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Funds for Police Dept. Improvements OK'ed

Moneys to provide for expansion and improved operations of the Farmington Township Police Department were unanimously authorized by action of the Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

A necessary expenditure to provide for the hiring of two new patrolmen to replace one officer who left to take a job with the county was authorized. The appointments of two candidates who have already been interviewed were made but their names are being withheld at the request of Supervisor Curt Hall in order to give them time to properly notify the departments in another area community they will be leaving.

SUPERVISOR Hall stated that both men not only have police experience but have also had all the required schooling so that they can become useful to the township in police protection work as soon as they go on the payroll.

They will be taking cuts in pay to leave the department they are presently with to

work for Farmington Township because they feel it is a better community in which to raise their families, Hall commented. This was regarded by all Board members to be a real tribute to our community.

In addition to getting an extra patrolman, the township police department is also going to get its own teletype service with a direct hookup to the Oakland County sheriff's department. The cost to the township will run \$37 per month.

AT THE PRESENT time the township has an arrangement to utilize the City of Farmington teletype but this has resulted in some inconveniences and patrolmen's time lost, it was indicated.

On the recommendation of Supervisor Hall, the Township Board also authorized the purchase of 26 helmets for regular patrolmen and some auxiliary patrolmen on an equal number of nightsticks.

The helmets will cost \$33.11 each for a total cost of \$1,192. No price was quoted on the nightsticks.

The helmets will provide officers with added protection when they go into areas where serious mobility problems may be expected and also provide added safety for them while in cars traveling at high speeds, it was pointed out.



THIS ARTIST'S RENDERING is of the new Demery's Department Store now going under construction in the Kendallwood Shopping Center at 13 Mile and Farmington Road in the Township.

Demery's Store in Twp. To be Largest in Chain

When Demery Associates purchased the Kendallwood Shopping Center several months ago it was generally felt throughout the community that a Demery Store would be the ideal location because it is sited in the hub of the fastest growing area around Detroit. The store is at Woodward and Woodward (the New Center District) of Detroit, and store number two on Woodward just north of Maple in Birmingham.

The new store will encompass approximately 85,000 sq. ft. While larger than either the Detroit or Birmingham stores the architectural concept will be similar to the other stores. It will be a three level structure, completely air-conditioned, with escalators and elevators.

Parking immediately adjacent will accommodate approximately 1,000 cars. About 250 cars will be employed.

MR. PECK stressed the fact that it will be a complete store in every respect and offer a wide assortment of merchandise, in the medium to

Improvement At Orchard, I-696 Sought

Efforts by the Oakland County Road Commission to provide safer and faster access from the I-696 Expressway onto Orchard Lake Road were outlined at the Township Board meeting Monday night by Trustee Earl Opperthauer.

He also revealed details of traffic count studies that had been made earlier by the county on traffic flow on both Orchard Lake Road and 12 Mile Road in that area. Opperthauer reported that it is clear that the county is cognizant of the heavy flow of traffic in this area during rush hours and that they are attempting to come up with solutions that will help the ever increasing problem.

ON THE MATTER of trying to improve the flow of traffic from eastbound I-696 onto Orchard Lake Road, Opperthauer reported that the State is attempting to get the State Highway Department to make a substantial improvement and is requesting help from the Farmington Township Board and board of directors of Oakland County College who are about to develop the Orchard Ridge college campus a short distance to the east.

The county's proposal is that an exit roadway be cut under Orchard Lake Road with a cloverleaf provided so that traffic can go from the expressway and onto Orchard Lake Road to proceed south without having to stop and wait to cross Orchard Lake Road.

Opperthauer said THE TOWNSHIP Board agreed to draft the necessary letter to send to state highway department officials suggesting that the county's proposal for this safety and traffic flow improvement.

The state and federal governments have complete control over any changes that are made regarding the expressway including any entrance and exit changes, it was emphasized.



A TESTIMONIAL DINNER was tendered for retiring Assistant Postmaster Clifford H. Desarmes, who at 58 is a veteran of 40 years with the U.S. Postal Service. Farmington Postmaster Henry Trombley (right) looks on as Mr. Desarmes and his wife, Iola, view the gold watch and Service Citation Certificate presented by the Saturdaynight Testimonial Dinner attended by fellow postal workers and friends in the Farmington Savings and Loan Association social room.

