

First Sewer Petition Is Quashed by Twp.

There is some protection for suburban residents who don't want to connect to the sewer, families in Glenbrook subdivision learned Tuesday night.

The township board turned down a sewer connection petition for that area because all 13 families living in the new subdivision would have to connect even though the developer with a large majority of the lots there had petitioned for connections.

THE DECISION was important to the board because it established a precedent. The township is limited in any one year to three per cent of its valuation on special assessments bonds it can issue. That's roughly by \$88,000 a year.

THEREFORE the board will want to grant petitions for areas really needing and wanting the sewer, rather than just to benefit one land developer.

Clerk Floyd A. Cairns now has at least 12 requests for petitions for sewer connections. One possibility is the Farabusi and 8 Mile - Halsted area, and these alone involve bonding of \$48,000. The Glenbrook subdivision has requested petitions for the Grand River area, a small one on which bonding of \$84,000 would be required, but it would

Now Being Read by 4,622 Families or 64% of the Families in the Farmington Area

Village Passes Ordinance to Control Horses

An ordinance to regulate the keeping of horses and domestic fowl in the Village of Wood Creek Farms was adopted by the village council Tuesday night at a short special session at the home of President Alger Clark.

Whether an ordinance prohibiting the keeping of horses at together of one to control same was needed in the village has been a topic of heated debate for the past couple months.

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AN UNOCCUPIED building at 30765 Fourteen Mile Road which was owned by the gas company for use of Boy Scouts of Troop 116 and Cub Scouts, was torn to pieces last week by three youths living in the area. The windows were broken out and several panels in the broken through with a hammer. Inside

Parking Plan Hearing Rushed, Set Aug. 10

Notice of intent to proceed with the proposed large parking plan for downtown Farmington is published in this issue by a couple of councils, use of The Enterprise, with a public hearing set for Monday, Aug. 10, at 8 p.m.

While there seemed to be nothing but support for the plan of the special city council meeting last Monday evening, this hearing is expected to get the real sentiment of those property owners involved and whether enough ready money will be forthcoming to finance the special assessment district proposed.

After discussion Councilmen Bates, Peterson, Thayer and Brotherton voted to hold the hearing at the first possible date, and to push the plan as fast as possible. Not voting on this and other incidents in the past involving the downtown parking area was Mayor Robert Lindbergh, who owns property involved.

Plans for the proposed parking program are on file with the city clerk. City Manager Earl Scherffius told the audience he would be happy to discuss at any time with anyone any detail of the proposal.

He also pointed out that this proposed large parking program was not the plan of any one person or group. A similar proposal was advanced five years ago, and has been studied since by a couple of councils, the city planning commission, the planning consultants who drew up the master downtown plan suggested last year, the Farmington Downtown Business District Ass'n and other groups. This proposal follows rather closely that suggested by Geer & Associates last year.

THERE SHOULD be no misunderstanding as to the proposed financing. It will be a special assessment district, with all costs assessed against the downtown business properties which will benefit.

Residential properties, as well as other outlying commercial properties, will not pay a portion of the cost from general tax revenues. Rather, they will benefit as new commercial properties go on the commercial floor.

INTEREST rather seemed to be centered in the number of parking lots, and individual costs involved, and the hearing Aug. 10 is expected to bring out any serious objections.

The report submitted by Mr. Scherffius at council request was read to the audience.

A DETAILED estimate of the costs, broken down for the three parking lots, was included. Area A is that south of Grand River and east of Farmington Road, down to Orchard Street and east to Grove Street. It contains 185,911 square feet. Estimated cost of the land is \$212,000 and improvements \$10,275, for a total of \$282,275.

The major portion of a shortened Farmington School Board meeting Monday night was devoted to discussion relative to providing adequate sewer and water facilities to the new service and administration building and improving facilities to the Ten Mile elementary school to the north.

Proposals offered by the Tarabata and MacMahon architectural firm were gone over carefully.

The architectural firm's proposal for the sewer line was generally agreed to except for a slight change in route which all agreed would be more satisfactory and could be done at no additional cost.

Primary concern in connection with water facilities was that the plan agreed to contain provisions to assure adequate fire protection presently provided at the Ten Mile School. Several changes in the plan submitted by the architects were called for.

The architectural firm was instructed to make the plan changes called for and submit the revised plans for approval as soon as possible.

