Oscopichio) in Farmington Township were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 6. The new hospital will be located on a 15-acre site in the Grand River Eight Mile road area.

Officiating at the proceedings were Dr. Allen Zieger, director and founder of the Zieger Osteopathic Hospital, and Murray W. Zieger, Chairman of the Board of directors and former Michigan governor.

PRESENTATION of the shovel was made by Adolph Roessing, vice president of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls of Detroit, architects for the new hospital. Just as the ground was about to be broken, Dr. Zieger handed the shovel to his 82-year-old father, Gabriel Zieger, to perform the official task.

The invocation and closing prayer were given by Rev. John Forsythe of the Bushnell Congregational Church, representing the Detroit Board of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant.

Providing 200 beds in a five-story tower, Botsford General Hospital will offer complete modern medical and surgical facilities. Along with north west Detroit, the hospital will serve the communities of Farmington, Livonia, Novi, Walled Lake, Farmington Township, Wyom, Redford Township, Southfield, Brighton, Northville, South Lyon, Milford, New Hudson, Quaker Town, Franklin and Wood Creek Farms.

CONSTRUCTION BIDS for the hospital were awarded to A. Z. Samins & Sons of Dearborn, general contractors; County Electric Co., electrical contractors; Glanz & Killian Co., plumbing contractors; Reichle Sons Co., kitchen equipment; and Houghton Elevator Co., elevators.

Cancel July 22 Twp. Bd. Meet

The next regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board, scheduled for Monday evening, July 22, has been canceled by the Board meeting Monday night, July 8.

Supervisor Curt Hall said the Township Board would next meet at their first regular scheduled meeting in August, Monday night, August 12. The cancellation of the July 22 meeting was necessary since the Board was called away several Board members on that date. It was not felt a special meeting would be necessary prior to the August 12 Board meeting.

Traffic Light OK'd in Wd. Ck.

The Wood Creek Farms Village Council recently voted at their regular monthly meeting, Tuesday evening, July 2, at the Sarah Fisher Home, 12 Mile and Inkster, that the Oakland County Road Commission be applied for a traffic light for 13 Mile and Northwestern Highway.

The new traffic signal will be operated as a stop and go light between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. and all other hours will operate as a flasher signal with Northwestern being the through street.

Installation of the traffic signal is expected to take place in the near future.

Twp. Water Project One More Step Along

The Farmington Township Board took action Monday night setting the dates for receiving bids for construction of the Farmington Township Water System Project A.

The Board set August 19 and 22 for receiving the bids and authorized Supervisor Curt Hall to advise the County to set any further dates that may be deemed necessary.

Water System Project A includes the construction of two adjacent districts in Farmington Township.

Longtime Local Bank Man Ends Active Career

George C. Gildemeister of 23006 Farmington Road, longtime local banker and lifelong resident of Farmington, announced last week his retirement from the banking business.

For the past 17 years Gildemeister had been associated with the former Farmington State Bank and the National Bank of Detroit, Farmington Branch, when it was merged into the large banking institution.

From 1921 until 1940 Gildemeister was associated with the People's State Bank in the building now occupied by the City of Farmington on the north side of Grand River. From 1940 until coming back to Farmington to work, Gildemeister was taken up with the Michigan State Bank located in the Fisher Building in Detroit.

DURING THE last 20% and the 1930 years Gildemeister served intermittently as treasurer for the City of Farmington.

All of the major changes in Farmington over the past half century have been observed by George C. Gildemeister. He was born and raised in the old home on State Street where the old Gildemeister grist mill stood as a community landmark until being torn down about a year ago.

Gildemeister stated that he now intends to be spending a lot more time at his summer home near Roger City, Michigan but that he will still continue to be in Farmington for a substantial portion of each year.

New Municipal Bldg. Nearing Completion

Construction work on the new City Municipal Building, on the site of the old Liberty Street Police Station, has moved far enough along this week to allow for the housing of Farmington's two fire engines.

The City Fire Department has been storing its trucks in private garages since the demolition earlier this year. The portion of the new building which will be the permanent quarters for the fire trucks appears to be completed from the outside with only inside finishing work remaining.

Other portions of the new City Hall, which will house the Council chambers, Public Safety Department, Municipal Court and City offices, are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy by the end of the year.

Exterior work on the \$130,000 building is completed.

New Bike Licenses Available in City

The Farmington City Police Department is now taking registrations for 1963-64 bicycle licenses at their temporary offices in the old Town Hall Building, Farmington Road and Grand River.

