

Approve Star Cutter Request for Re-zoning

In two separate motions carried by the township board at its regular meeting Tuesday, 83 acres of Star Cutter property was rezoned. A third motion was carried to rezone an additional 11 acres of the property. The rezoning of the 83-acre property was carried by a 5-2 vote of the township board. The rezoning of the 11-acre property was carried by a 5-2 vote of the township board. The rezoning of the 83-acre property was carried by a 5-2 vote of the township board. The rezoning of the 11-acre property was carried by a 5-2 vote of the township board.

Assn. Favors Plans to Get Detroit Water

The community room in the township first hall on Wheeler Street was filled to overflow last Thursday night when members and guests of the Detroit Water Assn. gathered to get first hand information on water for the township and hear a panel of experts.

With nearly 200 in attendance, it was found necessary to move the first trucks out of the station and hold the meeting in the hall.

Township Clerk Curt Hall opened the meeting by giving information on present plans to get water for the township. He said that the township is in a position to get water from the Detroit Water Assn. at a cost of \$1.00 per acre.

AFTER CONSIDERABLE debate, Leroy Lagros of the association offered the following resolution:

"In as much as water is urgently needed in several sections of the southern portion of the township and many residents are without water, the township should take action to secure a water supply, we of the South Farmington Township Civic Assn. wish to go on record as approving the plan to get water from the Detroit Water Assn. at a cost of \$1.00 per acre."

The resolution was unanimously passed.

TAKING OVER of the Eaton Water System in Grand River Township, which was recently sold to the township, was also discussed at some length.

Most were in agreement to the township's taking it over and there were in favor of accepting a Detroit bid for the area as soon as it becomes available.

The three speakers on zoning were Kenneth Fucio of the township board, Bernard Schroll of the Detroit Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission and William Dunne of the township board.

Planning planning board members defined zoning as some definite and outlined some of the objectives which proper zoning is designed to accomplish.

Questions from the floor were answered by them.

Kindergarten Sign-Up Set

Registration dates for children who will be eligible to start kindergarten in September of this year have been set for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3 and 4.

All 12 Farmington elementary schools will be registering children who are five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1960, and consequently, by Board of Education policy, eligible to start kindergarten.

Each parent is requested to bring their child's birth certificate on a copy at the time of registration.

Those who do not presently have a copy of their child's birth certificate can in most instances obtain one by writing to the Department of Health at the state capital in the state in which the child was born. The usual fee is \$1.00.

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Lack Power to Make Curfew, Says Brennan

Township Attorney Terry Brennan reported at Tuesday's regular meeting of the Township Board that, at the present time, the township has no power to impose a curfew law.

A motion was carried at the previous meeting of the board to have Brennan make this study as a result of constant complaints of secondwardly.

No such industrial buffer area shall be required where the industrial zone is separated from the non-industrial zone by a line.

All planning will be subject to approval of the zoning board of the township.

IN COMMENTING on the feelings of the township residents on the proposed amendment, Curt Hall stated that he had talked with Mr. Norman Lawton and had conveyed the message that any action taken by the board would be accepted.

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MEMBERS of the township police department had a special meeting last week to discuss details of the new gun to be used on stray dogs. The tranquilizer gun will be used to subdue dogs without causing injury.

Powered by capsules of compressed carbon dioxide, it shoots a syringe containing an immobilizing drug up to a range of 40 yards.

Examining the weapon are (left) Dr. Frank R. Bates, Director of the Oakland County Animal Welfare Division, and (right) Township Supervisor Curt Hall and Township Police Chief Irv Yakes.

Studying Revised Busing, Safety Patrol Policies

Two important policy changes in the Farmington School District, recommended by the administrative staff, are now being studied by the Board of Education.

One calls for expansion of the school system's present safety patrol program and the other for changes in the transportation policy.

At the present time, the system's safety patrol program has been confined to the use of safety patrol boys and girls on school grounds only.

FOR ELEMENTARY school children, the rules called for are different, however. They would be required to walk only 1/2 mile to a bus stop and, in the case of a lone kindergarten child, he or she would be required to walk no more than 1/4 mile to a bus stop.

Requiring an elementary child to walk the miles to school when safety hazards are determined to exist would also be waived under the new policy.

Under the proposed new policy, all school children living less than 1/4 mile from the school they attend would be required to walk.

THE PROPOSED new transportation policy, also being studied by the School Board, contains a number of other provisions including where bus pick-ups will be made, the methods which will be used to determine what walking conditions are unsafe and which are not, etc.

These proposed policy changes will not only be reviewed by the Board of Education but by the community safety committee and the School Citizens Advisory Committee as well.

Young stated that he and other people in the subdivision have been trying for some time to contact Supervisor Hall on this subject.

IN ADDITION Hall commented on the city of Warren building program, stating that Warren has an unusually high percentage of industry and with the resultant good tax base, it has been able to develop on small lots.

Max Sheldon, Detroit realtor and agreed with Rose's belief that public housing will be the best solution to the problem.

BROWN SUGGESTED that the township might be able to solve the problem by zoning for public housing.

