

Dan McCosh writes



Learn A Trade!

By DAN MCCOSH

The main thing people do for a living around here is make useful things out of pieces of metal.

That's why smoke stings the eyes, why people tolerate the mad crush of cars, houses and factories jammed in next to the river, now sprawling out towards Ann Arbor.

For years, the public schools have seemed to deny this. If anything, they represented mainly escape from that hand-tooled-metal contact.

Sell something to those guys, boss them, feed them, doctor them or write up their wills. School is getting ahead, and getting ahead is getting out.

Maybe that's why, in 1960, I was in a compulsory shop class where they heated antique soldering irons on a little gas furnace that also heated the shop teacher's coffee. In the factories, they were welding tungsten in a vacuum that duplicated outer space.

Paper tapes directed cutting tools across three-foot thick blocks of steel, aimed only by the mathematics of a design engineer.

In high school shop class, they showed us how to change the washer in a faucet.

Now that attitude is supposed to be changing. Vocational education is the darling baby of the

future, with gleaming new facilities and counselors sometimes daring to mention something like numerical control to a guy who passed Algebra I, instead of trying to get him into MIT.

Schools are chasing around for technical help.

I knew a big bear of a stock car mechanic who came back to his garage in Lansing, laughing his head off after he was hired by a community college.

After spending most of his life since the age of 14 wrestling with transmissions and living out of the back of cars at tracks like Daytona, he was suddenly promoted to the rank of intellectual.

"OK, boys," he yelled out to anybody who would listen. "Now you call me Professor Rod."

Last week, the Farmington Board of Education got a list of tools ordered for the "industrial arts" classroom at the new Warner Junior High.

A four-station soldering bench, a gas-operated unit, and a spot welder combination totaled \$2,156. I remembered that pot of coffee bubbling away on the little gas stove 13 years ago.

Ron Emmitt, the only member of the school board who makes small, useful things out of metal for a living, choked at the list.

"I can't afford tools like this in my business," he said, then, calming down, added, "I hope these kids appreciate them."

I hope so, too.

Seminary Honors Joseph Jackier

Joseph H. Jackier of Farmington has been designated by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America as 1973 recipient of its distinguished service award.

He is a member of the executive committee of the Jewish Welfare Federation, co-chairman of the endowment committee of United Jewish Charities and chairman of the Detroit Friends of Hebrew University.

In previous years, Jackier has served as lawyer's section chairman under the professional division of the Allied Jewish Campaign's Israel emergency fund. He also served on the boards of the Jewish Community Center, the Detroit chapter of Tech, the Detroit chapter of Shaarey Zedek.

He is a partner in the Detroit law firm of Friedman, Meyers and Keys.

as well as the American Student Center in Jerusalem.

More than 5,000 youngsters annually attend the Seminary network of Ramoth Camps in the United States and Canada. Also under seminary auspices are the Jewish Museum on New York's Fifth Avenue and the Institute for Religious and Social Studies, an interfaith fraternity of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish scholars.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FARMINGTON

THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, will meet at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, July 10, 1973, in the Council Chambers, 2800 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, to hear all interested persons on the granting of a franchise to the Detroit Edison Company to construct, maintain and operate in the public streets, highways, alleys and other public places in the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, all overhead power lines, towers, masts, wires, poles, conduits and all such lines and electrical apparatus for the transmission, transforming and distribution of electric power for public and private use, and to transmit a local electric business without subsidy.

All interested persons will be given a chance to express their views at the above time and place. A copy of the ordinance is available for review at the office of the City Clerk. Any other information desired regarding the above proposal is available at the office of the City Clerk.

NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

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Scouts Attend Camporee

LIVONIA

Scout Troop 242, sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church of Farmington, joined 386 scouts attending the spring camporee of the Ottawa District, Clinton Township Council, at Kensington Metropolitan Park.

Seventy adult leaders and 16 commissioners also attended.