New licensees cost \$1 and don't expire until June 31, 1964. Those persons who will be applying for renewal of expired bike licenses are asked to bring with them their old registration when applying for the 1963-64 license.

Twp. Agenda Is Clarified

In answer to the question, "How can a citizen voice an opinion at a Board meeting?" asked from the floor at Monday night's Township Board meeting, Supervisor Curt Hall explained the procedure of meetings and the purpose of the weekly agenda.

Meetings proceed according to the items on the agenda, with no participation by the public (except when speaking time has been requested in advance) until all items have been discussed. Then a general question and answer period is held at which time members of the audience may be heard. Hall explained that the next question was, "How does a citizen know what is on the agenda and how can he ask to be heard on a particular item?" Hall answered that the agenda is posted and mailed on the Friday preceding a Board meeting on Monday; that the agenda will be mailed regularly to anyone who would like it for \$3.00 a year; and that anyone wishing to be heard on any item on the agenda may do so by notifying the Township Clerk at the Township Hall or by telephone.

Hall stated that the agenda can be published in the Farmington Enterprise before the deadline, and any newspaper headline is on Tuesday and the agenda is closed on Thursday.

Upon being questioned as to what at least part of the agenda couldn't be published in the Enterprise, Hall stated that his office is contacted by someone from the newspaper before deadline, and any newsworthy items known to be scheduled are given for publication.

Community Fetes AFS Visitors Over Independence Day Weekend

Moments for reflection—time for tributes, time for wonderful memories of an exciting and successful weekend. These are the thoughts that came as a climax to the 1963 AFS Bus Weekend in Farmington. 36 foreign American Field Service students from 22 countries were wonderfully entertained by 33 host families, and also by an enthusiastic, gracious community.

THE BUS LOAD was warmly received by the host families on Friday night even though the arrival was delayed many hours. This late arrival didn't diminish the stamina of the students.

On Saturday morning not one of them missed the opportunity to make the trip to Greenfield Village and have lunch as guests of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Wilbur Wood was Chairman for the Greenfield Trip and Mr. Donald Niehaus of the Joycees acted as fellow Jaycees, Lee Ratliff, Cliff Loretz Dick Svartora, Bill Mason, Dan Peacock, and Roy Hawkins, to drive.

Chairman for the Weekend, Devere Fleming, accompanied the group and invited fellow Exchange Club members, Mr. Gerald Harrison and Walter Coon also to drive.

At Greenfield, the ride in the Model T and the Horse and Bug were particularly exciting for many of the students. Gunnar Hansson from Norway, guest of the Gordon Moore's was not satisfied with just one ride.

Others were fascinated with the pottery and glass blowing. Allison Morey of New Zealand (host family Richard Andridge) hoped to purchase a glass object of art to send to her American Mother, Diane Shand, also of New Zealand (host family Jack Porter) and Juliet Coon from South Africa (host family William King) shared Allison's interest.

Many of the boys from the Far Eastern countries, which lack much industry, found the Early American Machine Shops so interesting. Among these were "Mitch" Michayazyan from Turkey, (host family Wade Sloane), and Salim Khar of Pakistan, who was guest of the Robert Lord's. Kristen Rohme from Norway, (host family Mrs. Jack Tabb) said the Ford Museum was particularly interesting because she had studied American History this year in school in Concord, Massachusetts and many things were related.

AFTER THEIR return to Farmington, many students who never seemed to tire, were happy to accompany their host families on other sight-seeing tours. Others went swimming or enjoyed more relaxing pastimes. John Sloane gave "Mitch" his first golf lesson. The Roy Hawkins and the Irving Smiths took their guests to Northland Shopping Center. The Hawkins had a girl from France, Michele Younour.

The Smiths had two girls, Doris Anger from Austria and Cansel Yesem from Turkey.

Saturday night was the Pool Party, graciously hosted by Kendallwood Swimming Club. There was swimming, dancing, singing, and refreshments. Entertainment was provided by the Farmington Teens and their versatile guests as well.

Derek Stevens was entertaining and a perfect match for his host Dick Gobeille. At the end of the party, a car caravan travelled to the Earl Umphrey's for an informal good-night party. The consensus was that their guest, Stig, was instigator of the party. Because of the 11 p.m. curfew John Archibald and Sue Greening, the chaperons made sure the party didn't last too long. There was known exception to the curfew, Rocky Cleveland and his guest, See FETE STUDENTS Page 8-A, Column 4



THESE ARE THE FOREIGN STUDENTS WHO VISITED FARMINGTON OVER THE FOURTH.

