

Authorize Study For 10 Mile Sewer Arm

FARMINGTON An agreement has been made to conduct a feasibility study to find an alternate route for the 10 mile sanitary sewer arm in Farmington Township.

The original route was to run the sewer arm through Quaker Valley in Quaker Township following the natural route of the bed of the Rouge River

tributary which runs through the village.

Quaker Township residents protested the original route because construction would destroy the many trees in the valley and destroy the ecology of the village.

The Farmington Township Board voted Monday night to authorize an engineering study costing \$3,900 to

determine whether an alternate route is feasible.

THE ALTERNATIVE most officials anticipate is to run the sewer arm along the top of the valley to the north and down Farmington Rd.

This choice is expected to require use of a pumping station which would not be necessary if the lines ran through the creek bed.

Cost of the study is to be divided as follows: \$4,450 by Farmington Township, \$2,225 by the Village of Quaker Township, and \$2,225 by realtor Max Sheldon and other interested developers.

Motion to approve the study and division of costs was made by Township Treasurer Thomas Nolan and supported by Trustee Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer and passed 6-0 with Trustee Earl Oppenheimer absent.

The township's share of the

study will be charged against the local project cost when the arm is installed with beneficiaries within the assessment district actually paying for the study.

Trustee Fred Lichtman objected to township funds being used for a study which would benefit only a few residents and insisted the money from the general fund be considered as a loan to be paid back when assessments are levied.

IN OTHER action, the board voted to raise the beginning pay for police cadets from \$3,900 to \$7,500 a year with a provision for a \$750 annual pay hike until the cadet reaches the age 21.

Supervisor Earl Teeplees had asked that the pay raises be made retroactive and was supported by Nolan but that suggestion was met by stiff opposition from trustees

Lichtman, Mrs. Schaeffer and David Stader.

Stader said the township's single cadet had just been granted a \$1,500 pay hike and he could see no reason for making the \$750 advance retroactive. Nolan said the request to hike cadets' pay was made April 1 at budget time and should be made retroactive.

Lichtman countered that governments have gone too far in giving retroactive pay. "In this case, we have a man who was held at a fixed pay for 18 months but the choice was his," Lichtman argued the hike to \$7,500 should be made effective Aug. 1 with the \$750 hike coming in six months when the cadet finished his second year.

"People are getting tired and receiving pay cuts," commented Mrs. Schaeffer, "and people are paying more

and more taxes. Persons outside of government are not asked to pay these kinds of pay raises or retroactive settlements."

Nolan asked for a compromise by giving the cadet credit for two years seniority six months in advance because he had not received any pay advance for 18 months.

Stader objected, saying: "We have only so much money to spend and if someone cannot work for what we pay we will find somebody else."

Teeplees said patrolmen receive retroactive pay when contracts are settled but Stader said this policy should not apply to non-union employees.

Lichtman argued it was not really retroactive pay for patrolmen because the officers agreed to work without a contract after the contract expired instead of having the blue flu.

He added that the individual's pay has already increased from \$5,900 to \$6,150 which is an increase of \$2,250 or 38 per cent. Nolan answered that a second year man was more valuable to the township than a man hired fresh if the cadet left.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Smith, formerly of Farmington, are moving to Waterloo, Ind., sometime in August. They have built a new home and are very happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Leach of Power Rd. have spent a week at the Reef Motel on Grand Traverse Bay during the Cherry Festival.

MRS. PAUL VAN STRIEN of Battle Creek spent a recent day with her mother, Mrs. Stella Wood of Grand River. Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Sills of Farmington, volunteers at Plymouth State Home and Training School, arranged a dinner on July 29 in Uncle John's Pancake House at Telegraph and Plymouth Rds. with all the extras.

There were 45 guests present for the occasion plus some 30 blind children, all from Ann Sullivan's building. Before leaving, the blind children's orchestra played, and great fun was had by all. Thanks goes to the girls, ages 8-12, who took part in the program.

Money raised from a neighborhood fair was well spent.

4 Charged In Breakin

FARMINGTON Four men charged with armed robbery have been arraigned with bond set at \$20,000 for each, according to Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes.

The four were arrested at the scene of an attempted burglary on Eight Mile and were armed with a shotgun and pool cue sticks when apprehended, Yakes said.

Arraigned before Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand and charged with armed robbery were: George G. Ham, 20 of Detroit; David E. Tindler, 21, of Pontiac; James C. Fraser, 17, of 22030 Springbrook, Farmington; and George J. Clark, 19, of 21313 Inkster, Farmington.

The four stood mute at arraignment, and pre-trial examination was scheduled for Friday, Aug. 6.

The Beacon Drive Volunteers held the fair June 19. The volunteers include Pam Thompson, Patty Thoreson, Lynn Nelson, Leslie Ford, Lori Wendrick and Mikki Madgwick.

MRS. MARGARET LOWE, formerly of Farmington and wife of the late Dan Lowe, died Thursday, July 15, in St. Johns Hospital. The funeral was in St. Johns on July 19 with burial at Shelby, Mich.

The late Dan and Margaret Lowe were owners of the Dan Lowe Hardware Store on Grand River and were very popular here. Till Dan's death five years ago, Margaret continued to run the business until poor health caused her to sell to the present owners. She moved to St. Johns, to be near

her sisters and families. Soon she was seriously ill and spent four months in Ford Hospital. I shall miss hearing from my dear friend.

Three Farmington couples have returned from a trip to Montreal made with the southeastern Michigan area flying club, Nomads, Inc. They are: Arnold and Carol Ford of Farmington Rd.; Roy and Virginia Powers of Kingsgate Way, and Walter and Charlotte Wiessbock of Old Forge.

One of the helium-filled balloons released on the day of the Festival Pigeon Race July 22 made its way to the St. Clair River near New Baltimore.

The balloon, released to advertise the Founders Festival, was discovered by Mrs. Barbara Todd of New Baltimore while boating.

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