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Twp. Bd. Appoints Nine Directors To Lead Industrial Park Efforts

The Farmington Township Board took action Monday night, May 11, appointing the first nine directors of the newly incorporated Farmington Free-way Industrial Park, Incorporated, which will operate as a non-profit corporation to attract industry into the township's 500-acre industrial park area.

Appointment of the nine members to serve as directors of the new corporation was recommended by the industrial park board in the interest of establishing a close working relationship between the two agencies.

THOSE APPOINTED by the board Monday night, representing a cross-section of skills and professions from citizens of the community who for the most part have already been active on the township's Industrial Development Committee, will in turn appoint an additional six members to their board, making it a 15-member board.

The duties of 15 board directors will be to coordinate the effort to land industry in the township through the offices of the non-profit corporation which will operate as a private corporation.

The directors of the corporation will be able to lend their individual talents towards developing the industrial park area in the best interests of the township.

APPOINTED MONDAY night were James Davenport of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company who is also a member of the Economic Development Committee for the State of Michigan; Louis Levine, Pres-

ident of the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington; James Ezz, an advertising executive and present member of the township's Industrial Development Committee who also designed the brochure on the millage proposal to provide added police and fire protection for the township; William Bowman of the Thompson-Burnham Co., Inc.; and

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INDUSTRIAL PLANTS will soon be taking shape on the vacant land set aside in the southwest section of the township for an industrial park area. Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan (left) and Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall (center) are pictured above with George Page, General Manager of the Diamond National Corporation's automated packaging division which has purchased a plant site in the township's industrial park. The man inspected the plant site recently, which is now a corn field, and decided that "what's good for corn can be good for industry."

Recognition for Top Seniors Not Adequate—Neal

Some rather controversial discussion resulted at the Farmington Board of Education meeting Monday night when trustee Herbert Neal indicated that he was deeply disturbed over the lack of recognition being given students maintaining top scholastic records in high school.

Trustee Neal was of the opinion that the school system should return to the practice of selecting a valedictorian and salutatorian each year. He felt that picking high honor and honor students from the senior class each year was not enough and further that they were not being recognized as fully as they should be after having been named for such honors.

Neal often called for the reinstatement of the former practice of picking the top two seniors but he could get no support for his idea from fellow board members.

A SECOND motion by him asking that a study into this matter be made by the administrative staff did win support but not by a majority vote. Trustee Vernon Fisher and Secretary Barbara Brown both felt that the present practice of picking high honor and honor students only was very satisfactory and voted against this second motion as well.

Neal also stated that he felt that there had been a general lowering of the scholastic standards of the school district in recent years. The standards of this school system should be well above the average, he contended.

Fellow board members were almost unanimously in disagreement with him on his contentions regarding the school system's standards.

Supt. G. V. Harrison also took strong exception to Neal's remarks on this matter.

Plan Courses for Another Farmington Summer School

Plans have now been completed for another year of summer school classes in the Farmington School District, Richard Tyler, director of adult education and the summer school program announced this week.

The same as last year, there will be classes offered for students in the secondary grades (7 thru 12) and the elementary grades (3 thru 6). Some of the secondary courses will be offered for credits and others for self-improvement or enrichment only.

Classes for junior and senior high will be held at Farmington Senior High and elementary classes at the Ten Mile School and will be open to both residents and non-residents. The tuition fee for each course per hour will be \$10.

Classes will begin immediately following the close of the regular school year and will run from June 15 through July 31.

Classes proposed for the elementary grades include reading, language arts, arithmetic, creative drama and instrumental music. A basketball class for fifth and sixth graders only is also proposed to be offered in the North Farmington High gymnasium.

Two hour classes proposed at the secondary level for the morning hours from 8 until 10 a.m. are: 7th grade math, 8th grade math, reading improvement, algebra I, algebra II, U.S. History, 7th grade social studies.

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The district's state equalized valuation last year was \$10,874,427.

The state valuation for this year will not be established until the end of May or early part of June.

To Swap Mayor With Reed City

Monday is being observed as Mayor's Exchange Day as a part of the annual program and this year the City of Farmington will be exchanging mayors with Reed City in the west-central portion of the state.

Mayor Robert Lindbert will be going to the small community of under 2,200 population accompanied by Councilman Hugo Peterson.

Reed City Mayor Harold Marsh along with Allan Johnson, his city manager.

On the morning, the guests from Reed City will be taken on a tour of the industrial plants and other facilities in the City of Farmington. At noon they will be taken to Lawrence Tech in Southfield for a luncheon with other area community officials and their exchange mayor.

This will be followed by a tour of the WXYZ radio and television station and then the local group will be taken home with members of the Farmington City Council.

Stricter Area Traffic Enforcement Called for by Twp. Police Chief

Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes called for a stricter enforcement of traffic laws to curb the mounting tide of highway accidents. Chief Yakes' this week released the quarterly report of his department's motor vehicle accident summary which shows a total of 229 traffic accidents occurred during the first three months of 1964.