A proposal to lay underground electric and phone service lines to the service and administration building was immediately rejected when it was learned that it would result in considerable additional cost.

A plan for grading around the service building, worked out in detail during the past two weeks, was also agreed upon.



OLD CARS in need of major repairs parked or blocked up at the side of or in front of residential homes, such as is the case at this home on Tulane north of Grand River, does not make for very pleasant viewing either by neighbors or these

passing by. We also contend that leaving a car body blocked up, in a not too stable manner such as this, is dangerous and that the owner should be made to remove it from his property.

Whiskey Part Of Caring for Dead Dogs?

A new plan for caring for dead dogs along the town roads was set up by the board Tuesday night, and a was in the audience suggested that a bottle of whiskey should be kept in the freezer to help policemen after they had been arrested on procedure.

Supervisor Curt Hall reported the dog warden was not picking up dead dogs, and suggested a plan proposed to him by a doctor. A true health problem is involved.

Township police would pick up the dead dogs, stuff the body in a heavy plastic bag, and place it in a freezer for storage until a once a week pickup for the incinerator. The plan will be tried.

The was thought the police should have a swig after each trip to the freezer. That wasn't included in the plan, however.

Last Concert Slated Tonight

Another concert will be presented this evening, Thursday, July 30, at 8 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Farmington Senior High School.

This will be the concluding concert in this year's series of "Summer Evening Serenades." In addition to the regular series, a small group of young musicians from the community will also play.

THE PROGRAM tonight will include five short selections by the cadet band as well as a number of selections ranging from Prokofiev to a suite of American folk songs by the concert band. As a special feature, a small group from the concert band will play a set of popular numbers including "Lullaby of Birdland" and "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The concert is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Review School Addition Plan

Plans for a seven classroom addition to the William Geer elementary school, as drawn by the Earl Meyers architectural firm, were reviewed briefly by the School Board Monday night.

As proposed, the addition would extend out at an angle from the back of the existing building. It was trustee Douglas Hammill's opinion that an even greater angle would be more suitable.

The Board agreed to turn the plans over to the building subcommittee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee for more detailed study and recommendations.

The addition has been deemed necessary in view of residential development in the vicinity of Nine Mile and Inkster roads.

Shop Equipment

An expenditure of \$10,361.50 for new shop equipment for the Farmington Junior High was approved by the School Board Monday night. The equipment will be used in the expanded and modernized shop now under construction in the west unit of the school site.

Badly Hurt in Plane Crash

William E. Ramsey, 58, of 33769 Shawansee Road, suffered a leg and neck injuries Saturday night when his airplane crashed in the wooded area bordering the Wixom airport, west of Farmington.

Ramsey, who suffered facial cuts, a severe neck gash and broken jaw, is reported recovering satisfactorily at Redford Community Hospital.

Leon Sampson, 40, of Detroit, a passenger in the plane with Ramsey, was not hurt.

Ramsey told police that his engine failed at around 400 feet as he approached the airport for a landing and that the plane stalled into the trees. The plane was badly damaged.

New Turn Lanes at Farmington-G. River

Traffic turns in the south approach into Grand River from Farmington Road will be safer and easier hereafter.

In line with a suggestion by the Farmington Downtown Business District Ass'n the city has taken out the several parking meters on the west side of the National Bank of Detroit building, and painted a center lane for through traffic, and a right turn lane leading onto Grand River.

Traffic headed north onto Grand River has often been stalled here, with lines of cars a couple of blocks from the corner.

What is Public Business Argued by Twp. Board

What part of the township business is public business came in for quite a bit of sharp discussion Tuesday night's board meeting.

It was touched off by Trustee Wendell Brown when he carried that the township had no question that some preparation was needed, but that trustees Wilcox, Bassette, and Treasurer Avery and Clerkings should then be threshed

One Killed, 7 Injured in 3 Accidents on X-way

The U.S. 16 Expressway from Orchard Lake Road to its eastern terminus proved to be a hotbed of trouble Tuesday night. Three accidents—one Sunday and two Tuesday on this less than mile long section of road, resulted in death to one person and injuries to seven others.

Quakertown to Get Township Fire Protection

The new village of Quakertown will get an agreement from Farmington Township to furnish fire protection, but it won't be the counter proposal submitted by the village to the township Tuesday.

