# Justice Brennan Heads 'Hills' Program

By W.W. EDGAR

FARMINGTON Come Monday evening precisely at 8 p.m. there will be a new star in the firmament of Oakland county governments.

It will be the city of Farmington Hills and its birth and baptism will mark the end of a long, hard struggle to rid itself of the clothes of township government.

The new city will be welcomed with the musical strains of the Farmington Community Band and the ceremony will be highlighted by the appearance of Supreme Court Justice Thomas Brennan who will bring the official blessings of the State of Michigan.

The general public is invited to attend the time-honored ceremonies which will be presided overy by Philip H. Power, publisher of Observer Newspapers Inc.

The entire affair will be one of jubilation, especially for those officials who waged the drive to attain cityhood for the sprawling 33½-square-mile area that now boasts a population of 55,000.

Four times in the past the drive met with failure, either to incorporate or join with the City of Farmington.

Members of the first council are **Robert McConnell, who served the township as its final supervisor; William Ortman, Earl Opperthauser, Frederick Lichtman, Keith Deacon, Margaret Schaefer and Joan Dudley. Dudley, Lichtman and McConnell will be beginning four-year terms and the others will serve for two years.**

Before the strains of the last musical number fade away the new council will get down to work on the first order of business -- selection of the first mayor.

Traditionally, the supervisor is honored with that position. But there have been rumors that some opposition to McConnell will come forward at the last minute.

Following organization of the legislative body, work will get started on the naming of a city manager. The task of sorting the candidates and making a recommendation has been assigned to the firm of Edward Miller Associates and a choice is expected shortly.

The evening's activities will open Monday at 7 p.m. with a reception and refreshments in the Township Hall -- which, a few hours later, will become the Farmington Hills City Hall.

While the township has prepared for incorporation, the two villages, Wood Creek Farms and Quakertown, have also readied themselves to become part of Farmington Hills.

Quakertown liquidated all but $3,000 which it will turn over to the new city. Having $25,000 of funds on election day in May, it spent the lion's share on construction and repair projects in the area.

Wood Creek Farms has conducted five council meetings throughout the month, highlighted by one on June 21 labeled as a farewell to village government and a welcome to cityhood.

At the other meeting the council awarded a $14,000 road paving contract to Ben Fyke Co., of Berkley, to pave all but two streets in the village.

Payment for the road paving project will be through a special assessment costing villagers on the west side of Northwestern Highway an estimated $1,400 and those on the east side an estimated $900 a residence, according to Eileen Abbot, Wood Creek Village Clerk.


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## *7 Farmington Students Win Albion Honors*

Seven Farmington residents were among students named to the dean's list at Albion College. A student must have a 3.3 or better scholastic average while carrying a full class schedule.

Those from Farmington were: Suzanne Etue, 23735 Newell; Bettina Guzdzial, 28200 Green Willow; Scott Olds, 31922 Rocky Crest; Billy Page, 26820 Drake; Susan Polgar, 32436 Shady Ridge; Mark Shannon, 27401 Elsworth; and David Thomas, 32027 Bonner Hill.

## New Council's Job Not Easy: Stader

EDITOR:

As my last days of township trustee and member of the planning commission close in on me, I would like to express a few thoughts.

First, thanks to the people of Farmington Township for the opportunity they have given me to serve them the past several years. It has been a broadening and satisfying experience for me and, I hope, a beneficial one for the people of the township.

Second, thanks to the Enterprise & Observer for the endorsement of me as candidate both times I ran. Unfortunately, the cityhood election came at a time that found me in no position to organize and carry out a full blown campaign.

I had seriously considered not running and only decided to run upon the encouragement of so many people who knew me and knew of my positions on the board and planning commission. I felt if the people of the township wanted me to represent them, I was willing and happy to do so, but I was in no position, or mood, to fight for the job.

I apologize to my many supporters for not having waged a better campaign. Being a political novice, I didn't place the proper importance on a campaign, nor, as I said, was I in a position to do so.

It may be all for the better. Now I can view things from the other side of the council table for a while, something all leaders probably ought to do from time to time. If there appears to be support for my candidacy and if I choose to run again, I promise it will be with the same vigor as when I led the field of board candidates in 1970.

I will continue to serve in the best capacity I can, and look forward to work on the Industrial Development Committee to which I have just been appointed. I hope that I would be considered for any openings on the planning commission, a group with which I have served for the past eight years or more.