Camporee activities included first aid, stretcher race, knot contest, log throw, rip following, log sawing and an obstacle course. High jump was the perfect score achieved by the Antelope Patrol.

Scouts attending from Livonia were Marty Cooper, Stuart Heiser, Steve Konorsky, Willard Mazure, and Chris Thackeray.

Scouts from Farmington attending were Bill Dicks, Terry Lambert, John Schuermann and Duane and Greg Voorman.

Scoutmaster Steve Heiser was assisted by Jim Thalamaker, assistant scoutmaster, and Steve Konorsky, who helped with transportation.



Lussenden On State Board

FARMINGTON

Robert L. Lussenden of Farmington has been reappointed by Gov. Milliken as a member of the State Residential Builders' and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors' Board.

The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

Lussenden, of 2827 W. 19 Mile Road, is a plumbing contractor and president of Robert L. Lussenden Plumbing and Heating in Farmington. He is president-elect of the Michigan Assn. of Plumbing Contractors.

He serves on the board as a representative of contractors in the construction trades.

Miss Acitelli Is Top Grad

FARMINGTON

Linda Acitelli, of Farmington, was among the magna cum laude graduates of Hillsdale College at recent spring commencement exercises.

Miss Acitelli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Acitelli of 32283 Red Clover, received an AB in psychology. She is a graduate of North Farmington High School.

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THE FARMINGTON LIBRARY received a \$500 donation from the Farmington Democratic Club recently, a contribution in memorial of Harold Shpice. Mary Allison (left) secretary of the library board, accepted the check from Mrs. Marie Shpice and Brian Olmsted, president of the club. (Evert photo)

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 4, 1973.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Voder at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Allen, Richardson, Seibert, Tupper, Voder present.

Absent: None.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Desmond, Director Jones, Capt. Norman, Alderman Seibert, Clerk Vane.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed.

PUBLIC HEARING HAWTHORNS STREET PAVING

Mayor Voder opened the public hearing and City Manager Desmond explained the proposed paving and drainage structure. Comments were heard from residents affected by this proposed paving.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Seibert, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmington has deemed it necessary to acquire and construct 7' Deep Strength Asphalt Paving with Drainage Structures on the following described street:

HAWTHORNS FROM SHAWANASSEE TO FINN

AND WHEREAS, plans and specifications and estimate of cost and other information concerning said street improvement have been prepared, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has met after due and legal notice and has heard all persons interested in said improvement;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council has deemed it proper to adopt the improvement described in the preamble hereof;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1 The City Council determine to proceed with the improvement described in the preamble hereof;

2 Plans and specifications and estimate of cost heretofore prepared are hereby approved;

3 The Special Assessment District shall consist of the following lots and portions of land:

Final Park Subdivision

Acres: Parcel No. 23-25-24-017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 032, 033, 034.

Acres: Parcel No. 23-25-25-26-027, 028, 029

Acres: Parcel No. 23-25-26-26-043

Acres: Parcel No. 23-25-26-021, 022, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 051, 011, 012

The City Assessor is hereby directed to prepare a Special Assessment Roll in accordance with the resolution filed and regularly adopted by the City Council, wherein he shall assess by frontage that part of the cost to be borne by private property owners as the proper set forth in paragraph No. 3 above.

A copy of the Assessor's Roll shall be prepared and submitted to the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall return said assessment roll, he shall report the same to the City Council for confirmation.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Motion by Richardson, supported by Allen, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmington has deemed it necessary to acquire and construct improvements in the City consisting of 7' Deep Strength Asphalt Paving with Drainage Structures on the following street:

HAWTHORNS FROM SHAWANASSEE TO FINN

AND WHEREAS, the City Council has ordered the Assessor to make a special assessment roll of all lots and parcels of land within the designated district benefited by the proposed improvement and assess in each lot or parcel of land the amount benefited therefor;

AND WHEREAS, the Assessor has completed said special assessment roll and has filed the same with the City Clerk and the City Clerk has presented the same to the City Council for review and confirmation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1 Said Special Assessment Roll shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk and be available for public examination.

