Explains City's Tax Reappraisal Program at Exchange Club Meeting

At the regular noon meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club on Wednesday, March 5, 1958, a total of 50 members assembled to hear an explanation of the City's Tax Reappraisal Program given by City Manager Earl Scherffius and Cith Assessor Arthur Garian.

After short talks given by the City Assessor Arthur Gárian, group question and answer period was held.

It was brought out during the meeting that while assessments have been doubled, the new tax rate, as a result of lowering the State Equalization Factor is expected to be cut in half. Many inequities, which were discovered during the reappraisal study, have been corrected and it was emphasized that the same set of standards and methods have been employed in arriving at the true cash value of all property in the City. Properties were found to be underassessed by as much as 500 per cent and over assessed by as much as 25 per cent, it was pointed out.

Other figures brought out during the discussion showed that property taxes were distributed between the City, County and School District as follows:

City	22 per cent
County	14 per cent
School	64 per cent

The City Manager stated that in his opinion cities have been made the "whipping boy" for local taxes too long and it was time that people realize that the City merely serves as a collection agency for county and school taxes. It receives no compensation or reimbursement for the many clerical hours and other expenses such as office supplies and a sizeable postage bill each year in mailing notices and tax bills.

He further stated that if taxpayers are unhappy with county and school taxes, the place to take their complaint is the County Board of Supervisors or the School Board rather than to the City, as has often been the case, since the City has absolutely no control nor any responsibility in school and county taxes.

Township Budget

(Continued from Page 1A)

the township, so all property would be taxed on an equal basis. When this can be done the assessor office could become a one-man operation, it is believed.

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission asked more funds, and members agreed they were needed. It may mean, however, that more funds will be used for the summer program, and no winter program will be followed. In this area, with more and more children needing supervised recreation, members feel this is one way to combat juvenile delinquency.

THE TOWNSHIP Park Commission requested $10,000, its letter from John Spicer indicating it was looking at several sites.

William Fisher proposed an increase for the fire department. He'd like to see the three fire chiefs raised from $300 annual salary up to $600, and assistant chiefs get $300. He also asked $8 per man to get jackets which would have the department name on sleeves.

Mr. Fisher pointed out the township now has a volunteer department of 37 men on duty 24 hours a day, at a present cost of $8,000.

THREE ELECTIONS will be held during the next fiscal year. In addition to this expense the township must buy four more voting machines at $1,500 each.

Police department salaries would be much the same, except for upgrading of a couple men, and addition of a combination policeman and dog warden. Board members question if the township now has adequate police protection, with one officer to each 1,250 or more people. Some help will be given the force by Civil Defense personnel.

Members voiced the township business has grown rapidly, is not well organized, and they would like to buy a $6,000 business machine. They think it would save the salary of one bookkeeper, and present clerks could operate it.

There may be some changes before the budget is finally presented, however. As Treasurer Elise Avery pointed out, we are operating on a 1950 income and allocations from the state and funds are very limited. Building which will follow the new sewer will only compound township problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tamm returned home Thursday from Florida where they spent two months touring the state.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE

LIBRARY

This past week the Farmington City and Township Library Board of Trustees received its first installment of state aid for 1957-58. This first installment amounted to $541.96.

Our local library became eligible for state aid when the government at units met the required three tenths of a mill tax on the state equalized valuation in the units.

The township has met its quota by direct vote and the money is paid to the library board through the township treasurer in the same manner as school taxes are processed. The city has agreed to pay its three tenths through its council proceedings.

This state aid money can be used for only specific purposes - such as books, salaries, equipment, and more library hours to serve the public, it was pointed out. The state aid for libraries parallels state aid for schools. It is distributed on a formula basis. It comes from the three cent sales tax which all pay. Since the Farmington area has increased in population considerably in the past few years it is good to know that we get a part of our sales tax back into the community by meeting the requirements set up in the state aid formula which is a state aid law.

