

Primary Candidates Express Views

3-Year Term Republicans



KLOPP

PETER R. KLOPP JR., 47, 31430 Rocky Creek, Vice president and treasurer of Klopp Engineering, Inc., incumbent member of Township Zoning Board of Appeals; past chairman of Finance Committee, Farmington Board of Education; at present of Staman Acres, Inc. Association.

1. I am in favor of limiting the population of Farmington Township by means of zoning ordinances. This is being accomplished by zoning the land area for maximum-sized lots to preserve our semi-rural atmosphere. Water and sewer facilities have been planned and built to provide adequate service based on population control. It would be poor planning and judgment to overload these facilities and cause hardship and additional expense to the residents of the township.

2. And I advocate the continuation of the expanding high levels of police and fire protection, and will support this by voting for the allocation of funds for this purpose. Strong building, inspection and zoning violation departments are essential to the well-being of the community, and will also be supported.

3. Historically and culturally, the people of the city and township have associated themselves with each other and the name of Farmington. Currently, two studies, one by Michigan State University and one by William Oakes, are being conducted to determine the possible future and costs of consolidation and/or separate forms of governments. Until these studies are completed and analyzed, I have and intend to keep an open mind on this matter. I will also want to resolve any present problems between the two governmental bodies.

Farmington Township Trustee Candidates

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE. Two four-year terms are open and one three-year term. Vote for two nominees of the four-year terms and one nominee for the three-year term.

Questions asked the candidates were:

1. The current township zoning ordinance is based on density control. Do you agree with the concept? Do you think it should be improved, or modified and why?

2. Under the existing powers of the township structure of government, what would you like to see done for the general voter? How would you accomplish this?

3. What is your stand on the eventual consolidation of city and township and what would you do to support your stand?

4. What improvement, if any, would you like to see made in the existing level of governmental services in the township. If so, why? If not, why not?

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2. After several years of work on the Farmington Township Zoning and Planning Commission, it has been my belief that our zoning ordinance contains practical and effective scales to weigh requests for use of land or structures.

3. Existing state statutes drastically restrict the powers of townships. Unlike home-rule municipalities operating under voter-approved charters and general authority granted by the state, townships are limited to a rural-type government which restricts the scope of services to residents.

4. I would like to see townships freed from those state laws which make them fair game for selective annexation by adjacent municipalities. Farmington Township must maintain its territorial integrity so as to protect valuable tax-base lands which are vital to planned development and economic balance.

1. I would like to see townships share in state gasoline tax revenues for maintenance of roads on a local basis. Each of our constituents directly affected by township officials upon state legislators. I would exert every effort to bring both changes about.

2. The Township and the city have each contributed funds to the feasibility of consolidation. In addition, the township has authorized an independent study.

Until such studies are completed and analyzed to impartial judgment can be formulated and to start can be taken. If the studies show that consolidation is in the best interests of township residents, and if consolidation can meet the practical and legal tests, I would work to bring it about.

1. In the past I have favored an incorporation of the township area to preserve our territorial integrity and to provide local control of our roads. I consider these objectives to be necessary and valid. Our population growth is too great to continue with an unimproved rural-type government.

2. A growing suburban community requires more than a "one size fits all" approach to required services. Township efforts should be directed at securing the best in police and fire protection and our citizens should be prepared to back the effort with the required funds.

3. Our primary roads and residential streets are becoming overgrown and more police patrol time. With the gain in population and the increased investment in their homes by our citizens, continued reliance upon a volunteer fire department is unsound. Voters should recognize that a less expensive method of trash pick-up might be available.

Homeowners now pay \$30-\$35 per year for private service, about two mills on a \$15,000 assessed valuation. Surely, a township-negotiated, and administered contract would cost less while affording essentially the same service.

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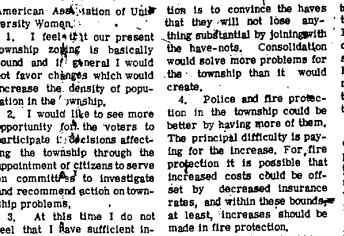
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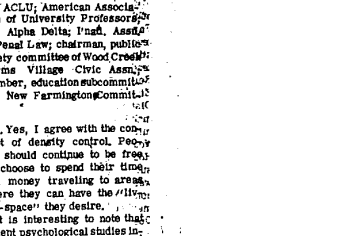
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JOYCE T. HUNGERFORD, 36, 22231 Cass. Currently secretary at Havis-Glovinsky Associates. Regarding secretary Farmington Democratic Club, was previously vice chairman of the 19th District 1966 Democratic Convention. Attended Wayne University.

1. A zoning ordinance based on density control is a sound approach to the problems of school growth, population growth, and demands on services and utilities. However, this is only one facet of overall planning.

Many people settled in Farmington because it had a rural, uncluttered character. Now in spite of federal and local funds appropriated for "city planning" we see the same type of haphazard development in the township which other communities have suffered prior to their eventual debilitation. We need not only a "master plan" but the determination to adhere to it faithfully.

2. And I believe we realize that Farmington must continue to develop, I believe, after talking with many residents, that we do not want our township to change drastically in nature. Our needs are basic: local road maintenance and improvement; public safety, especially for school children; recreation; and improvement in services as needed.

Expansion of services is inevitable with growth. I propose an "open format" as a guide for improvement and/or expansion of services. This format should consist of the following: (1) a summary report given monthly by representatives of the departments of "public health, safety, recreation, and what is needed; and (2) open to questions and recommendations from the public.

