

Paving Needs Studied

Roads Plague School Board Also

Blacktop and asphalt jobs are big business for Farmington schools and they often create knotty problems. Walkways are under surveillance by parents. Demands are

made that they be improved for safety reasons. Main roads also cause problems. Schools create traffic congestion and haggling lanes place over whose job it is to provide

funds to ease this congestion.

MONDAY EVENING'S school board meeting pointed out the complexity of the paving problem.

Estimates to ease traffic problems near East Junior High were reported to be \$39,000. The work includes the widening of Middlebelt road near the school with a curb enclosed drainage using the existing right-of-way. A drainage easement also would have to be obtained.

The school board agrees that a traffic problem exists. Cars often are backed up in long lines and it is difficult for school buses to leave and enter Middle Belt road.

The problem stems from who shall pay for the road improvement. The Board of County Road Commissioners has agreed to pay one-third or \$13,000 of the estimated cost. School board members feel that their prime function is education and are reluctant to spend a large amount of funds on a project that is not even their property.

BOARD MEMBER Kenneth F. Perrin would like to go ahead with the plan but first see if the township would assist in payment or try to persuade the county to pay the entire cost.

Vice President Richard Peters recommended that a time schedule for widening Middlebelt through the township be checked. Both Peters and Gary L. Lettman said the board was in no position to spend \$28,000 for the widening of Middlebelt at this point.

Aldo Vagnozzi pointed out that if the money should be taken from the building and site fund it would cost double because of loans with interest involved.

"School funds should be used on school property and for school purposes," he said.

Peters moved that the matter be placed with the building and site committee for a report at the earliest possible convenience. It still is hoped either the township or the road commission will share further in providing funds.

THE PROBLEM of paving came up again with a discussion of a change order for the paving contract for acceleration and deceleration lanes and

a passing lane by the new Harrison High School.

Asphalt work prescribed by the contract is within the minimum safety requirements for the conditions of the traffic and terrain. It also is temporary because at some future date it is anticipated that 12 Mile will be widened.

The schools must finance this work because the road commission never enters into joint agreements for financing of such lanes for newly constructed facilities when plans for widening roads are indefinite.

Work on all Harrison paving has been halted due to a strike on asphalt workers. The west parking lot is incomplete as is the 12 Mile work.

In other asphalt work, cost for constructing an Eagle School sidewalk from the Briarcliff Subdivision have doubled from the \$600 specified for the job.

This walkway was planned as a joint venture between the schools and the subdivision.

Mrs. Kathryn Stirling, a safety committee member, said she had walked the existing walkway and felt no safety

hazard existed. She moved that the present walkway be maintained in good condition since the cost of the new work exceeded the \$600 specified.

This motion was later withdrawn and it was decided to go back to the Briarcliff subdivision to see if there were some way the school board's commitment could be upheld.

IN OTHER board action:

The board approved final construction documents for the Shawnee addition and directed the architect to proceed subject to any last minute changes by the building and site committee. Plans call for six classrooms and a media center.

Assignment of administrative assistants and administrators for the 1971 school year and authorization for a media center coordinator were postponed until the next meeting so that the board would have time for further study.

Bids for the purchase of State Aid notes in the amount of \$2 million were opened. The low bidder was National Bank of Detroit with a 4.23 interest rate.

Fred Lichtman Wants Court In Township

FARMINGTON Township Trustee Fred Lichtman has expressed dissatisfaction that the Farmington District Court has not been meeting often enough in the township.

Lichtman, at the last board meeting, pointed out the District Court is supposed to meet three days in the township and two days in the City of Farmington.

THE TRUSTEE said he has received complaints that on days the court is supposed to meet in the township, residents appear and are told to go to the city where the court is in session.

The township provides 80 percent of the local costs to operate the court, supplies a clerk and courtroom. Lichtman said, and has the right to expect the court to be in session three days a week in the township.

Lichtman said the board should make it known to Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand that he has an obligation to the township and court should be in session on 11 Mile on the designated days.

Lichtman suggested the board should consider withholding further payments until the court starts meeting regularly for three days each week in the township.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY Joseph T. Brennan observed that there have been complaints from the township police department about the operation of the court.

Brennan said there may be a misunderstanding about the

problem and he promised to meet with Judge Hand to discuss the matter.

Brennan said he would stress the board's position that the township wants its cases tried in the township.

IN SEPARATE action Monday night, Supervisor Curtis Hall presented a draft of an ordinance attempting to curb fees charged for towing cars.

Hall said exorbitant fees for towing have been charged by some service stations and the township might be able to exert control.

The draft was turned over to Brennan for study and possible presentation at the next meeting.

Brennan disclosed during the meeting that he will appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals the decision by Oakland County Circuit Judge Frederick Ziem allowing the City of Farmington to hold the annexation election.

Robert McCormick, chairman of the Future Farmington Association, said the FFA will support the township in its appeal and will also organize a campaign against annexation.

Farmington Calendar

NEWCOMERS CLUB

Sept. 23. The Farmington Newcomers Club will open the season with a meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Dessert and cards. All newcomers welcome. Reservations may be made with Barbara Tallman, 474-3883.

COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING

Sept. 24. The annual meeting of the members of the Farmington Community Center, Inc., will be held in the center, 24705 Farmington Rd., at 8 p.m. Directors will be elected for the ensuing year and other business will be transacted.

PACK 45 FAMILY NIGHT

Sept. 24. Cub Scout Pack 45 will hold family night at 7:30 p.m. in Cloverdale School. Any boy between eight and 10 years now attending Longacre or Cloverdale Schools interested in joining Cub Scouts may register at this time.

Y-INDIAN GUIDES

Sept. 24. A Farmington Y-Indian Guides information and organization meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Dunckel Junior High School. The group is for fathers and their sons in first through third grades.

WOMAN'S HEALTH CLUB

Sept. 24. Woman's Health Club, a group for women who want to lose weight, will hold its opening meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 106D Farmington High School. Lose through group therapy. For further information call 626-3288 or 474-4897.

CUB SCOUT RECRUITER NIGHT

Sept. 24. Cub Scout Pack 263 will hold a cub scout recruiter night at 7 p.m. in Kenbrook School. Boys who have reached their eighth birthday or are in the third grade interested in joining Cub Scouts are urged to attend with their parents. Pack 263 will hold its regular meeting.

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sept. 24. Fairview School will hold open house at 7:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., Dr. Stuart Rankin, assistant superintendent office of research Detroit Board of Education, will discuss "New Ideas in Elementary Education." Coffee hour to follow.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB

The Sept. 25 meeting of the Senior Citizens Social Club will be postponed until Oct. 9. On that date, birthday potluck will be held at noon in the First United Methodist Church social room. Business meeting and cards to follow.

'TREASURES AND TRIFLES'

Sept. 26. Farmington Musicales will hold a "Treasures and Trifles" sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Grand River at Warner, Farmington.

ST. MARY DINNER-DANCE

Sept. 26. The Moms' and Dads' Club of St. Mary Preparatory of Orchard Lake will sponsor a get-acquainted dinner dance at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 25160 W. Outer Drive near Dix Rd., Lincoln Park. Tickets \$7.50 per person. Reservations may be made by calling 264-1133 or 777-4820.

INSTRUCTIONAL SWIMMING

Sept. 26. Fall registration for instructional swimming will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in North Farmington and Farmington High Schools.

Dundas Returns

FARMINGTON Navy Lt. (JG) James C. Dundas, husband of Miss Marilyn J. Brannon of 27905 10 Mile, Farmington, returned to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Joseph Strauss after six months in the Western Pacific.

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