

# Transcript Outlines Plans For Formation Of League Of Subdivision Associations

The following is a transcript of an address given by Elliott S. Rogers before the initial meeting of representatives called to form a Temporary League of Subdivision Associations in the township.

Your attendance, as you are aware, was by invitation because it was our desire to meet with the quality and recognized leadership of each established subdivision association. By invitation, also, because the proposed organization would be confined in membership to such associations only.

We not only recognize your high quality of leadership, but your civic-mindedness and your dedication to the service of your neighbors and your fellow man. We recognize, too, that such dedication is continually seeking to widen and expand the scope and extent of its service. We recognize that such leadership is always progressive, always altruistic and always open-minded to propositions that provide greater opportunities for happiness and contentment.

This is your meeting. It is a meeting to consider a new proposition which we believe does incorporate greater service and greater happiness. We are here to consider the advisability of forming a League of Subdivision Associations. The decision for or against such

action lies entirely within your hands. The Residents Committee cannot make such a decision. Its function has been to study the needs to survey the potentialities to offer the results of its long study and to present the opportunity for this meeting along with an agenda for it. This Committee stands merely as an agency for the information you should have and as a source of suggestions coming out of studied consideration of the needs, the purposes and the organizational structure and procedure.

Although many of these suggestions may be considered a matter of debate and should rightly be so, we feel that they should not be approached in that light at this meeting. What must be considered is the basic question of the advisability of forming a League. Should this meeting act in the affirmative and vote a Temporary Organization, then all the material compiled by the Residents Committee will be turned over to the Temporary Organization's constitution and bylaws committee for its consideration, assistance and study.

All worthwhile organizations grow out of recognized needs and purposes. Most of them start at the grassroots level and are instituted by a small group that assumes the initiative. Such can be the explanation of the Residents Committee which is comprised of individuals only, without the endorsement or promotion of their respective associations. Individuals who are members of two associations, Normandy Hills and Kendallwood. They were brought together by one individual who is a member of both associations and who heard talk of the need for such an organization in both associations.

The Committee, in studying the needs, found a universal recognition of them throughout the area. They found that on occasions a crisis had arisen in the Township and that individuals and association leaders had been called to the center to meet it. They found that following such instances some attempts had been made to form permanent organizations but they had not been successful. They found that the reasons for their lack of success were due to an alleviated crisis and the lack of a studied plan and form of organization.

Recognizing all this, the Committee decided to pursue the need thoroughly and to study and suggest a form of organization that would be effective. An organization that could be soundly constructed on common interests and common problems. An organization that would serve the needs of all.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the voters in Farmington Township for their support.

**WILLIAM P. FISHER**  
Board of Review

## ALL OF THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE

wish to extend their sincere appreciation to those voters who supported them in the Biennial Spring Election on Monday.

It is the expressed hope of these candidates that the residents of the Township will now unite and work together in every way possible for the best interests of the community regardless of their individual political affiliations.

**DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

## HOW BOUT THAT

THE THING WE LIKE ABOUT DRIVING IN HERE IS WE CARE YOU GIVE OUR CAR! ONLY COME BACK BUT WAY ANYBODY'D THINK IT BELONGED TO YOU!

WE'RE INTERESTED IN SEEING THAT YOU NOT ONLY COME BACK BUT THAT YOU FEEL EVERYTHING IS TIP-TOP BEFORE YOU DRIVE AWAY!

IT'S NOT EVERY STATION THAT GIVES COMPLETE SATISFYING SERVICE LIKE YOU BOYS DO HERE IN FARMINGTON



tion that would so function as to be constantly aware of the approaching problems and face them head-on. The crisis action was necessary. It recognized the weaknesses of crisis action in that there would come the time, regrettably, when such action would be too late or too inadequate.

It found that a "general" type of "civic" association, though highly desirable for the representation of individuals, properly owners outside the jurisdiction of subdivision associations, business men, varying organizations, real estate operators, etc. would not reflect the common interests and concerns of the members of subdivision associations. They recognized that although a "civic" association and a League of Subdivision Associations could and should work together in problems affecting the general welfare of the entire community, they would, in fact, be more effective as separate organizations operating within the natural spheres of their own common interests.

The Committee likewise in its study felt that a League of Subdivision Associations, in addition to its general community service, would provide the means of strengthening and assisting individuals at the grassroots level and their individual problems, through consultation. Without any interference or intervention in the autonomy of the individual association, much help could be obtained through suggestions, examples and experiences of other associations gained in the regular operation of these associations. Here again is an example of where common interests and common problems form the firmest foundation for successful organization.

The Committee felt that the most important single need, evidenced through interviews and discussions, was that of information. This quite naturally evolves around a common concept that a well informed individual or populace presents stronger bargaining positions. Justice, intolerance and faulty government. Its first consideration of the primary function of the Township is, therefore, that of a fact-finding organization which, through the operation and functioning of adequate committees, would be able to keep its entire membership aware at all times of existing conditions and the presence or lack of preventive or remedial action.