Each year the amount varies as to amount to be distributed, and the number of libraries qualifying, state wide.

The Farmington library has benefited in the way of equipment, many of the books - especially reference, and the many hours that it has been able to add to the library week because of this program in the past.

NOVI NEWS

By MRS. GEORGE WAITE
FI. 9-2089

Mrs. Mac Atkinson entertained at a miscellaneous shower on Tuesday evening honoring Patsy Brotherton who will be married Saturday, March 22nd, to Harry Barnett. They will live at White Lake. She received many lovely gifts. Games were played and a lunch served.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Witkoph who spent the past three months in California returned home Friday night. The Frazer Stamans entertained his sister, husband and mother from Pinckney on Sunday.

The marriage of Mary Anderson and Charles Freydl of Northville took place at the Presbyterian Church, Saturday evening, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Janet Julian of Tecumsch, Ontario, Canada was maid of honor while his brother Robert was best man. A reception followed in the church parlors for 200 guests. They will live in Northville.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF FARMINGTON
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Farmington was held on March 17, 1958.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Lindbert.

Roll Call: Councilmen Barber, Bates, Cavanaugh, Lapham and Lindbert.

City Officials Present: City Manager Scherffius, Clerk Quinn, Attorney Pare', Engineer Elwart and Chief DeVriendt.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion made by Cavanaugh and seconded by Bates that the Minutes of meeting held March 3, 1958, be approved as published. Motion carried, all ayes.

Public Hearings on Special Assessments

Mayor Lindbert opened the Public Hearing for discussion from all interested parties on the Special Assessment Paving of the following Streets:

A. State Street, Liberty to Wilmarth.

B. Wilmarth, State to Macomb.

C. Liberty, State to Alta Loma.

D. Mooney Street, Grand River to Shiawassee.

All intcrested parties having been heard, the Mayor declared the Hearing closed.

Mayor Lindbert opened the Public Hearing for discussion from all interested parties on the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding front yards and side yards in the Industrial Area.

No Comments. Mayor Lindbert declared Hearing closed at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bates assumed the chair in the absence of Mayor Lindbert.

Bids

A. Concrete Pavement. Motion made by Barber and seconded by Cavanaugh that the bids for concrete pavement tabulated by the City Manager be received and placed on file. Motion carried, all ayes.

Petitions and Communications

A. Petition Requesting Vacation of Ross Street. Petition read by Clerk and placed on file. Motion made by Lapham and seconded by Barber that a Public Hearing on the vacation of Ross Street be held at the next regular meeting of the Council on April 7, 1958, at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. Communications From Planning Commission.

1. Subdivision Regulation Ordinance. Motion made by Barber and seconded by Cavanaugh to introduce An Ordinance Establishing Procedures For The Submission And Approval Of Plats Of Land Within The City Of Farmington; Providing For Required Improvements And Minimum Design Standards In Connection With The Installation Of Municipal Improvement; To Provide For Variances From The Street Requirements Of The Ordinance In Certain Cases; To Repeal All Other Ordinances And Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict With The Provisions Of This Ordinance; And To Provide For The Violation Thereof.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Barber, Bates, Cavanaugh, Lapham.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

2. Amendment To Zoning Ordinance Re: Minimum Lot Width And Square Foot Area. Motion made by Cavanaugh and seconded by Lapham that the request of the Planning Commission be tabled for further discussion and study. Motion carried, all ayes.

3. Recommended Zoning Change Re: Area To Be Zoned With Minimum Lot Width And Square Foot Area. Communication placed on file, no action taken.

C. Communication From Plumbing Inspector Re: Revised Plumbing Fee Schedule. Motion made by Barber and supported by Cavanaugh to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A REVISED SCHEDULE OF PLUMBING FEES.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON RESOLVES:

1. That the attached Revised Schedule of Plumbing Fees be and is hereby adopted in the place and stead of any and all former fees heretofore approved and adopted by the City of Farmington.

