

# Don't Give Up Veto, Ellsworth Urges Quakers

By EMORY DANIELS

FARMINGTON Quaker residents had plenty of questions to ask about consolidation at Monday's hearing sponsored by the Joint Study Committee.

Supplying answers were Howard Bond, the village attorney, and Richard Habicht and Gerald Ellsworth, the village's two candidates for the consolidation charter commission.

A selection of questions and answers follows:

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ANSWER: Fire and police protection would be needed if the township incorporated with Quakertown. Ellsworth said, "A 'city' doesn't have to mean paved sidewalks and lights on every corner, he added; a 'city' is a legal definition of a municipality to enable it to do certain things, such as selling bonds. Ellsworth said Quakertown probably wouldn't require services other than fire and police protection if it tried to go it alone but "I don't see that it is possible."

QUESTION: Services get expensive, don't they?

ANSWER: There is a tremendous amount of misinformation being circulated, said Ellsworth. People are saying, "Look at Southfield and Livonia and see what they are paying for services," he continued.

In 1968, the City of Livonia levied 8.79 mills for operation alone. Southfield levied 8.86 mills the same year and in 1968 the city of Farmington levied 10 mills. Services do get expensive," said Ellsworth. "But it is only what the people demand."

Ellsworth continued: "You can have a city without all the frills. Lathrup Village is that. It is the City of Lathrup Village and it has a levy of 16.8 mills. Sterling Heights has a levy of 4.03 because of its large industrial tax base. You can have all degrees under a city."

water lines into the village, he added. "I don't think it happens unless citizens unite to demand change. We are about 55 percent developed in the Farmington area. These changes in the future will affect you whether you want them or not. It's being an isolationist if you don't face up to these changes and try to work towards them."

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1969  
AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE ELECTION IN SAID VILLAGE AS INDICATED BELOW, VIZ:  
PAUL INMAN ASSOCIATES BLDG.  
200 NORTHEASTERN HWY.  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:  
To incorporate the Village of Quakertown, the Village of Wood Creek Farms, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.  
AND ALSO TO ELET ONE MEMBER OF A NINE MEMBER CHARTER COMMISSION.  
ALSO ANY ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS OR PROPOSITIONS THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED.  
Notice Relative to Opening and Closing of the Polls  
ELECTION LAW, ACT 116, P.A. 1964  
SECTION 229 On the day of any election, the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 1 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.  
THE POLLS of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 1 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.  
EILEEN ABBOTT, Village Clerk  
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on  
Tuesday, November 4, 1969  
AT THE PLACE OR PLACES OF HOLDING THE ELECTION IN SAID VILLAGE AS INDICATED BELOW, VIZ:  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (KNOX HOUSE)  
2006 FARMINGTON ROAD  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS, VIZ:  
One Village President  
One Village Treasurer  
Two Village Commissioners  
One Village Assessor  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE VILLAGE OF QUAKERTOWN  
Amend Section 10 of Chapter III to read as follows:  
The president, treasurer, each of the two commissioners and the assessor shall receive one dollar (\$1) per year, and shall receive no other compensation for services performed for and on behalf of the village during their term of office. All other officers shall receive where other provision is made herein or by law regulating fees for services shall receive such compensation as the Council shall prescribe.  
VOTE ON QUESTION OF CONFIRMING GRANT OF FRANCHISE TO THE DETROIT EDISON CO.  
Do you favor the confirming of a franchise to THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY, granting permission to erect, construct, lay, operate and maintain within the Village of Quakertown, all needed and proper poles, towers, masts, wires, conduits, apparatus, etc., requisite for the transmission, transforming and distribution of electricity for public and private use, and for the transmission, transforming and distribution of electricity for public and private use, and for the transmission, transforming and distribution of electricity for public and private use.  
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Matty Strasser  
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