

Planner Jarratt's 2-Week 'Retirement' Ends

FARMINGTON After enjoying a two week "retirement," William Jarratt is again a member of the Farmington Township Planning Commission.

Jarratt was reappointed to the commission at Monday night's meeting of the Farmington Township Board of Trustees which happened to be the last regular meeting conducted by outgoing Supervisor Curtis H. Hall.

TWO WEEKS ago, the board voted not to reappoint Jarratt to the commission on a 3-2 vote with two members absent.

With the full board present for the last "lame duck" trustees meeting, Hall told trustees an error was made two weeks ago when appointments were made.

The error, Hall explained after the meeting, was that the board nominated mem-

bers to the commission and the township's charter provides that the supervisor appoint members and the board approve or disapprove the appointments.

Hall two weeks ago asked the board to reappoint Jarratt, Russell Nankervis and James Moore. Hall also appointed Robert McConnell to fill a vacancy caused by the departure of Charles L. Lorton.

Trustee Fred Lichtman objected to Jarratt being reappointed and Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer nominated Mrs. Barbara Benya in Jarratt's stead. The board then voted to approve Nankervis, Moore, Mrs. Benya and McConnell, leaving Jarratt off the commission.

Monday night, Hall explained the earlier appointments were not proper because the board cannot nominate members to the commission.

HALL THEN reappointed Jarratt, Nankervis and Moore and nominated McConnell to fill the vacancy Lorton's unexpired term.

Hall then informed the board that Percy Garhouse had submitted his resignation, which left another vacancy to fill.

For the Garhouse vacancy, Hall nominated Mrs. Benya. Mrs. Benya is executive secretary of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and McConnell is president of the Future Farmington Association. Mrs. Benya lives in Kewadin and McConnell lives in Canterbury Commons.

When the vote was taken to reappoint Jarratt, the motion passed 6-1 with only Lichtman voting no. All other

appointments were confirmed 7-0.

Garhouse has submitted his resignation effective Nov. 15 after serving for 11 years on the planning commission.

If Garhouse had not submitted his resignation effective Nov. 15, but at a later date, his vacancy would have been filled by incoming supervisor Earl Teeple and confirmed by the board.

IN OTHER action, the board voted to amend the pension plan to make provision for three township officers who were not included in the plan when it was adopted in January 1966.

The three employees were over the mandatory retirement age provided in the plan when the pension package was approved and thus were ineligible to be included.

Now eligible for pension benefits are Mrs. Elise Avery, who has retired as township treasurer, George Crook and Mrs. Shirley Hults.

The question of eligibility first arose during negotiations with the union for the building department, explained Hall. The resolution was made by the township's accountant, attorney and auditor.

ACCORDING TO the resolution, the three may exercise an option of choosing to participate in the pension plan or asking to draw a severance pay.

The severance pay is equal to the amount the township would have paid into the pension system since 1966 if the employee had been covered by the plan.

If one of the three chooses

the pension, the employee will have to present a lump check for the amount that would have been deducted from the payroll if the employee had been participating in the plan since 1966.

The motion passed 7-0 after some question by Lichtman about the desirability of offering severance pay to an elected township official.

Earlier the board had approved an amendment to the Retirement Systems resolution but the contents of that resolution is unknown since it was discussed in executive session and not explained in public. Motion was made by Thomas Nolan, supported by Mrs. Schaeffer, and passed 7-0.

THE BOARD ALSO authorized approval of a pay-back agreement to Topps Department Store for \$18,250 the store had "loaned" the township to complete a sewer project along Orchard Lake.

Topps had advanced the \$18,000 after bids came in too high. By advancing the money, the project could proceed without new bids and reassessments explained Clerk Floyd Cairns.

The agreement provides that Topps will be repaid from tap-in fees paid by residents when they connect to the sanitary sewer line.

The board also gave final approval to a labor contract with the Township Police Officers Association.

Approval was granted after a provision on grievance procedure was amended. Two weeks ago the board objected that the proposed contract would have eliminated the township board as review board when an appeal was made by an

employee discharged or disciplined.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY Joseph Brennan said the contract was amended so that any grievance concerning the discipline or discharge of a patrolman would be negotiated by the review board established in the contract.

Any other grievance, said Brennan, which involved a disputed violation of the labor contract would be negotiated by the review board established in the contract.

The review board will consist of two members of the POA, two township representatives excluding the supervisor, and a fifth party.

Hall explained after the meeting that this was the first written contract approved between the township and the POA. Earlier pay scales and agreements were negotiated and concluded by a handshake, Hall added.