I wish the new City of Farmington Hills and its elected council good luck. I hope they keep in mind why we voted to become a city: to preserve our borders, get more local control (particularly our roads), and to get professional management.

I know there was no mandate to urbanize in terms of higher density housing, high rise buildings, and unwanted city services. I hope our new council keeps in mind the obligation we have to preserve the zoning of Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms. The job won't be easy, but I think the elected council members are up to the task. I wish them well.

L. DAVID STADER
Farmington

## *Students Make LIT Honor Roll*

Four Farmington residents were among students named to the honor roll by Lawrence Institute of Technology, Southfield.

They were: John Worthington, 29732 Mirlon, majoring in industrial management; Jill Werschin, 22511 Karen, majoring in industrial management; Richard Lewitt, 23848 Wesley, majoring in building technology; and Daniel Roe, 22862 Longacre, majoring in electrical engineering.

## *Honor Society*

FARMINGTON Anne Marie Karlsen of Farmington is among 431 students initiated into the Michigan State University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

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## CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 18, 1973.

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

ROLL CALL: Allen, Richardson, Seibert, Tupper, Yoder present
Absent: None

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Deadman, Director Jones, Capt. Byrnes, Attorney Kelly, Clerk Viane

Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed.

Dr. Manilla, Provost Oakland Community College, addressed the Council explaining the building programs proposed for Oakland Community College. He submitted a letter from Mr. W. H. Nikkel, Vice President - Business & Financial Affairs, which stated the Auburn Hills Campus is attempting to build a structure on the campus for library and classroom space and abandon the temporary buildings that were built when the College originated and which had a life of only five to seven years.

In addition, OCC has a commitment from the Federal Government in the amount of $750,000 as well as a request from the state for $1,050,000 and along with the 3.6 million dollar bond issue proceeds will entitle them to a 5.5 million dollar project.

Dr. Manilla informed the Council that despite decreased enrollments in the regular four year colleges, the community colleges have experienced an increase in enrollment.

Motion by Richardson, supported by Tupper, to receive and file the Resolution received from the City of Berkley relative to the building program proposed by the Oakland Community College Auburn Hills Campus. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Allen, supported by Richardson, that a letter be directed to the Oakland Community College advising that we concur with their building recommendations and thanking them for their services to the community. Motion carried, all ayes

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FARMINGTON CITY SIGN ORDINANCE

Mr. Peter Prokop, representing the general business community as represented by the Chamber of Commerce, was present and requested additional time to analyze the proposed amendment to the sign ordinance and also that a meeting be arranged to review the ordinance between the Farmington City Council and the Chamber of Commerce representatives.

Motion by Allen, supported by Seibert, to adjourn the Public Hearing until July 16, 1973.

In the meantime the City Manager will arrange a meeting between the Planning Commission and the Chamber of Commerce representatives to review the proposed ordinance in more detail.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

Farmington Planning Commission Minutes of June 11, 1973 received and filed.
Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes of June 6, 1973 received and filed.
Farmington Historical Commission Minutes of May 30, 1973 received and filed.
Beautification Committee Minutes of May 10, 1973 received and filed.
Board of Education Minutes of May 15, 1973 received and filed.
Farmington Public Library Minutes of May 2, 1973 received and filed.

LETTER FROM FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Festival Committee has invited the members of the City Council to participate in the Festival Parade.

LETTER FROM FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HOLD ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Motion by Richardson, supported by Allen, to grant permission to the Farmington Founders Festival Committee to hold their Fireworks Display in the parking lot of Our Lady of Sorrows Church on July 27, 1973 at 10:00 P.M. in case of rain, an alternate date of July 28th, provided that the fireworks company provide an insurance policy in the amount of $1 million, holding the City harmless from any liability that may result from the fireworks display. Motion carried, all ayes.

LETTER FROM HONOR AMERICA REQUESTING PROCLAMATION

Motion by Allen, supported by Richardson, to adopt a resolution proclaiming Wednesday, July 4, 1973 as a day to "Honor America" and call upon all citizens, organization, labor and management, churches, schools and lay groups to recognize this special day through appropriate programs. Motion carried, all ayes.

LETTER FROM HAZEL PARK REQUESTING COUNCIL SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO CONTROL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Motion by Allen, supported by Richardson, to receive and file.
Motion carried, all ayes.

REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONER BROTHERTON FOR SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO SEPARATELY EQUALIZE PROPERTY BY ZONING CLASSIFICATION

Motion by Allen, supported by Richardson, to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED:
WHEREAS, The County of Oakland was notified by the State Tax Commission that the proposed equalized value of the County was 7½% low; and
WHEREAS, The County of Oakland, through its Equalization Department, has proved to the State Tax Commission that the County's equalized value is at the average level of all counties within the State; and
WHEREAS, The State Tax Commission has agreed to accept Oakland County's equalized value for 1973, but insists that Oakland County must use the State Tax Commission procedure for 1974 and the years to follow; and
WHEREAS, To follow the State Tax Commission procedures the County's equalized value would be between 69% and 51% which would violate Article IX, Section 3 of the Michigan State Constitution; and
WHEREAS, Certain cities and townships in other counties are assessing acreage as low as 12% and residential properties at 36% and these counties are being equalized by the County and State Tax Commission as assessed; and
WHEREAS, To correct these inequities, it is necessary to amend the General Property Tax Laws of the State of Michigan by the adoption of a new Act; and
WHEREAS, The Legislative Committee, with the concurrence of the Equalization Committe recommends that this Board support the introduction of a new Act to provide for an amendment to the General Property Tax Laws of the State of Michigan.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Farmington supports the introduction of and presses for the adoption of a new Act to provide as follows:
1. Set up a State Board of Equalization so that counties may appeal the recommendations of the State Tax Commission.
2. Equalize by class of property as follows: The Board of Commissioners shall equalize agricultural, commercial, industrial, residential and timber cut over real property classes, and commercial, industrial and utility personal property classes separately by adding to or deducting from the assessed valuation of each class of taxable property in any township or city such an amount as in its judgment will produce a sum which represents 45% to 50% of the true cash value of each class thereof.
3. Define classes of property as follows:
Property shall be classified according to zoning, or in the case of mixed zoning, the highest value produced determines the parcel's classification. If the property is not zoned, then the property shall be classified in accordance with its highest and best use.
4. The Equalization Director shall make sample studies annually of each classification and submit his findings to the State Tax Commission before November 1 of each year. The State Tax Commission shall check over the findings of the Equalization Director and notify the County of the acceptance or rejection of the Equalization Director's report before the first Monday in February. The Equalization Director shall publish tentative Equalization Factors for each class of property in local newspapers before the third Monday in February.

UYES: Allen, Richardson, Seibert, Tupper, Yoder
NAYS: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED JUNE 18, 1973
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