Firm Controls On Drinks In Bowling Area Wanted

A request from the Country Lanes Bowling Alley for permission to sell alcoholic beverages in the concourse area between their bowling alley and restaurant on Shawwassee at Tuck Road came in for lengthy discussion at Monday night's regular Township Board meeting.

The final decision was to delay action until the owners can submit complete plans on how they would alter their operations to assure trouble free operations and also determine what hours they would permit alcoholic beverages in the concourse area to be served.

Township Board members revealed that they had inspected the establishment earlier and discussed this proposal with the owners. They were extremely high in their praise of the cleanliness of the establishment and the way it is operated. Still there was hesitation and concern by Board members expressed and they made it clear that much of the concern was because of unpleasant experiences they have had with another bowling alley and bar where the sale of alcoholic beverages in the concourse area has been allowed.

TRUSTEE Earl Opperthauer questioned a member of the board of directors of the establishment at the meeting, Lawrence J. Bonsher, with regard to whether he felt the sale of drinks in the concourse area would substantially increase their gross business. Bonsher said that since most area bowling alleys did serve drinks the concourse he was sure it would help their business.

A point brought out during discussion was that neither Farmington Lanes or Bel-Aire Lanes in the City of Farmington.

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Asst. Postmaster Here Retiring

Farmington's Assistant Postmaster, Clifford H. Desarmes, climaxed 40 years with the U.S. Postal Service this week as he retired at the age of 58.

Desarmes, who makes his home with his wife, Iola, at 2218 Shawwassee Avenue in Farmington and has been a long time resident of the community, retired from the Post Office prior to joining the Farmington supervisory staff.

Office with an exceptional service record.

FOR THE 12 YEARS he has served as Assistant Postmaster in Farmington, Desarmes has accumulated over 2,000 hours of sick leave. He has been off only about three days with illness during his tenure with the Farmington Post Office. "This is an exceptional service record," commented Postmaster Henry L. Trombley said in commenting on Desarmes' dedication to his work.

A native of Berlim, Michigan in the upper peninsula where he was born and raised, Desarmes served in the Registry Division of the Detroit Post Office prior to joining the Farmington supervisory staff.

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12 Rooms Ready At Larkshire

Sup. of Schools Gerald V. Harrison announced at a Board of Education meeting on September 27, that 12 classrooms in the new Larkshire School are now ready for use.

Harrison said that this will relieve the bus transportation problem considerably since pupils have been bused to other schools. He said the district has been "blessed with the cooperation and understanding of parents" during the wait for classrooms to be finished.

The Bond school addition will be in three to four weeks, Harrison reported; but the Middlebelt addition is still far from complete and probably will not be ready until some time in November.

Twp. Bd. Holds Firm On Issue Of Wiring

The Farmington Township Board's recent decision to drop its requirement that all commercial and industrial buildings have electrical wiring in conduit came in for another round of discussion at the regular Board meeting Monday night.

The discussion was prompted by a letter from the Michigan Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association expressing the feeling that township officials were making a mistake in lowering their requirements. When the matter came up for discussion before the Township Board earlier, the township electrical inspector voiced objection and brought with him a number of electrical contractors who attempted to block the move.

Again Monday night, Township Board members held firm in their conviction that this requirement was unjust in some cases and that conduit should only be required in cases where it was deemed necessary for fire safety.

It is natural that the electrical contractors would want this requirement on the books since it means more money to them and makes their work easier. Board members again emphasized.

Trustee Thomas Duke stated that an investigation made by him of a four county area around Detroit revealed that of 135 communities in these counties, 54 at Farmington High School for seniors and their parents through the FHS College Night committee members (L to R) Ron Schulte, Chairman Terry Ba-

Realty Firm May Take Twp to Court

Recent action by Farmington Township in denying rezoning of a slightly more than two acre parcel on Northwestern Highway at 13 Mile Road from single family residential to an office district classification is being challenged in court.

This is the word that township officials received Monday night in a letter from Calvin M. Chamberlain of the Chamberlain Realty Company which was seeking to have the property rezoned to permit the conversion of a home on the property into an office there.

IT WAS charged in the letter that the old Township Zoning Board (now the planning commission) had not given the request an ample amount of study or permitted a thorough enough discussion before rejecting the rezoning. This action was taken in late June and the request was denied by a vote of 4-2.

Another charge made in the letter was that a re-hearing requested before the Township Board was not fairly handled since spokesmen of the company were not given an opportunity to argue their case a second time before the board.

A long delay between the time the Zoning Board acted and the time the matter was brought up before the Township Board was also criticized.