2 The City Clerk shall return said assessment roll on Monday, June 11, 1973, at 8:00 p.m. o'clock Eastern Daylight Time at the City Hall in said city.

3 The City Clerk is directed to cause notice of said meeting to be published in the Farmington Enterprise-Observer, a newspaper published in the City, at least one week (not less than ten) days before the date of said meeting and shall further cause notice of said meeting to be sent by first class mail to all property owners in the proposed special assessment district, as shown by the current assessment roll of the City, at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.

The notice of said meeting as aforesaid and mailed shall be substantially the following:

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS:

FINAL PARK SUBDIVISION, Acres: Parcel No. 23-25-24-017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 032, 033, 034. Acres: Parcel No. 23-25-26-26-043. Acres: Parcel No. 23-25-26-021, 022, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 051, 011, 012.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Farmington, Michigan, has called this meeting to be held at the Special Assessment Roll to delay the cost of constructing 7' Deep Strength Asphalt Paving with Drainage Structures on the following described street:

HAWTHORNS FROM SHAWANASSEE TO FINN

Said Special Assessment Roll is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Farmington will meet at the City Hall in said City at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on July 2, 1973, for the purpose of reviewing said Special Assessment Roll and giving all interested persons an opportunity to be heard in connection therewith.

AYES: Richardson, Seibert, Tupper, Voder, Allen.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED June 4, 1973.

Minutes of the Farmington Planning Commission meeting of May 29, 1973 received and filed.

Resolution adopted to Mark Kiley to solicit funds for Seika Gift Center at Kensington.

Mayor Voder and City Manager Desmond will attend SSMODQ General Assembly Meeting June 20, 1973.

LETTER FROM CITY OF BERKELEY RE COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

Motion by Allen, supported by Richardson, to direct a letter to the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees stating we would suggest they conduct a careful survey of their present and future needs of facilities before proceeding with the plan to build a new building.

City Manager Desmond read a letter from James A. Smith, Attorney for Cities of Oquonnet to the Detroit Edison rate increase, outlining the procedure and basis of this joint effort to reduce the rate increase requested by the Detroit Edison Company for street lighting. Letter received and filed.

REPORT FROM CITY OF BERKELEY RE COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

Motion by Allen, supported by Richardson, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to purchase the following

Christmas Decorations from Beener's Christmas Decorations Company in Farmington, Michigan, in the amount of \$1,500.00 and that the bid requirement be waived as being in the best interest of the City of Farmington: 20 Christmas Lanterns, 20 Plastic Decorative Candles, 20 Christmas Streamers and 20 Plastic Decorative Streamers for City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Seibert, Tupper, Voder, Allen, Richardson.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 4327-73

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR GRAND RIVER-DETROIT STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR GRAND RIVER BRIDGE

Motion by Richardson, supported by Seibert, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approve the new Maintenance Contract with the State Highway Department for fiscal year 1973-74 and authorize Mayor Voder to sign this contract on behalf of the City of Farmington. Further to adopt a resolution designating the City Manager as the Street Department representative in connection with this contract.

AYES: Seibert, Tupper, Voder, Allen, Richardson.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR GRAND RIVER BRIDGE

The Department of Natural Resources has requested the City take the necessary steps promptly with the Soil Storage Rules enacted by the Water Resources Commission. City Manager Desmond will report back to the Council after he has had an opportunity to review acceptable plans for soil storage for the City of Farmington. Letter received and filed.

CONTRACT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF AUDITORS FOR TAX BILLING

Motion by Allen, supported by Richardson, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Oakland County Board of Auditors to provide Data Processing services for our Assessing Department and City Treasurer, including the preparation of an Assessment Roll and Tax Billings for a two-year period commencing January 1, 1973 and terminating December 31, 1974.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Tupper, Voder, Allen, Richardson, Seibert.