Three of the township's five traffic fatalities also occurred during the first three months of this year. A total of 117 persons were injured in highway accidents in the township, the report showed.

CHIEF YAKES expressed the concern that only through increased police traffic patrols and a stiff crackdown on violators can the township expect to improve its record on the highways.

Of this total number of accidents covered by township police, 191 involved a case where one or more drivers had been in violation of traffic laws.

Excessive speeds were noted in 19 accidents and following to closely was noted in 23 cases. Other violations in accident cases were improper turns (11) and failure to yield (34).

Not counted in the above violation were 21 cases where drinking was a factor in the highway accident.

Farmington township police issued a total of 265 traffic tickets during the three-month period. A total of 17 traffic tickets were issued to motorists at the scene of accidents.

TOWNSHIP POLICE Chief Yakes believes the number of traffic violators being allowed to run loose on the highways is an attributable factor in the

Complete Plans For Combining Rec. Programs

Reorganization of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission to take in that portion of the Clarenceville School District in Farmington Township as well as that of Farmington School District has now been completed, FARC officials announced.

The Farmington Township Board received action stating that it would no longer contribute funds to two separate recreation organizations and instructed the FARC to include the Clarenceville area in Farmington Township in its program.

The summer recreation program that has not been worked out calls for scheduled activities at eight of the schools in the Farmington School District and the two schools in the Clarenceville District located in the township.

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Make Vote Pct. Change in Twp.

A twelfth voting precinct has now been added in Farmington Township and a change made in the polling place for voters in one other precinct.

Those voters living in the area between 11 and 12 Mile roads bounded on Middlebelt Road on the east and Orchard Lake Road on the west will now be in the new Precinct 12 that has been established in the township and will ballot at East Junior High on Middlebelt Road.

Voters in this area formerly were in Precinct 6 which has now become Precinct 11. The number of voters in Precinct 6 had exceeded the maximum number of voters allowed in any one precinct as stipulated by state law.

Precinct 6 voters will continue to cast ballots at the Shawwassee School.

The second change which has been made places the polling place for voters in Precinct 1 the Gill School on Gill Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads. Voters in this precinct formerly balloted at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road in the city.

Official action was taken by the township and will be at the regular meeting Monday night approving the changes as recommended by Township Clerk Floyd Cairns.

Twp. to Vote on Tax Increase for More Police, Fire Protection Monday

Voters of Farmington Township will go to the polls this coming Monday, May 18, to ballot on a special two mill tax levy proposition that would provide funds for proposed improvements and expansion of the township's present police and fire fighting forces.

Based on the current state equalized valuation of the township of just under \$80 million but allowing some tax paying delinquencies, approval of the proposition would provide between \$155,000 and \$190,000 in additional revenue with which to make the improvements.

Approval of the special proposition seeking \$2 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the township as equalized by the state is being requested for a ten-year period starting in the current tax year and running through 1973.

THE HOMEOWNER in the township having a home with a current market value of \$20,000, the amount of additional taxes

he would pay yearly runs \$20. This would be the rate for a home with an assessed valuation of approximately \$5,000, under present property assessing practices; and a state equalized valuation of twice this amount.

A simplified method for figuring how much additional in taxes you would have to pay on your own property would be to multiply each \$1,000 of assessed valuation of portion of \$1,000 by a rate of \$1 per \$1,000.

If the proposal is approved, the plan is to add seven full-time patrolmen to the police department at once. Supervisor Curt Hall pointed out that at the present time the bulk of the township patrolmen's time is being spent in answering direct calls from citizens and that there is little time left for patrolling highways or neighborhoods to provide protection.

IT IS STATED that national police authorities recommend a minimum of one patrolman for each 1,500 population. This

means that the township should have a 20 or 21 man force right now, based on an estimated current township population of about 21,000. The addition of seven more patrolmen would bring the township up to these minimum national standards.

The addition of the seven men the supervisor stated, would permit the township police force to have two patrol cars on the highway nearly every hour of the day except during the early morning hours, performing property and traffic patrol duties.

To provide the salaries, cars, equipment and other expenses which are necessary for the addition of seven men, the cost per man has been set at between \$11,000 and \$12,000.

This would take approximately half of the total amount of additional revenue that would be realized by approval of the special two mill added levy.

The other approximately \$30,000 would go into a special fund to be accumulated to make

improvements in the present fire fighting department set up.

THE TOWNSHIP presently has a completely volunteer fire-fighting force. Of the four buildings or stations in which trucks and equipment are presently kept only one of them is a permanent installation owned by the township. The other three stations are located in leased buildings.

Needed almost immediately is a ladder truck which is estimated would cost anywhere from \$38,000 to \$50,000 depending on the amount of equipment purchased with it.

Permanent station sites must be obtained and buildings constructed on them to eventually house the fire fighting equipment needed and to provide for full-time firemen rather than an all volunteer force, Supervisor Hall said.

