

Township Hikes Operating Budget By \$118,000

Farmington Township has increased its operating budget by about 10% by borrowing funds.

At a special meeting, the township board voted to add \$118,000 to the general fund budget for 1971.

THE MONEY added to the operating budget is to be raised by borrowing money from three special township funds: improvement revolving, drain, and trust funds.

The board has authorized Treasurer Thomas Nolan to transfer up to \$142,000 from these three funds into the operating budget.

Nolan is authorized to transfer the money as it is needed to meet the additional expenses in the budget created at the same meeting.

The authorized transfers are broken down as follows: up to \$60,000 from the improvement revolving fund; up to \$52,000 from the drain fund; and up to \$50,000 from the trust fund.

THE SPECIAL meeting was held Nov. 2 in township hall and was attended by Curtis Hall, then supervisor; Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer, trustee; Earl Opperhauser, trustee; and Fred Lichtman, trustee.

Also present were Robert Clarke, the township's CPA, and Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney. Absent were: Nolan; Mrs. Elise Avery, outgoing treasurer; and Floyd Cairns, township clerk.

The authorization to transfer funds, amendments to the operating budget, and discussion of amendments to the pension plan, consumed 50 minutes of the board's time.

The transfers are considered as advances to the general fund to be repaid without interest by income received before March 1, 1971.

The transfers reportedly were recommended by the township accounting department.

THE BUDGET was amended to provide for an additional \$20,000 for police weapons, uniforms and equipment; \$3,000 for fire department supplies; \$2,000 for fire uniforms and equipment; and \$34,000 for a fire department vehicle.

A budget revenue item labeled "Transfer from other funds" was increased from \$21,000 to \$80,000. Also approved at the special meeting were these transfers from the contingency fund: \$2,500 for litigation expense and \$30,000 for "special assessment district."

Negotiations had continued all last summer and were finally settled in a session between Hall and John Hedrick, POA president.

Once cost of the final package was known, the funds were transferred and the budget increased to pay for the settlement. The POA's contract was approved by the board on Nov. 9.

The \$118,000 added to the operating budget increases the total budget to \$1.8 million. The budget received final approval in August with the public hearing being held last Sept. 14.

THE AMENDMENTS were necessary, this newspaper learned, to provide for extra costs due to final settlement with the Farmington Township Police Officers Association.

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Pack 111 Meets

FARMINGTON A Pilgrim theme prevailed at the November meeting of Farmington Cub Scout Pack 111, conducted by Submaster Bert Sisson in East Junior High School.

Clarence Smith's Webelos Den 11 also presented a program on citizenship to the group of 175 people who attended. The Pack now has a membership of 55 boys, with four Cub and three Webelos Dens.

Numerous awards were made to pack members, the highlight coming when every Webelos was awarded at least one activity badge, several having earned four or more since the October meeting.

Farmington Calendar

NAIM CONFERENCE

Dec. 2. The NAIM Conference of Oakland County will meet at 8:30 p.m. in the K of C Hall, 1024 E. Nine Mile, Hazel Park. The group is for Catholic widows and widowers. For information, call 585-2219.

MEN'S RECREATION NIGHT

Dec. 2, 9, 16. Recreational facilities in Longacre School will be available to all interested men from 7 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Longacre PTA.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Dec. 5. Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers of America will hold its semi-annual rummage sale in the Wheeler Street Fire Hall.

"HOLIDAY POTPOURRI"

Dec. 6. Hill and Dale Garden Club will present a "Holiday Potpourri" tour of seven members' homes decorated for Christmas from 1 to 7 p.m. During the same hours, the club will hold a "Boutique and Tea" in the Farmington Community Center.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB

Dec. 10. The Senior Citizens Social Club Christmas dinner will be held at 1 p.m. in the Farmington Masonic Temple. Reservations by Dec. 5 with Kathleen Welby, 476-8864.

FLUORIDE PROGRAM

Farmington schools fluoride program moves to Fairview School. Pupils will receive four topical applications for a fee of \$6 with parental permission.

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local news

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. William Madrey of Brügeman, Farmington, are happy to announce the birth of son James Christopher born Nov. 10, in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Weight was seven pounds, two ounces. To welcome new baby brother home were sisters Diana, eight years, and Cathie age five. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller of Brighton and paternal grand, mother is Mrs. J.C. Madrey of Walled Lake.

Mrs. Madrey is the former Pat Barber, a 1952 graduate of Farmington Senior High School. Bill is also a 1957 graduate of Farmington High.

YOURS TRULY and husband Bert spent Thanksgiving with son Herb Jr. and family of Westland. Sorry I am short on news since I have been ill lately. So please keep the news coming to me. Please mail it to 32925 Grand River Ave., Farmington 48024. I wish to thank the Drop-in Center for their lovely card and many of my friends who have remembered me in many thoughtful ways.

A BELATED happy birthday wish to Steven Charron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Charron of Power Rd. on his twelfth birthday Nov. 14 with a party with friends in games, ice cream and birthday cake.

Eight Farmington residents recently returned from a trip to the Island of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. They traveled as part of an excursion sponsored by Nomads, Inc., a metropolitan Detroit flying club.

Making the trip were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brenner of 26233 Orchard Lake; Mrs. Collins of 261 Hutton; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ford of 24179 Farmington Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibb of 22919 Meadowlark; and Kay Teschki of 31888 Folkstone Dr.

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