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Rules Do Apply to Politics

We're happy to see that the incorporation campaign is picking up its pace in Farmington Township.

We aren't happy to see some of the tactics and attitudes.

Three fast examples:

• The first is the Brainerd Hills Farm Civic Association, which has a small, Hills Farm Civic Association, scheduled a discussion on the matter, but neglected to invite any of the proponents of the issue. Representatives of the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc. reportedly made their points and added to the sum score. Why not hear both sides of the question?

• The second fact that representatives of the Committee refused to speak at the Brainerd Hills Farm Civic Association on the theory that there would be many open meetings on the subject.

• The fact that the Vote No on incorporation carries the slogan "Save Our Schools."

We don't like the lamedoes from both sides that financial gain is the only reason for the

other side's position, either. If they think this is so, then prove it.

Holly Hills doesn't deserve any bouquets for its handling of the discussion. But why would the committee consent to speak to a group and not to the opponents of Brainerd Hills? Don't both have equally important interest and stake in the election?

As for the "Save Our Schools" slogan it must be pointed out again that the Farmington School District is completely separate from the local government units. Its finances and elections are separate.

In addition to that the school district includes the City, part of the Township (excepting the southeastern corner), and a portion of West Bloomfield. So whether or not Farmington Township is incorporated into a home rule city is academic as far as affecting the schools.

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We know that the answer to this is "That's politics." We don't agree.

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The Reader Speaks Up:

Points for Incorporation

Editor:

Several, probably well-meaning but nevertheless, misguided individuals have recently formed a propaganda organization called the "Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc." which somehow immediately got enough money to print and circulate letters to the residents of Farmington Township attempting to scare them away from voting in favor of incorporation.

These people are misguided by two officers and one director, who are not even members of the board, but receive income from jobs that they or their spouses hold with two villages that are included in the incorporation movement. Is it little wonder then why these scare tactics are being used? I would like to know if this propaganda letter was stated, and I quote:

"Unlike the promoters of incorporation we will not pretend to be objective. We stand to lose too much."

I think it is time that these people are exposed and some very basic truths are made known so that the people of Farmington Township can decide the issue of home rule intelligently, and without being used, as I wonder.

First of all, these are basic facts about incorporation:

1. If the vote is "YES" for incorporation, the board of education that is formed will be responsible for the charter commissioners, (who are elected at the same time),

2. The charter will be approved by a majority of the people at another election.

3. Tax limitations must be included in any city charter.

4. Only a city can protect its territory from being grabbed piecemeal by other cities, or true representation of the small, special interest groups.

5. Only a city can protect its people from annexation to the City of Livonia, when they incorporate.

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