The next need, considered of utmost importance by the Committee, was that of long range perception and planning. To be forward looking constantly and energetically would prove the wisest and most stable assurance of constant and increasing values, both material and aesthetic.

The needs for constant improvement and for constant alertness are important functions that can be most adequately and effectively promoted by united awareness and united action. These the Committee accepted as important and natural functions. There are many more needs which you in your own thinking and study will uncover and which will probably be enumerated in further discussions this evening.

I would like to stress the fact, here, that the Residents Committee is a community-minded group with no ulterior motivation other than to form a League of Subdivision Associations because it believes that such a League will not only become a strong factor in the development of a fine community but is necessary and essential. The gain or value which the Committee would receive, either individually or collectively, would be the same gain or value that each of you and the members of your associations would attain. A fine, progressive, healthy, beautiful and desirable community in which to live, to raise our families and to cherish and respect the neighbors who surround us.

Now, before proceeding further with the agenda, the Chair would

By RALPH TEE

For The Farmington Enterprise



MEMBERSHIP in Farmington's American Legion Post, Groves Walker Post 346, was confirmed on Edward Chabala of 31619 Leflane. Chabala, paralyzed from the neck down in a swimming accident last summer, was presented his membership pin and card in his bed at the Dearborn Veterans' Hospital last week. Making the presentation was local Post Commander Harold Quinn. Also present from the Farmington Post for the presentation were Donald Watson, Junior Vice Commander, and Cleo Violette.

**HEARING ON CITY ZONING PROPOSAL SET FOR MONDAY**

The City Council will hold a public hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8 to discuss the proposed rezoning from Residential One to Residential Three of a parcel of land at the southwest corner of Shawassaw and Money.

A second proposal to be discussed at the hearing concerns an amendment to Ordinance to liberalize lot area requirements in regard to multiple dwellings. The amendments have been proposed to make any lot for possible construction of apartment type units on the property. It is proposed that 18 structures be erected on the site, each to include four housing units. The property is adjacent to the new Farmington Plaza Shopping Center now under construction.

All property owners of the City, affected by the proposed changes, are invited to participate in the hearing which will be held in the Municipal Building.

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vided for the hiring of extra clerical help in the assessor's office. It was also recommended that the Board increase the pay of volunteer fireman from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for the first hour and from \$1.50 to \$3.00 for each additional hour. The Board was also requested to take action on this recommendation at its next regular meeting.

William Schulkins presented a motion recommending to the Board that a public address system be purchased and used at all Board meetings. The motion was seconded and carried. The Board took action at its next meeting to increase all building fees. This motion was also seconded and carried.

Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, advised the electors that the new budget provides sufficient funds for the hiring of four additional policemen this year. Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, stated Monday that the new budget for the fiscal year 1957-58 totals \$206,959.48, not counting the increases approved at the Annual Meeting.

like to ask your cooperation in the following proposals:

1. In directing any questions to either the Chair or any of the participants, will you please address the Chair and wait for recognition. When receiving same will you please give your name and association in each instance before stating your question.

2. The Chair, due to the limited amount of time available and a sincere desire to give everyone who wishes an opportunity to speak, will limit the discussion on any single phase as he sees fit.

3. The Chair would also like to remind you again that to delve into details at this time would prove impossible. It is greatly desired that questions and discussions, therefore, be limited to basic segments. We desire to also stress, again, that the material originating with the Residents Committee is strictly in the form of suggestions and proposals. . . based, however, on careful study and much discussion. Nothing dictatorial or arbitrary should be construed from them.

4. The Chair also wants to make this point clear, that in forming a Temporary Organization there is no obligation upon you or your association as to membership in a resultant permanent organization. Before such a step could be achieved a written Constitution and Bylaws would have to be approved by your Temporary Organization and presented for study and ratification to the general membership or the Board of Directors of each participating association.

5. In view tonight of the fact, you, the representatives, will cast ballots. Members of the Residents Committee will refrain.

At this point, the Chair sees and would suggest two alternatives. The first would be to entertain a motion for the forming of a Temporary Organization, a roll-call vote on such a motion, and election of the officers of a Temporary Organization and then, under their supervision, a round table discussion with the Residents Committee of their proposals and suggestions. This would provide expediency and much more time for questions and discussion. It is the feeling of the Chair that this would be a democratic procedure, to place in the Chair a man of your choice to conduct the balance of the meeting.

The second would be to proceed with the agenda, as is under the present chairmanship. This would call for a general summarization by officers of the Residents Committee before the call for a motion to organize. The Chair would appreciate an expression of your will.

**Baseball Rally**

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Hope was expressed that it will be possible to obtain sponsors for all teams formed in the minor leagues of both the Little League and Babe Ruth circuits this summer as well as for the major league teams.