NAYS: None.

REPORT SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT BID

Motion by Richardson, supported by Tupper, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Century Cement Company, 2416 Gorman, Trenton, Michigan, for the repair of 60 x 77 ft. of 4' sidewalk, 2,000 ft. of 6' sidewalk and 540 sq. ft. of new sidewalk at the bid price of \$22,343.50.

AYES: Voder, Allen, Richardson, Seibert, Tupper.

Motion carried.

REPORT DETROIT EDISON PUBLIC UTILITIES FRANCHISE RENEWAL

The City of Farmington's 30-year franchise with the Detroit Edison Company has expired. For Detroit Edison to continue supplying electrical power to the City of Farmington, it will be necessary to exact an ordinance permitting such franchise to be granted to the Detroit Edison Company and to franchise the same to the vote of the people of the City of Farmington at the next regular election.

Motion by Seibert, supported by Tupper, to introduce Ordinance 4-329-73 granting permission to the Detroit Edison Company to conduct business in the City of Farmington. Motion carried, 4-29-73.

MISCELLANEOUS

AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL ORDINANCE

Motion by Allen, supported by Richardson, to establish a public hearing on Monday, June 18, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. to review the proposed amendment to the Ordinance.

AND WHEREAS DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Motion by Allen, supported by Tupper, that the Anna Vagville Annual Life Insurance Company be required to make a presentation to the city employees to see if there is any interest in the deferred compensation plan and report back to City Council as to the number of employees interested. Motion carried 4-11-73.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT 18 MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 1972

Motion by Richardson, supported by Seibert to receive and file.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Richardson, supported by Richardson, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, vital community services including Police-Fire and ambulance have been placed on an rationed allocation by petroleum distribution inhibitors; and

WHEREAS, these services shall cease to function without the availability of an adequate supply of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, the railroads and trucking industry which supply food and other commodities to west Metropolitan Area have been placed on diesel fuel rationed allocations;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the petroleum producers have not seen fit to distribute the available fuel on a priority basis;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmington requires legislation which would establish priorities for the use of the available fuel so vital services will be uninterrupted by the limited supply of petroleum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Senator Philip Hart, Senator Robert Griffin, Congressmen Vernon Mamba Griffin, Senator Carl Pussell, Representative Raymond L. Baker and all surrounding Oakland County communities.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Allen, Richardson, Seibert, Tupper, Voder.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED June 4, 1973

Motion by Seibert, supported by Tupper, to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 4327-73

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 9-14 CHAPTER 85 TITLE IX OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON

9-14 Exemption for Mail and Newspapers. The provisions of Section 9-14 shall not apply to the distribution of mail by the United States, nor to newspapers as defined herein, except that newspapers shall be placed on private property in such a manner as to prevent their being carried or deposited by the title holder upon any street, sidewalk, or other public place or upon private property. The provision of Section 9-14 shall not apply to the distribution of mail customarily mailed through the United States Post Office which are distributed within a suitable weather proof container designed to be attached to doorknobs or hinges of residential buildings, which container shall include a return address and local telephone number of the distributor, and which delivery to any authorized premises shall be discontinued upon the request of the occupant of said dwelling.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Richardson, Seibert, Tupper, Voder, Allen.

NAYS: None.

Motion by Seibert, supported by Tupper, to approve the monthly bills as submitted General Fund \$1,016.55 and Water & Sewer Fund \$149.98. Motion carried, all ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

RALPH D. VODER, Mayor
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

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ROBERT A. MCCONNELL
Farmington Township Supervisor

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Farmington Township Clerk

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Mrs. Wilder Gets Post

FARMINGTON

Mrs. William Wilder, 29614 Colony Circle, Farmington, will serve as recipient of the Mary College of Detroit Alumni Award for 1973-74.

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