The plan is to build up the funds for the purchase of the sites and the construction of

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THE MEN BEHIND FARMINGTON'S Vehicle Safety-Check program, to be staged at three locations around the community this Friday and Saturday, are pictured above holding the banner. From left to right are: Farmington Township Police Chief Maurice Foltz; and Farmington Township Police Chief Irv Yakes. The two-day inspection of vehicles is also being supported by local service clubs and the Boy Scouts.

Need Blood Badly Bank Set Here This Tuesday

The Farmington Blood Bank is now down to a mere three pints of blood and a serious depletion could result in the middle of the month, Mrs. DeWitt Goodrich, blood bank chairman announced Tuesday.

An urgent plea was sent out by her to all who are healthy and able to turn out for the community blood bank at 7:45 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Middlebelt Road between Grand River Avenue and Nine Mile Road in the township.

Mrs. Goodrich stated, "We will need at least 200 pints of blood to carry us through the next six months." Even this may not be enough if the heavy accident and injury trend continues at the present time.

Everyone who is in good health can give a pint of blood with no after effects and will take only a half hour or so of their time to do so, Mrs. Goodrich emphasized. It is not necessary to make an appointment but only check in at the K. C. Hall between 1:45 and 7:45, she concluded.

Farmington's Safety-Check Lanes Set for Inspection of Vehicles

The Farmington Vehicle Safety-Check Program will be staged at three different locations throughout the community tomorrow and Saturday (May 15 and 16) and all motorists are urged to avail themselves of the free inspections.

General Chairman of the Vehicle Safety-Check Program, Russ Gilbert, announced the check lanes will be in operation until 8 p.m. The hours on Saturday will be from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

CHECK LANES will be established at three stopping centers in the community, the Downtown Farmington Center, the Farmington Plaza and the Kendallwood Shopping Center.

Farmington Mayor Robert Lindbert and Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall have jointly issued a proclamation urging all citizens to join the "Circle of Safety-Check Lanes" and "Drive safe, check accidents."

Each vehicle which passes inspection will get a 1964 Safety-Check windshield sticker.

Items to be included in the safety-check are brakes, front and rear lights (turn signals and stop lights), steering, wind, cooling system, windshield wipers, rearview mirror, horn and seat belts.

PARTICIPATING in the vehicle safety-check program will be local automobile agencies, gasoline retailers and Farmington service clubs and organizations.

The qualified inspectors at each check lane will direct the operations in the inspection of

2-Year-Old Boy Run Over by Car

A two-year-old boy, David Wayne Miracle, run over by a car while playing in his home on Wheeler Street Tuesday afternoon, May 5, became the fifth traffic fatality recorded in Farmington Township for 1964.

David's whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Miracle, make their home at 21737 Wheeler Street, was struck by a car driven by Leonard C. Cox, 18, of 21714 Wheeler Street.

Cox told Farmington Township Police Officer Al Nelson that he was backing up the street after dropping off some co-workers at 21737 Wheeler Street when the accident occurred.

FUNERAL SERVICES for the Miracle baby were held Saturday, May 9, at the Carwood Funeral Home in Middleboro, Kentucky. The remains rest at the Spencer J. Heenev Funeral Home in Farmington. Interment was at Hurs Cemetery in Ridge, Ky.

Surviving are his parents and seven brothers and sisters, Douglas J., Bill, Steve, Ward, Joanne, Patricia and Linda. David Wayne would have been three years old this coming October 19.

Hearing on City Budget Tonight

A public hearing on the City of Farmington's proposed operating budget for the fiscal year running from July 1, 1964 through June 30, 1965 will be held tonight, Thursday, May 14, at 8 p.m. at the city hall on Liberty Street.

The proposed budget, which has been under study by councilmen for the past several weeks now, calls for a general fund expenditure of \$180,216 requiring no increase in the present city tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The budget runs only about \$14,000 higher than the one approved a year ago under which the city is currently operating.

Any citizens having questions to raise about the proposed budget which will be published earlier are invited to attend the hearing tonight.

2 Unsnightly Areas In Twp. Under Fire

Two situations where unsightly conditions exist were discussed by the Farmington Township Board at their regular meeting May 11, one dealing with the township's disintegration over a sand removal operation at 13 Mile and Higerty and the other dealing with a possible violation of the zoning ordinance in a case where a resident has reportedly carried on a garage business from his home on Middlebelt, between 10 and 11 Mile Road.

The Board was informed by Supervisor Charles H. Hall that the cases were already under way to resolve both problems.

Sever Project Set For Heather Hills

The Farmington Township Board confirmed the rolls of the special assessment district to finance the construction cost of sanitary sewers in Heather Hills Subdivision, Heather Hills Sub. No. 1 and No. 2, at the regular meeting Monday night, May 11.

Estimated cost of the sewer construction as surveyed by the township's firm of consulting engineers, Tate, Hirm and Boggs, has been set at \$66,500. A total of 72 lots will be serviced by the new sanitary sewers which are expected to be completed later this year.

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