Persons having any questions about the Farmington Baseball for Boys rally or program are asked to contact officials of the organization. Officers are Hubert Barth, president; John Berling, vice-president in charge of Little League; Caleb Moore, vice-president in charge of the Babe Ruth League; Victor Cunilio, secretary; and Francis H. Davis, treasurer.

**Returns in Township Balloting**

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SUPT. OF PUBLIC INST.

Lynn Bartlett (D)	256	173	165	260	225	325	1,404
Edgar Harden (R)	194	107	186	457	123	263	1,330

REGENTS, U. of M.

Irene Murphy (D)	253	173	165	260	225	325	1,396
Carl Brablie (D)	251	173	165	260	222	308	1,355
Ethel Watt (R)	197	106	190	458	127	268	1,344
Alfred Connable (R)	195	107	186	455	123	272	1,338

STATE BOARD OF ED.

Chris Magnusson (D)	259	177	163	246	217	315	1,377
George Dean (R)	199	105	190	482	128	277	1,361

STATE BOARD OF AG.

Don Stevens (D)	258	181	166	248	220	330	1,403
Frank Merriman (R)	199	110	190	489	124	275	1,367
Jan Vanderploeg (D)	250	161	240	217	310	1,344	
Frederick Mueller (R)	196	104	183	455	123	264	1,325

STATE SUPREME COURT (Non-Partisan)

Term Expiring 1965

Thomas Kavanagh	162	71	123	208	85	182	836
Talbot Smith	149	69	133	226	71	187	805
Michael O'Hara	127	67	83	168	67	148	658
Robert Childs	70	74	69	142	33	93	481

Term Expiring 1969

John Voelker	111	63	118	176	57	167	692
Joseph Moynihan	104	63	83	200	63	128	641

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# Post Office Department Information Shows Suburbia Swallowing Up Michigan, Illinois

Michigan. Less than a fifth of the two-state population, 739,000 families, are on rural routes.

Another factor that sheds some light on suburban growth is the great increase of business places in Illinois and Michigan in 1956. At year's end there were 13,830 more business establishments in the area, according to Director Justus, than at the start. Most of these are in the vast suburban areas around Chicago and Detroit, where many manufacturing concerns have moved from metropolitan centers, gathering about them new homes and small businesses. At present there are approximately 328,350 business firms being served by the post office.

Justus' report revealed the immensity of the postal operation in Michigan and Illinois.

Suburbia is swallowing up Michigan and Illinois rural families at the rate of 15,450 a month, according to figures released by Robert R. Justus, Chicago Regional Director of the Post Office Department. Post Offices in the two states, including the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, served 181,844 fewer families on rural routes at the beginning of 1957 than they did a year previous, postal records show. Farm folks aren't necessarily moving away, Justus pointed out. They are being surrounded by city dwellers moving out into the open spaces. As a result, in the past 12 months, postal headquarters in Chicago established 599 new city carrier routes, most of them in mushrooming suburban areas.

Justus explained that city delivery service was granted to approximately 207,061 additional families, about 725,000 persons in Illinois and Southern Michigan in the past

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**I Want to Express**

**to all the wonderful people who worked so hard**

**in my behalf in the Township election and to**

**everyone who gave me their support at the polls.**

**Thank you.**

**Mrs. Jean Lee**

**AN OPEN LETTER . . .**

**To the Citizens of Farmington City and Township:**

How many paid subscribers does The Farmington Enterprise really have? This is a question that we are asked repeatedly by merchants, local government officials, members of civic and service organizations and individual citizens. In most cases the answer comes as a considerable surprise! This is due to a large extent by the mistaken and often repeated impression that few Farmington area citizens read their home community newspaper.

Let's look at the true facts and figures. While the circulation of The Enterprise fluctuates to some extent from week to week due to the number of dealer (drug store and market sales), the current total average paid circulation is 4,165. Of this number, 2,326 copies are distributed through the mail and 1,839 are sold by dealers. Records to substantiate these figures are available to anyone at The Enterprise office.

Thus it is estimated that approximately 14,826 persons in the Farmington area are reading The Enterprise every week. Based on the latest figures compiled by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission (23,200 population, Farmington City and Township as of July, 1956) The Enterprise is being read by 60.4 per cent of the families in the area.

The entire Enterprise staff is devoting a lot of time and effort to increase that percentage. During the past two years over 1,000 new names have been added to the list. As a result, The Enterprise is being read by the majority of the citizens of the Farmington community, in spite of impression to the contrary. There are many good reasons for this growth. More and more residents are finding that it pays to keep informed . . . and the best way to do it is to read their "home community newspaper" regularly.

So why don't you join our growing family and keep up to date on the activities taking place in your township, your city and your schools? You can have The Enterprise delivered to your home by mail for only \$3.00 per year . . . that's less than 6 cents per week. Just phone GR. 4-6225. Do it today!

**THE FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE**

**"FARMINGTON'S OWN HOME COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER"**

**EASTER SEALS**

**HELP**

**CRIPPLED CHILDREN**