

# Detroit Water Vote Monday Restricted To Property Owners

This coming Monday, April 11, City of Farmington property owners will go to the polls to decide whether they want to continue using water or authorize the necessary funds for conversion to a Detroit water supply.

Specifically, voters will be asked to approve a \$250,000 general obligation bond issue to finance the proposed conversion project over a 15 to 20 year period. Only property owners will be permitted to cast ballots and it will take a 65% affirmative vote to carry the issue, it has been emphasized.

THE POLLS will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. in each of the three city precincts. The location of these precincts are: Precinct I—City Hall; Precinct II—Groves-Walker American Legion Hall; and Precinct III—Farmington Senior High. Anyone in doubt about what precinct they reside in should contact the city clerk's office.

Absentee ballots are available for those who will not be in the city on election day and may still be obtained at the clerk's office. The deadline for obtaining these absentee ballots is this Saturday, April 9. Clerk Trena M. Quinn stated that she will be in her office at the City Hall from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on this final day for the convenience of those wishing to vote but who will not be home election day.

Water is not a problem in the city since a large new storage tank is now in operation. But getting water from the wells to the tank fast enough to satisfy needs during peak-use periods is a problem, Manager Scherffius said.

Also brought out during earlier discussion was the fact that present mains, especially in the downtown area, are not big enough and that some improvements are going to have to be made soon. This would be accomplished in the conversion to Detroit water project, if approved, it was emphasized.

The City Manager also emphasized the fact that maintenance expenses with the present well water system are running high. These expenses are continuing to go up, he lamented. Some major replacements and repairs are going to be necessary if the city continues with the present well system, according to him. Another point made was that a substantial amount must be spent yearly for cleaning because of the hardness of the city's well water.

THE PROPOSED project for conversion to Detroit water will require the bringing of this water from a connection point at Eight Mile and Farmington Road.

A main would be run from this point northward to Nine Mile and thence, swung westward and be continued on Nine Mile for a distance of about 800 feet to a present city well site. A pumping station would be required here, it has been determined.

An existing 10 inch main running along the Farmington-Brighton Expressway to Gill Road and thence swinging northward and continuing on to the storage tank at the northwest corner of the city. Another line would be run back to Farmington Road and thence north along Farmington Road to Orchard St. where it would turn in a northerly direction to Detroit.

Estimates made by city officials show that this project could be financed over a 15 year period with a one mill levy, based on a conservatively estimated \$18,000,000 total assessed valuation for the city at this time. The opinion expressed by the city manager was that last year's 12 mill levy might well be reduced but to offset the proposed additional one mill for the water project. He also feels that increases in the

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## Delay Action on Awarding Bids For City Paving

Action on the awarding of bids for proposed paving work to be done in the City of Farmington this summer, expected to be taken at the regular Council meeting Monday night, was delayed.

Councilmen felt that they would like to have more time to review the proposed budget for the 1960-61 fiscal year before authorizing the stable expenditure proposed for road work.

OVER \$170,000 worth of road work is called for. A substantial portion of it, however, will be done either at the expense of a developer, on a special assessment basis or jointly with Oakland County.

Now bid on the total work to be done in the downtown area by the Thomas E. Currie Co. Their bid of \$171,273.75 was nearly \$3,000 lower than the next lowest bid in a field of eight.

The biggest project planned is the widening of Farmington Road from Sluom to Nine Mile Road. The bid on this job was \$72,042.38. This project is being undertaken jointly with Oakland County and approximately 50 percent of the cost will be borne by the county.

City Manager Earl Scherffius told the Council.

THE SECOND largest project proposed is the paving of all streets in new Alta Loma Park No. 4 subdivision. The entire cost of \$57,245.03 for the project is specified to be paid for by the developer.

The bid made by the Currie Company for the widening of Farmington Road from Sluom to Ten Mile Road was \$38,725.07. This is a city project, the council was informed. The entire cost, with the exception of some work to be done at the intersections which the county will pay a share on, is to be borne by the city.

It was Councilman V. O. Bates' opinion that at least some of the cost should be the obligation of the Twin Valley Subdivision developers. His suggestion was that they might be required to pay the cost for curbing specified. Other councilmen were in agreement that further

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## Pontiac Man Is Killed in Crash

Ernest Cosma, 68, of Pontiac was fatally injured in a two car accident last Friday at the Middlebelt — 13 Mile intersection.

He was riding in a car driven by his daughter, Mrs. Sophie Gaurdiles, also of Pontiac, which collided with one driven by Lamar L. King of 2275 City Court, Farmington when Mrs. Gaurdiles failed to observe the stop sign while driving north on Middlebelt.

Mrs. Cosma and the two other passengers in the Gaurdiles car who were injured were taken to Beaumont Hospital. King was not visibly injured according to the State Police report.

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# Farmington Enterprise

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IT'S NOT A PRETTY picture but one symbolic of road conditions, to a greater or lesser degree, in nearly all sections of Farmington Township. This has been one of the worst springs for road break-up that has been experienced in several years, according to the Oakland County Road Commission. Every effort is being made to keep all mile roads and all main north-

## Progress And Problems Aired At Annual Meeting

The projected growth of the township, water and sewer progress and the surplus from last year's budget were some of the highlights of Supervisor Curt Hall's report at last Saturday's Annual Township Meeting which lasted less than an hour and a half.

Hall pointed out to the approximately 100 residents in attendance that the township has been growing rapidly and will continue to do so with a certain amount of growth pains to be expected. The township is expected to increase four times in population in the next 30 years, he said.

The Detroit water main now under construction on 8 Mile Road will extend as far north as Farmington Road. It is hoped, Hall said, that lateral arms into the township can be started by July 1. These arms will extend north to 10 Mile Road under the present plan and are later expected to reach 12 Mile Road.

The Kendallwood and Halstead Interceptors, sewer lines which will be completed this summer, Hall said. He added that two others are soon to be presented for approval.

THE TOWNSHIP finished the 1959-60 fiscal year with a surplus of close to \$29,000, according to Hall. This sum has been carried over into the current fiscal year which got underway April 1.

In addition Hall also pointed out that the zoning map adopted last year was not yet finalized.

A resolution of intent at the next regular meeting of the township board, April 12, will be proposed to adopt the map and text. A public hearing will then be scheduled for further discussion.

Hall stated that the new equalization tax factor will soon be available for publication. He feels that the tax structure has been made equitable throughout the township in the re-statement program recently undertaken.

Hall also reported that the number of voters presented has been increased from 8 to 10 to better accommodate the increase in voters.

Following the supervisor's report, Mr. Elmer A. V. Township Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Then Floyd Cairns, Township Clerk, read the proposed budget which was adopted by a voice vote.

QUESTIONS on the proposed budget were invited from the prior to vote. A question was posed as to why the proposed budget called for \$19,000 for roads, highways and signs when last year's budget provided only \$8,448 for these items. Hall answered by stating that last year the township didn't have any more money to appropriate in this area. This year the money is available and it is the desire of the Township Board to increase it.

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Rob Station of Cash and Tickets

\$400 in cash and 100 one way Greyhound tickets to Lansing were stolen recently from the Farmington Greyhound Station, 3009 Grand Ave.

The theft occurred during business hours and was not discovered right away. The stolen tickets, orange in color, are valued at \$2.00 each and must be checked at each stop between here and Lansing. They are numbered from 5961 to 6000.

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