3. I believe it is necessary that the local government and its agencies, the school board,

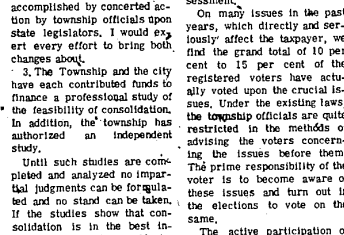
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4-Year Terms Republicans



CROOK

GEORGE T. CROOK, 75, of 37495 Grand River Expressway. Chief electrical inspector of Farmington City and Township. High school education. First appointed by the township in 1957. Resident of township since 1956. Memberships: Local 58 Electrical Workers RFL and Local 1458, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO; registered certified electrical safety engineer 106; International Association of Electrical Inspectors (honorary); auxiliary mounted police officer of Farmington Township, Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 4033; Veterans of World War I No. 1152; Farmington Lodge 151, F & A.M.

1. No comment at this time.

2. Good clean government, for one and all alike.

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4. Qualified, experienced employees, who live in township and are taxpayers. Rather than employing persons from all over Oakland County—which causes dissension among their employees.

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WILLIAM B. HATTON, 40, 34555 W. Nine Mile Rd. Employed as senior research chemist at VPI Chemicals Inc. of Ferndale. Attended Indiana and Yale Universities. President of Farmington Township Road Association.

1. This principle is as good as any for basing a zoning ordinance. If, however, place by place erosion of the principle to accommodate the needs of builders and developers, need not be tolerated. Likewise right adherence to the principle should not prevent the township from acquiring a good zoning ordinance.

The future development of the one third of the township now undeveloped will be most important to the financial burdens of the residents. It is already evident that local taxes are high and that our present tax base is not as satisfactory as it is elsewhere.

For the future of the township I can see little benefit in having the "binary attraction" in the community taxes of 100 or 150 mills.

2. The most important item in public affairs is the complete and open disclosure of all public business. If an addition to the township hall costs \$400,000, why not disclose this fact? It discloses two place between the township and any other public or private body, why not have the public present at such discussions. I not only distrust the agreements and decisions coming from the star chamber, but also I can have but little confidence in those parties which are the basis of public concern; therefore, let the public know what the public business is.

3. I voted for incorporation during the last incorporation election. This appears to be the only way for the township to seek, a necessary authority to have any meaningful measure of control over the service most people feel necessary and desirable—particularly roads and the boundaries of the township itself.

When incorporation has been agreed to, I would be logical then to, consolidate with the city for the economic reason that a duplication of services is more expensive than a single set of services.

I am fully aware that in city-township relations the tax has been wagging the dog for some time. It is also clear, on the basis that 40,000 people should carry more public weight than 8,000 people. The principal problem concerning consolidation

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1. Yes, I agree with the concept of density control. People should continue to be free to choose to spend their time and money traveling to areas where they can have the "living space" they desire. It is interesting to note that recent psychological studies indicate the satisfaction of this desire to be a basic human motivation. As long as unutilized tracts are available, it is not "desirable" to live as we do, so no need for modification or improvement.

2. I'd like to see some debate or discussion on questions at township meetings. (May be so naive as to even expect an occasional disagreement among members of the board. Without discussion the voters have no idea of the reasons behind the decisions. They cannot properly evaluate the quality of government they are receiving.

This results in an injury to the voter as well as an injury to his intelligence. As an "independent" voice on the board, my election will represent the necessary first step in rectifying the situation. The voter can be assured I'm not in this for the "ride" at 23 tax-paid dollars per meeting.

A healthy respect for the facts demands that we await the outcome of the studies presently being undertaken on this question. What we lawyers call "land-use planning" has become an extremely involved topic, and the conclusions of the experts, if supported by the reasons behind them, should be given great weight.

There should be a significant difference between the two studies. I would tend to give greater weight to the M.S.U. proposals. Not only will it represent the work-product of one of this nation's great universities, but it will embody the thinking of a greater number of individuals of nationally recognized ability.

4. There are two immediate problems: The first is roads, what is happening to our proportionate share of the state's road commission is a public agency, I am sure this can be determined. As our representative in the governmental body, the township board should protect our interests in how the money is spent.

(The second deals with helping our police officers which the FBI suggested strength.

Ballot Proposals

STATE PROPOSAL NO. 1 — JUDICIAL TENURE

This would amend the state constitution to establish a Judicial Tenure Commission to investigate complaints of cases of misconduct or disability of judges in office.

STATE PROPOSAL NO. 2 — COMPENSATION OF THE JUDICIARY

This would amend the state constitution to create a State Officers Compensation Commission to determine the salaries and expense allowances of the governor, lieutenant governor, justices of the Supreme Court and members of the Legislature.

STATE PROPOSAL NO. 3 — JUDICIAL VACANCIES

This would amend the state constitution to give the governor power to appoint persons to fill vacancies in the Supreme, Appeals, Circuit, Probate and District courts until the next general election, thus eliminating the need for special elections.

OAKLAND COUNTY PROPOSAL NO. 1 — ROAD TAX

This would raise the county property tax limitation one mill for five years for the maintenance and improvement of roads.

CONGRESS—19th DISTRICT

(Includes Redford, Livonia, Northville and Wayne County; Farmington and generally western Oakland County.)
Gary R. Frink Jack McDonald (I)
Ron Madiros

COURT OF APPEALS—DISTRICT II

(Includes Oakland and other southern and eastern Michigan counties. Two to be nominated for November run-off.)
S. Jerome Brown
Robert J. Danhof
John F. Foley

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS—17th DIST.

(Includes City of Farmington and southern part of Farmington Township.)
Gerald A. Freedman Delos Hamlin

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS—18th DIST.

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