When a contract was given board members Tuesday, they noticed immediately it was not what had been worked out between the two groups at a meeting last Saturday.

THE PROPOSAL called only for protection for the next year at a flat \$600 fee to be paid in quarterly installments.

Several members said it had earlier been agreed to do this in the first year, but that the contract should run two years.

Terms for the second year would be \$900 for the first fire calls, and \$75 for each additional call during the year.

The board said it would ask the attorney to draw up a two-year agreement with these terms and that it would be presented the new village for its approval. Consideration is being given the fact that Quakertown is operating on a limited budget during the first months of its life.

Mooney Paving to Be Started Soon

City Manager Earl Scherffius hopes paving of Mooney street after 5 o'clock, a second serious injury accident occurred a short distance to the west of the Township Sunday.

Traveling eastbound on the line of traffic, a car driven by Roger R. Adams, 20, of 8214 Beatrice Garden City ran off the road. After leaving the roadway, the auto skidded 215 feet, rolled over and came to rest upside down in the west-bound lane of traffic.

Police reported late Tuesday afternoon that Adams was still unconscious as the result of head and internal injuries suffered. Gary R. Whitson of 8015 Middlefield, Grand City, a passenger, suffered a fractured left femur and lacerations and abrasions about the body.

Around 1 a.m. Tuesday morning a car accident in the same vicinity resulted in less serious injuries to Robert L. Newkirk of Detroit.

THIS CAR rammed into the rear of another being operated by Margaret LaMotte, also of Detroit. The Parkview LaMotte auto, had not pulled completely off the roadway, a police accident report revealed.

Newkirk was taken to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak with lacerations about his head and face.

2,000 More Phones to Be Available Soon

Another project which will expand the capacity of the Farmington dial telephone exchange is nearing completion.

John D. Kamego, Michigan Bell manager here, said the \$330,000 project will provide enough automatic dial switching equipment to establish 2,000 new telephone numbers. The expansion will also enable the company to fill orders for better grades of service.

MOST of the work is being done in the recently completed addition to the Bell building at 2331 Grand River. The equipment is being installed by Western Electric Company, manufacturing and supply unit of the Bell system.

In connection with the central office project, construction crews are installing underground and aerial cable to serve new homes in Kendallwood and a Westbrooke subdivisions and the area north of 12 Mile Road and east of Orchard Lake Road.

UNDERGROUND cable has been placed along Power Road from the Farmington telephone office to Ten Mile Road with aerial cable being strung from Ten Mile to 12 Mile. This \$65,202 project is now nearly completed.

The current project marks the third time Farmington's exchange has been expanded since it was converted to dial service in 1955. Kamego concluded.

Sec. 36 Water Ban Is Lifted

The limitations on lawn sprinkling in the Section 36 water area have been lifted, according to Twp. Clerk Floyd A. Cairns. This uses water from Detroit.

Recent rains have alleviated the usage, and Clerk Cairns wishes to thank all residents for their cooperation in cutting water use. It's hoped further dry weather won't bring a later sprinkling ban.

Land Purchase Is Delaying Water Tank

Inability to get final papers from the owner of the three quarters of an acre needed for the new water tank in the city has held up construction work.

The owner, Mr. Acacia, has delayed the project despite an agreement reached some time ago, and despite his statement before the council that he wanted to help his friends in Farmington.

The city had planned the new tank completion for Aug. 20, but now may not make it.

Get Weeds Cut, Order by City

Notice has been given by the City of Farmington that all persons owning or occupying property in the city must have noxious weeds cut down by August 10.

Failure to comply with this notice "on or before the date mentioned or within ten days thereafter" shall make the parties failing to do so liable not only for the costs of cutting but also to a 10 per cent penalty levy. It is stipulated that the department of public works will be responsible for cutting down of the noxious weeds on all lands where the owner either refuses or neglects to comply. The superintendent of the department has been charged with the responsibility of keeping an accurate account of all expenses incurred in so doing.

With \$137,450 total cost, and \$60,000 more could be set up on a two-year basis, it would be necessary that a number of those affected pay their assessments. The city would pay the extra funds needed. It would be possible to spread it over more than two years, but this slow-up is not desired.

IT WAS STRESSED again Monday that this is a program which should have been started five years ago, and that unless it gets moving now the backers, the insurance company would be completely out of the large chain food store interested would soon withdraw their proposals. This is likely the case.

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