2. This Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Farmington at a regular meeting on March 17, 1958.

3. The attached Schedule of Fees will become effective on March 28, 1958.

V. O. BATES, Mayor Pro-Tem
TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Barber, Bates, Cavanaugh,

NAYS: Lapham.

Resolution declared adopted.

Reports and Resolutions

A. Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Sign and Acknowledge Answer to Bill of Complaint of Bel-Aire Hills Civic Association. Motion made by Lapham and supported by Barber that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER OR CITY CLERK TO SIGN AND ACKNOWLEDGE PLEADINGS IN PENDING CIRCUIT COURT CASES

WHEREAS, there is now pending in the Circuit Court for County of Oakland in Chancery three different cases in which the City of Farmington is a defendant, and which matters are identified as follows:

1 and 2 - Cause No. C 29827 in which Robert J. Kelly is plaintiff and Cause No. C 29828 in which James B. Grimes doing business as Grimes Cleaners is plaintiff, and which two cases involve the validity of the so-called General License Ordinance.

3 - Cause No. C 29852, in which Bel-Aire Civic Association and others are plaintiffs, and which cause involves the validity of the re-zoning of Out-Lot A, Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to have bills of complaint and other pleadings in the above matters signed, executed and acknowledged on behalf of the City of Farmington,

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Farmington resolves:

1. That Earl F. Scherffius, City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized to sign, execute and acknowledge on behalf of the City of Farmington at a regular meeting of the Council on March 17, 1958,

half of the City of Farmington.

2. That in the absence of the City Manager, Trena M. Quinn, City Clerk, be and she is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Farmington to perform the acts set forth in the preceding paragraph.

This Resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Farmington at a regular meeting of the Council on March 17, 1958.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bates, Cavanaugh, Lapham, Barber.

NAYS: None.

Resolution declared adopted.

TRENA M. QUINN, Clerk

B. Resolution Re: Water and Sewer Main Extension Along Farmington Road Between 8 and 9 Mile Roads. Motion made by Cavanaugh and supported by Lapham that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed and ordered the City Manager to cause to be prepared plans and specifications and estimates of cost and other information concerning municipal improvements consisting of water and sewer main extensions together with necessary pumping station and appurtenances in Farmington Road between 9 Mile and 8 Mile Roads and in Eight Mile Road for a distance of approximately 2000 ft. East of Farmington Road,

AND WHEREAS, the City Manager has caused the same to be prepared and has filed the same with the City Clerk,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The plans and specifications and estimate of cost and the recommendations and findings of the City Manager shall be filed with the City Clerk and shall be available for public examination.

2. The City Council deems it necessary to acquire and construct said municipal improvements consisting of water and sewer main extensions and necessary pumping station and appurtenances in Farmington Road between 9 Mile and 8 Mile Roads and in 8 Mile Road for a distance of approximately 2000 ft. East of Farmington Road.

3. The City Council determines that $131,419.75 of the cost thereof shall be defrayed by special assessment against the property benefited thereby and the balance of the cost shall be paid by the City, and determines that the assessments shall be made on a front foot basis.

4. The following described lots and parcels of land shall make up the special assessment district:

Part of S.W. ¼ of Section 34, T1N, R9E, beginning at a point which is N. 89° 44' 11" E. 480 ft. from W ¼ cor., thence N. 89° 44' 11" E. 908.06 ft., thence S. 0° 06' 36" E. 714.44 ft., thence N. 89° 44' 11" E. 610 ft., thence S. 0° 06' 36" E. 1267.70 ft., thence S. 89° 33' 40" 2001.85 ft., thence N. 955.47 ft., thence N. 89° 44' 11" E. 140 ft., thence N. 125 ft., thence N. 89° 44' 11" E. 340 ft., thence N. 908 ft. to P.O.B. Also part of S.W. ¼ of Section 34, T1N, R9E, Beg. at the S.W. Section corner, thence N. 660.18 ft., thence N. 89° 33' 40" E. 2001.85