



A ROAD?—The warm spell has once again created havoc for Farmington Township motorists trying to negotiate many of the township roads. This picture, taken on Gill Road near the Farmington Village Apartments on Ninth Mile, show the deep holes and chunks of asphalt laying in the roadway. (Observer photo by Maurie Walker)

Valenti Announces For Commission

FARMINGTON From 1958-68, Valenti was assistant corporation counsel for the City of Detroit. His responsibilities were to handle trials involving personal injury cases. He has also worked as an adjuster for three insurance companies and in the personnel department of Ford Motor Co. He served in the U.S. Navy from January 1945 through August 1948.

Valenti graduated from University of Detroit High School in 1944, attended Notre Dame University before entering the Navy and graduated from University of Detroit in 1952 with a law degree.

Valenti belongs to the state and Detroit bar associations, the Association of Defense Trial Counsel and Defense Research Institute. He is a member of the negligence, workmen's compensation and public corporations sections of the State Bar of Michigan.

Honors include: past president of Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys; guest lecturer at two seminars on municipal tort liability; member, mayor's committee on charter revision for Detroit; member, board of governors of Delta Theta Phi law fraternity; and president of U-D High School Alumni.

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Continued from Page 1A mill the board did not expect to get from the county. Slader explained that one mill would raise about \$200,000 which was more money than the township needed to balance its \$1 million budget and it would be unwise to ask voters to approve a half mill proposal.

Slader also asked trustees to reconsider placing on the ballot a millage proposal for roads to raise funds to make improvements on mile roads and primary roads. The proposed road millage would not be for subdivision roads, however.

Trustees agreed to place this item on the agenda for its April 24 meeting because of the lateness of the hour. The meeting started with a seven public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 12:55 p.m.

MRS. CATHERINE VIGNOBE, harbormaster of the Surf and Turf Club of Farmington, asked the board to set a date for formal dedication ceremonies of Lake Kenwood.

Instead of setting the date, the board voted to ask Oakland County to conduct a public hearing on the necessity of paving Kenwood Street, north of Eighth Mile, and just west of Middle Belt.

The logic behind the motion was that before the county could pave Kenwood Street it must first drain "Lake Kenwood." In the past three years, residents along Kenwood have been attempting to get the lake drained but received unsatisfactory answers from township and county officials.

Trustee Fred Lichtman made the motion, passed 7-0, which asks Oakland County Road Commission to conduct a public hearing on necessity to determine if residents in the immediate area want Kenwood paved.

A special assessment district will be drawn up and residents notified by the county when the first hearing is to be held.

Lichtman said the county must hold the hearings and the resolution places upon the county the onus of finding the solution to the drainage problem.

Clerk Floyd Cairns suggested that a law suit might be needed to force the property owner in Livonia across the street to free the blocked storm water drain pipe.

Lichtman said the county road commission and drain commission for three years has been passing the buck on the Kenwood flooding and if residents want the street improved the resolution adopted would force a solution to the drainage problem.

IN HER appeal to trustees, Mrs. Vignobe said: "In case you aren't aware, the Surf and Turf Club is planning an exciting year this

year and we are anxious to open this park area. The tides go in and the tides go out, but plans are made nevertheless. "To get the celebration under way, we feel it is only fitting that members of this township board consent to make this grand opening an exciting and significant day for us all. . . .

"The monument that will be erected on the site has been prepared as well as the plaque with all your names inscribed. "In fact, 10 plaques have been prepared in case of vandalism, as happened to our other sign announcing the sale of bait and rental of boats. . . .

"I saw our competitors come late Friday afternoon in a big orange truck with no kind of symbol on the side and carry our sign away."

She concluded by promising to make each trustee a charter member of the Surf and Turf Club because of their "unrelenting support of the continuation of Kenwood Lake..."

PLANS FOR the May cleanup set off an argument between Supervisor Earl Teepees, Cairns and Nolan over which garbage contractor should handle the special pick-up of large items.

Teepees said he is organizing the semiannual cleanup which involves removal of large junk items such as furniture, hot water heaters, appliances and other large items. He suggested that the campaign be conducted in the first week of May instead of the entire month so that spirits can be kept high among participating community groups.

Teepees said he contacted two garbage contractors about doing the pickup and received quotes from each. Taulbee Sanitation, the township's regular agent who has done the special cleanup in the past, quoted a price of \$16,700 and promised to have six trucks available for the project which it could complete in six or seven days.

Willard Sanitation quoted a price of \$16,000, promised 10 trucks and an additional eight on Friday if needed, with completion in five days.

Nolan and Cairns argued that Taulbee had always done an adequate job in years past and should be granted the job for May.

Teepees said he has received complaints about Taulbee's service on regular garbage pickups and added he felt the township should have a more business-like approach with its garbage contractor.

Teepees observed the township has never had a written contract with Taulbee

nor has a performance bond ever been asked.

After considerable discussion, trustees voted on a motion by Cairns to take bids for the May Clean-Up and award the job to the contractor with the low bid and performance ability.

CAIRNS asked trustees to investigate the possibility of converting to the computer, punch-card voting system. The board had sent Cairns to Seattle, Wash., to inspect 10 used voting machines for a total of \$12,500. While there, Cairns was shown Seattle's computer system and discovered it could be installed to conduct township elections for about \$1,500.

The computer system is cheaper, Cairns said, and counts votes much faster and is more reliable than the present voting lever booths

and the township uses. It was decided to have the machine demonstrated beginning 7 p.m. on April 24. Trustees will be present and special invitations will be sent to representatives of both political parties, the League of Women Voters, Farmington Schools. The public may also attend.

Cairns said he watched an election being conducted in East Lansing by computer and that all 91 precinct returns were in and counted within two hours after the polls closed.

Cairns said he would be against converting before the November general election. Vagnozzi commented from the audience that November might be too soon to change and if the computer system was used the township might have to add more precincts to get shorter lines of voters.

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