THE POSITION of all Township Board members was that the charges were unfounded and that the rezoning request had been studied carefully not only by members of the old Zoning Board but by the township's planning consultants as well. The request was rejected.

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\$31 Given In 2nd Week's Grid Contest

The second week of the Farmington Enterprise's 1965 Football Contest proved equally interesting as the first with three more cash prize winners being picked.

First prize was walked off with two of the three prizes but this week the situation was entirely different with all three prizes being won by the men.

First prize of \$15 was won by James M. Queen of 31901 Marblehead.

WINNING THE second prize of \$7 in cash was James Ebel of 21478 Birchwood. Going for the "bonus merchants" jackpot by having his entry signed by one of the participating merchants in the football contest, Ebel also walked off with \$6 more for total winnings of \$13.

Neither of the other two winners had their entries signed by a participating business establishment.

The third place prize was won by Rev. Richard D. Markham, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Farmington who resides at 23230 Cass.

The Enterprise isn't disclosing how many right and wrong guesses were made by the winners during the first two weeks of the contest but we will give you the hint that you can have quite a few wrong guesses and still take home prize money.

Just turn to Page 4-B in this week's Enterprise and after reading all the rules carefully start making your guesses. Your entries must be mailed or delivered to the Enterprise office prior to noon on Saturday.

Mon. Last Day To Register

Farmington City and Township voters are reminded that next Monday, October 4, is the deadline for registering to vote in the two elections set for November.

On November 2, voters in the City of Farmington and that portion of Farmington Township proposed to be annexed to the City of Farmington will go to the polls.

A special Farmington School District election will be held on November 15, and all voters must be registered by October 4, except those living in that portion of the school district located in West Woodfield Township, who will have until October 19 to register.



con. Dennis Moore and Madge Hildebrandt are pictured above with a poster heralding the event. Representatives from colleges and universities will be on hand Oct. 5 to provide information and answer questions about their schools.

Public Safety Dept's Parade Plans Set Oct. 9

Farmington's Fire Prevention Week parade next Saturday, October 9, will feature six marching bands from area schools and 20 fire engines from the local and surrounding area fire departments.

Chief Maurice J. Theis, Director of the Farmington City Department of Public Safety, said the parade would be the biggest kickoff for the Fire Prevention Week observance ever staged in the community. The parade will start at 11:30 a.m. from the Grand River bridge and march west on Grand River to the Farmington City Hall at Liberty Street just west of Farmington Road.

AN OPEN HOUSE will be held following the parade by the Department of Public Safety and refreshments will be served. Conducted tours will be held for those interested in inspecting the Public Safety Department and officers will be on hand to explain equipment and fire fighting techniques and procedures.

"Sparky" and "Smoky" as well as shows will be on hand to entertain the youngsters. Literature will also be available to provide helpful hints in the home. The Open House on fire prevention and safety will last all day on Saturday to officially mark the observance of Fire Prevention Week in Farmington, October 9 through Oct. 16.

Compromise On Zoning for Apt.

The Township Planning Commission, at a regular meeting on September 28, reached a compromise on the proposed apartment development, Chatham Hills Manor, and set a date for a public hearing.

At last week's meeting, the Township planning consultant, Chuck Leman, recommended that only part of the area proposed for apartments be rezoned. He proposed that the park area between the two developments be re-aligned and that the apartments be cut off at the point of the Independent Green apartments across Grand River.

THE COMMISSION, acting on Leman's recommendation, voted unanimously to set for public hearing the land west of park quarter section line and to deny the request for multiple cast of the line. This will allow apartments to be built on some 12 to 15 acres.

There was some misunderstanding on the filing of the proper papers required by the Township ordinance on the subject. Leman is now ready for a recommendation on the subdivision.

Pastor requested that a special meeting be held as he is anxious to get the plans approved and the subdivision under way.

The Planning Commission has been holding two meetings a month—one for planning and one for zoning. They set 9 p.m., October 14, the night they meet for planning to view the subdivision plot plan. They emphasized that they had previously agreed not to "raise the planning session for official zoning matters" and stipulated that this action was not to set a precedent for future requests.

School Report In This Issue

On page 6A of this week's Enterprise is the Farmington Public School District's Annual Financial Report. The law requires that this report be published annually in the officially designated newspaper of the area.

Also part of the annual report is the attractive, four-page tabloid size "Report to the Community" which is Farmington's special feature of this issue of the Enterprise.