LETTER FROM ROGER E. CRAIG REGARDING CABLE TV FRANCHISE
Motion by Seibert, supported by Richardson, to advise Mr. Craig we are taking his letter under advisement. Motion carried, all ayes.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL CHATHAM HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. 2
Motion by Seibert, supported by Tupper, to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED:
That the City Council approve and accept the Final Plat of Chatham Hills Subdivision No. 2, and authorize the City Clerk to sign the Final Plat on behalf of the City, at such time as the developer has deposited with the city all finds necessary to complete the development of the Subdivision and the Park.
AYES: Allen, Richardson, Seibert, Tupper, Yoder
NAYS: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED JUNE 18, 1973
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON STATE STREET TO THE FARMINGTON DISTRICT LIBRARY
Motion by Richardson, supported by Allen, to authorize the sale of Lots 1 and 2 of Gardurous Webster Addition at the appraised price of $50,200.00 with the agreement that the city has the right of first refusal at the sale price plus interest if the District Library should re-sell the property; also that Council authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to sign the necessary legal documents to complete the sale of this property on behalf of the city. Motion carried, all ayes.
Motion by Richardson, supported by Tupper, to authorize the City Manager to acquire Lot No. 3, Gardurous-Webster Addition, at the true market value established by a registered appraiser, and further, if such acquisition cannot be accomplished through an offer to purchase and an acceptance, the City Attorney be authorized to begin whatever legal action may be necessary to acquire the property. Motion carried, all ayes
AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE BIDS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES TRUCKS
Motion by Seibert, supported by Tupper, to authorize the City Manager to receive bids for two (2) 3/4-ton Pickup Trucks for the Department of Public Works and one (1) 1/2-ton Pickup Truck for the Water & Sewer Department with funds for capital expenditures budgeted in the 1973-74 budget. Motion carried, all ayes
AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE GASOLINE BIDS
Motion by Seibert, supported by Richardson, to authorize the City Manager to participate in the cooperative purchase of gasoline for the year beginning August 31, 1973 through September 1, 1974 with the Farmington School System, the Clarenceville School System and Farmington Township. Motion carried, all ayes
MISCELLANEOUS
APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Motion by Tupper, supported by Seibert, to appoint William Mitchell, J. Lee Hatfill, and Charles Bridges to the Planning Commission for a three year term to expire in June, 1976. Motion carried, all ayes.
Motion by Richardson, supported by Tupper, to appoint Mr. Fred Seibert as representative of the City Council and Mr. Alfred Bennett to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three year term to expire in June, 1976. Motion carried, all ayes.
Motion by Richardson, supported by Allen, that the City Manager be authorized to send letters to retiring members Dorn Dales and Jesse McDonald expressing appreciation for their service and cooperation on these boards. Motion carried, all ayes.
Motion by Tupper, supported by Seibert, to appoint Mr. Harry Lapham to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement System for a three year term to expire in June, 1976. Motion carried, all ayes.
Motion by Richardson, supported by Seibert, to reappoint Charlotte Bruce, Barnett Dickman, Walter Jablonski, Janet Kozub and James Pogue to the Beautification Committee for a two-year term to expire in June, 1975. Motion carried, all ayes.
Councilman Tupper advised the Council they are invited to a joint meeting of the Cultural and Beautification Committee on July 19, 1973.
Motion by Seibert, supported by Tupper to receive and file the City of Farmington Financial Report for the eleven months ended May 31, 1973. Motion carried, all ayes.
Motion by Seibert, supported by Allen, to receive and file the Department of Public Safety Report of April, 1973. Motion carried, all ayes.
RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESERVE EQUITY FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
Motion by Seibert, supported by Richardson, to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED:
WHEREAS, The City shall receive certain monies for the sale of city-owned properties, and
WHEREAS, It is the desire of the City Council not to use these funds for ordinary operational expenses.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City reserves equity in an amount equal to the net proceeds of the sale of city-owned property described as a parcel of land being part of Lot No. 8, Assessor's Plat No. 1, and Lots No. 1 and No. 2, Gardurous Webster's Addition, for the purpose of capital improvements.
ROLL CALL
AYES: Tupper, Yoder, Allen, Richardson, Seibert
NAYS: none
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED JUNE 18, 1973
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

RESOLUTION TRANSFER OF HIGHWAY FUNDS FROM MAJOR ROAD TO LOCAL ROAD
Motion by Richardson, supported by Allen, to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED:
WHEREAS, It has been determined that State Motor Vehicle Highway Funds returned to the City of Farmington for use on Local Streets for the 1973 Calendar Year will be insufficient to cover proposed maintenance and improvement costs; and
WHEREAS, It has been determined that there will be sufficient funds in the Major Street Fund
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That amounts not to exceed the statutory twenty-five percent (25%) limitation be transferred from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund, as available and needed during the 1973 Calendar Year.
ROLL CALL
AYES: Yoder, Allen, Richardson, Seibert, Tupper
NAYS: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED JUNE 18, 1973
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

RESOLUTION TRANSFER OF WATER & SEWER FUNDS FROM REPLACEMENT FUND
Motion by Tupper, supported by Allen, to adopt the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED:
WHEREAS, the Water & Sewer Replacement Fund has $12,000 over and above those funds necessary to cover budgeted expenses, and
WHEREAS, the Operation and Maintenance Fund requires additional funds to meet current expenditures because of the reduced water sales and increased costs of sewer disposal charges,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer shall be authorized to transfer $12,000 from the Water & Sewer Replacement Fund to the Water & Sewer Receiving Fund to be made available to the Water & Sewer Operation and Maintenance Fund.
ROLL CALL
AYES: Allen, Richardson, Seibert, Tupper, Yoder.
NAYS: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED JUNE 18, 1973
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS
Motion by Seibert, supported by Tupper, to authorize the payment of $5,214.40 to Lee's Custom Construction, as final payment for construction of the Restroom facilities at the Drake Road Park. Motion carried, all ayes.
Motion by Richardson, supported by Allen, to approve payment of the monthly bills as submitted $8,996.51 General Fund and $223.82 Water & Sewer Fund. Motion carried, all ayes.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

RALPH D. YODER, Mayor
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

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