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Detroit Hikes Water Rates

City Has Increase Of 15%

Water will cost slightly more in the City of Farmington after Nov. 1 and it appears likely that the rates will also go up in the township.

Basis for the increase are hikes to both the city and Oakland County announced by the Detroit Water Board. The cost increases are effective Nov. 1.

A 15 per cent per 1,000 cubic feet hike has the city in the increase. City Manager John Dinan said that the increased cost would total about \$9,600 in payments to the City of Detroit. He estimated that it would cost the homeowner about \$2.40 per year.

The city is currently paying \$1.01 per 1,000 cubic feet for the water and the increase brings this up to \$1.17.

Dinan noted that the city maintains its own reservoir for storage and thus purchases water at a "constant" rate rather than the maximum which reduces the cost.

The Detroit Water Board has informed the city, however, that its reservoir does not meet the standards required and the city may have to purchase the water at the "peak" standard.

IF THIS happens Dinan estimated the homeowner would be nickel and dime an additional \$7.30 a year. City engineers are working on the problem, Dinan said, and hope to work out a solution so that the city can continue to purchase the water at the lower wholesale rate.

Dinan said that he had no idea of what work might be involved in the reservoir nor what the cost would be.

Township residents who are serviced by Detroit water also face the possibility of a price hike. They purchase their water from Oakland County which is the wholesale customer of the Detroit system.

Donald W. Ringler, deputy director of the county public works department, said that residents of the township pay \$2.25 per 1,000 cubic feet for water.

THE COUNTY now purchases the water at \$1.58 and was notified that the rate would be increased to \$1.58 per 1,000 cubic feet.

(The county has no water storage facilities and purchases Detroit water at the higher "peak" rate. The additional charge by the county pays for the construction of the water lines, the billing costs, and the county overhead for the service.)

Ringler told The Enterprise & Observer that the county had just received the notice and no decision had been made on a rate change.

"If there is a rate change," he said, "we will look at the picture of the entire county-wide operation before deciding on any increase."

The county bases its water charges on the elevation of the area as compared to the Detroit system and also the distance to the center of the area serviced from the Detroit city limits.

These are all factors used by the Detroit Water Board in determining its costs.

Other members of the commission are Allison Green, state treasurer; and Ira Polley, superintendent of public instruction.

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ROCKS DROPPED by a glacier millions of years ago can be found throughout the northeast section of Farmington Township. This rock, a Volcanic Conglomerate, is exceptionally large. It is approximately five feet high and six feet in diameter. It was found near the Fairview Elementary School in Olde Franklin Towne subdivision.

Ancient Glacial Rock Uncovered Near Fairview

By HENRY J. TEUTSCH

Staff Writer

A glacier has deposited a Volcanic Conglomerate right in the middle of the Township's Olde Franklin Towne subdivision.

John Fawcett from the Farmington Schools Maintenance Department found the huge rock near the Fairview Elementary School. His crew was laying sod around the school.

Fawcett said that they had to push the rock into a nearby field with a bulldozer. The gigantic rock is approximately five feet high and six feet in diameter.

G. Arthur Brown, of Cranbrook's Institute of Science, said that a glacier once rested in this area. It might have been melting for 1,000 years.

During the melting process, the glacier dropped some of its load of rocks and earth that it had picked up along the northern shore of Lake Superior.

At one time there were lava flows on the lake's north edge. The rock is composed of many different kinds of rock which are all held together by another type of rock.

The cementing medium is Dolerite, a medium grain lava. Medium grain lava cools quickly and doesn't allow the minerals it rests upon to form large crystals before the lava hardens.

The other rocks held together by the Dolerite lava are not etched, Brown said that this would indicate that the lava flowed into a wet stream bed and the smaller rocks that were caught were still wet.

The lava was quenched quickly and etching was prevented from occurring on the smaller rocks.

There are many lava sills along Lake Superior's northern shore. In some places the sills are 200 feet thick.

Rocks like the one found by Fawcett in the Township were formed at the bottom of these sills. This means that the glacier scraped and gouged deep into the earth's surface when it moved south.

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GOP Leader Praises People's Contributions

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter from the head of the Farmington Township GOP organization sums up the feelings of many about the response of the people of Farmington to the needs of the victims of the Detroit riots.)

(Many other organizations and individuals contributed of their time and goods to the relief work. While it is impossible to name all volunteers, they all deserve the word of praise.)

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We have seen Farmington put the Golden Rule into action. The response to the great need of our neighbors in Detroit has continued throughout the week at the Masonic Temple from as far as Wall-Ed Lake.

Many volunteers, both adult and young people, have been kept busy receiving donated food, clothes, baby needs, household equipment and toys and forwarding these supplies to facilities in the Interfaith Emergency Council network in Detroit.

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Q'town Bonds Approved

A paving project in the Village of Quakertown—the village's first—has been approved by the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission.

A total of \$24,000 in special assessment bonds have been approved by the commission for the paving of Britany Drive.

Village President Charles Stevenson said that the residents had requested the paving because of the dust problem.

"Britany Drive is the main entrance to the Normandy Hills Subdivision," he explained, "and while the gravel road was well maintained the heavy traffic posed dust problems for the residents."

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Ex-Husband Held

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