Before the contract was approved, a request was made by Teeple from the audience that the POA not be recognized as the proper collective bargaining agent for the police department.

Teeple said the POA represents less than half of the police department because its membership excludes cadets, dispatchers, office help, corporals, sergeants and command officers.

Teeple also stated that the POA has become involved in police bargaining and this was in violation of the township's police manual.

Our rule books prohibit a patrolman from belonging to any organization which adversely affects his performance of duty," observed Teeple.

Teeple then said the POA

has "adversely affected" a policeman's duty by interfering in the investigation of criminal cases.

Teeple asked the board if the POA were the legal and proper bargaining agent for the police department.

BRENNAN SAID it was true, to some extent, that the POA has gone beyond its scope of collective bargaining agent and has interfered with investigation of criminal matters.

But this interference with police work, Brennan added, has been taken care of in the new contract which specifically defines the proper activity of the POA and earlier violations will now be taken care of by the contract.

Brennan explained that the POA represents only patrolmen and that, apparently, there was not any collective bargaining unit for corporals, sergeants and command officers. By ordinance, Hall added, the township board 18 months ago ruled that the POA's membership would include only patrolmen.

Brennan confirmed a claim by Teeple that a corporal had been sitting in on this year's negotiations but said the corporal was asked to leave.

IN OTHER action, the board confirmed the promotion by Hall of two patrolmen to the rank of detective. The officers being promoted had passed examinations given by Oakland County.

"I have recently been de-

scribed as a friend and protégé of Mr. Hall," quipped Oppertbauer. "And I consider this the highest compliment the Farmington Enterprise & Observer has ever paid me."

Oppertbauer concluded by saying that history will record that a great deal of progress was realized under the administrative tenure of Hall and Mrs. Avery.

Mrs. Avery said her 15 years as a township officer has included many pleasant experiences and she wanted to thank all the people of the township for everything they've done.

Hall said it had been a stimulating experience for him with the rewards being the many wonderful associations he has made.

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Director Named For Traffic Project

Stuart R. Perkins has been named as director of technical services for the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County (TIA), according to an announcement by Edwin O. George of Detroit Edison, and TIA president.

In this position, Perkins will have the responsibility for directing a major national traffic safety demonstration project which will be undertaken through funds provided the county by the National Highway Safety Bureau.

According to Perkins, the

purpose of this three to five year program is to design, implement and evaluate new and innovative management systems and projects of substance which will attempt to bring about measurable improvements in the county's total highway crash experience.

Perkins obtained bachelor and master of science degrees in mechanical engineering at Purdue University and also holds a master's degree in business administration, obtained at the University of Detroit.

Formerly of the staff of General Motors Corporation Research Laboratories, Perkins has been involved in automotive safety and traffic safety since 1966. His projects have included: traffic accident prediction techniques, vehicle structure analysis, safety information systems, automotive safety statistics and accident research contract coordination.

In describing his responsibilities as director of the demonstration program, Perkins said that it will consist of two basic phases. In

Phase I which will take approximately one year to complete - a survey will be made to determine the problems in Oakland County, and to inventory current programs. In addition, a plan for improving the county's total highway crash prevention system will be developed. In Phase II, recommended priority accident prevention programs - along with management improvements - will be implemented and carefully evaluated.

Perkins lives with his family in White Lake Township.

Police Grant Aids Instructors

FARMINGTON Oakland Community College (OCC) received a \$30,000 federal grant for a project to train law enforcement instructors at the Oakland Police Academy, part of OCC.

RALPH MOXLEY, assistant director of the Police Academy, said the grant will provide teaching skills to 105 experienced police officers in the state who regularly instruct other officers in specialty areas of law enforcement.

Curriculum will include Factors Affecting Learning, Methods and Techniques of Instruction, Evaluation of Instruction and other related subjects.

Moxley said the Academy was started 3 1/2 years ago at OCC, to serve all police departments in Oakland County. "It's the only one of its kind," he said.

"DETROIT and other large cities in the state have their own academies, but we're the only ones who serve every department in the county. We were set up to help upgrade police through training," he said. "What we're doing is in-

structing instructors to instruct."

Moxley said enrollment for the program has already been filled by officers from as far away as Marquette. Each will receive 36 hours of training during seven class days plus night classes.

The program will start Nov. 16 under the direction of Senior Signalman and Chief James Wainright, USN, from San Diego, Calif.

"The armed services have long been leaders in the field of instructor training," Moxley replied, when asked why a Navy man was selected chief instructor. "Chief Wainright has already trained over 200 police instructors."

He said the program may be

renewable if the program is a success.

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