Put Off Action in 80-Acre Wd. Ck. Land Use Plans

The Wood Creek Farms Village Council has tabled consideration of plans for the development of an 80-acre parcel of land on 12 Mile Road for a period of four months.

Plans for the development of the former Dean farm were submitted to the Council by the State Park Building Company of Centerline, at the regular monthly meeting of the Council, Tuesday evening, July 2.

It was revealed at the Council meeting that the owners are seeking approval on one of two different types of proposed development.

ONE PLAN calls for building 320 two and three bedroom apartment house units in a cluster-type development with pool and recreational area.

The other plan calls for developing single family dwellings on 82 lots which would be carved out of the 80-acre parcel.

The four-month delay in considering the proposal will allow the Village Council time to have all planning of the Village zoning completed.

A survey is currently underway by the firm of Villan-Lehman to update Ordinance Number Six, which controls the Village zoning.

It was indicated by the land developers, State Park Building Company, that they would not be ready to proceed with the plans until sometime next year.

Rouge Branch To Be Diverted In Farmington

State Highway Department engineers have completed a proposed plan to carry the Upper Rouge river under 96 near the southeast city limits of Farmington.

To relieve severe drainage problems, the proposal recommends the construction of an additional twin box culvert under I-96 and one twin box culvert under Orchard Lake Road immediately north of I-96.

ASTY HANSON, interested in learning the details of the proposal and its effect on the community may request that a public hearing be held in the area.

Written requests for such a hearing should be addressed to John Knecht, Jr., Director of Public Hearings, Michigan State Highway Department, Lansing, and must be received on or before July 24.

Crash Unleashes 40,000 Volts

A 20-year-old Farmington Township woman narrowly escaped death early Tuesday morning when the car she was driving sheared off a telephone pole downing wires carrying 40,000 volts of electricity.

The car, driven by Sharon Lee Bowman, of 3335 W. 13 Mile Road, knocked down a utility pole in the front of the Grandview Bar on Grand River Avenue just west of Gill Road. She told Township police all she remembered was seeing some flashes after apparently falling asleep at the wheel.

The woman was treated for injuries at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, but miraculously escaped electrocution after leaping from the car following the collision.

A fire truck, Detroit Edison and Michigan Bell Telephone company workers all were at the scene soon after the accident to give aid.

'Y' Membership Canvass Titled Local Success

"The YMCA Membership Canvass can be termed a success in a good many respects," indicated Dick Kibicki, Chairman of the local effort.

The Membership Canvass was made by approximately 150 people in the following results to date:

- (1) The Participating Membership stands at 408 people. These members will eventually elect the executive board and officers of the Farmington Area YMCA.
- (2) There are 23 Civic and Community Members who are adding their strength to the worthwhile endeavor without thought of participation. It is this group of people that make it possible for the "Y" to serve all youth regardless of their ability to pay. In this respect, businessmen, and civic leaders join in "partnership with youth" to make the "Y's" influence really felt.
- (3) Leadership has been uncovered daily that will aid in program development and execution. Because of this new found leadership, the YMCA will be able to offer many outstanding programs in the days to come.
- (4) There is now, on the part of Farmington residents, an awareness that a YMCA is here.

See MEMBERSHIP Page 8-A, Column 5

Lift Water Ban, Sprinklers On Again in City

The ten-day-long restriction on outside use of water in the City has been lifted and City officials indicated early this week no return of the ban is expected.

The Farmington City Water Department corrected the mechanical difficulty of this new ed water restrictions on Wednesday, July 3. The ban was lifted in time for the Fourth of July holiday.

In effect, the restrictions on the use of water by City residents covered most of the daylight hours and banned lawn sprinkling and other outside uses of water.

Building Reports Show Twp. Sets Record Pace

First half building activity reports issued this week by the City and Township show a reverse of the 1962 six month figures with the first six months of this year for a total valuation of \$2,269,331. The City issued a total of 104 permits in the first six months of 1963 for a total valuation of \$2,461,357.

A DECLINE in commercial and industrial building activity in the City accounted for the sharp contrast of the first half year building reports for 1962 and '63. Special permits, including all large building projects, issued by the City for the first six months of 1963 totaled \$6 for a valuation of \$632,638 while a total of 3 special permits issued in the first half of 1962 by the City had a valuation of \$1,355,700.

Accounting for the wide disparity in valuation over the two six month periods were several apartment house developments and the new First Farmington Savings and Loan Building.

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