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Residential Zoning Changes Hearing May 25

The date for a public hearing on the proposed changes in residential zoning to be made in Farmington Township has now been set.

It will be held Wednesday, May 25, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall and will be open to all citizens and landholders in the township.

Maps showing the proposed changes are now available for public inspection at the township clerk's office and may be obtained for study at any time during regular office hours.

NOT ONLY are changes in zoning in several sections of the township called for but also a re-classification of all present residential zoning.

The public hearing before the Township Zoning Board on May 25 will be the last opportunity that property owners will have to voice their objections to the proposed zoning changes.

After reviewing the proposed changes proposed by the zoning board and the information brought out at the public hearing, the zoning board will make its recommendations for zoning changes to the Oakland County Coordinating Zoning Committee and the Township Board.

THE RESIDENTIAL zoning changes proposed will be reviewed by the zoning board for final action by the Township Board as soon as the county coordinating committee has completed its study and made recommendations.

Changes in industrial and commercial zoning in the township have already been approved by the Township Board. Several changes in commercial zoning were approved about a year ago.

It was indicated at Monday night's meeting that the Board would have been willing to do this but the holders of large parcels of land to be served by the 13 Mile Arterial when developed were apparently not.

They are objecting to the minimum 20,000 square foot lot sizes being called for in R-1 zones under the proposed new township residential zoning ordinance.

Separate hearing will be held but they will both be on the same date. The time for the hearing on the 13 Mile Arterial proposal has been set for 10 a.m. The hearing on the Eight Mile - Halsted Arterial will be at 2:30 p.m.

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3 School Board Seats To be Filled; Seven Member Bd. Required

Farmington School District electors will be asked to select three Board of Education members at the June 13 school election although the term of office of only one on the present five-member board expires this year.

State legislation was passed last year making it mandatory for 4th class districts such as Farmington presently is to seat seven-member boards in the future.

A new bill was introduced in the legislature this session, however, which would have made this permissive instead of mandatory.

Under this proposal a vote of the people would have been necessary to decide whether electors preferred the five or seven member board.

THE MATTER has been lingering for some time leaving Farmington and several other 4th class districts up in the air about just how many board members they would be required to seat. It was at this time, however, when House Bill 51 which would have made a seven-member board in 4th class districts permissive died in committee.

Some talk of placing a vote of the people this June a proposal to change the Farmington District to one of the 3rd class was ruled out at the regular board of Education meeting Monday night.

It was the feeling of both the administration and board members that there would be no big advantages for advancing to a 3rd class district.

In fact, they felt that there would be nothing at all to be gained and that the proposal might actually further complicate the election.

THE ONLY incumbent whose term of office expires this June is that of President Hayward Tupper. He has not yet indicated whether he will be seeking reelection or not.

This is a three year term. The term of office for the other two newly created seats on the board will both be for four years.

Petitions for candidates are now available at the school district service and administration building on Shilohs Road between Farmington and Power.

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Planned Zoning Knots Sewage Disposal Plan

The type of sewage disposal system which the new North Farmington High School will have appears to be getting tangled up with the proposed new residential zoning being called for in Farmington Township.

Original plans were to hook the school up with the Kendallwood subdivisions disposal system on a temporary basis until such time as the 13 Mile Sewer Arterial was extended from the Farmington Sewer line to the school site at 13 Mile and Farmington Road.

According to a report made by Trustee Douglas Hammill at the Board of Education meeting Monday night, however, the Oakland County DPW has indicated that it is doubtful that permission to do this will be given.

IT WAS THE DPW's recommendation that the school system join with owners of undeveloped land in the area to be served by the proposed 13 Mile Sewer Arterial in standing the cost of installing it.

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2 Sewer Arterial Hearings Set

Wednesday, May 11, has been set as the date for public hearings on the proposed plans to construct both the Kendallwood and Eight Mile-Halsted Arterials of the Farmington Interceptor Sewage Disposal System on a special assessment basis.

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Building In Township, City Continues High

After a comparatively slow building year in 1958 in both the city and township, activity was stepped up considerably in 1959, and first quarter figures for 1960 indicate that this year should be even better than 1959.

In the township, for example, a total of 131 building permits were issued in the first quarter of 1960 with a total construction value of \$2,541,410, more than double the total of \$1,059,740 for the first quarter of 1959 on 74 permits.

107 residential permits have been taken out so far this year valued at \$1,808,360 compared with 46 last year with a total of \$885,000. In both quarters 23 permits have been issued for additions to existing buildings.

However, the valuation of the 1960 permits stands at \$672,350 while the 1959 valuation was only \$142,100.

IN THE FIRST quarter of last year three commercial and 10 residential permits were issued at a value of \$67,200 and two garages at \$2,000. This year four commercial and industrial permits have been taken for \$807,700 - no garage permits have been issued. Despite the recent boom in swimming pool building, no permits were issued for this type of building in the first quarter of either year. It seems to take some warm weather to stimulate activity along these lines.

A total of 14 residential permits have been issued in the first quarter with a valuation of \$255,000 against eight last year valued at \$119,900. Home additions also showed a marked increase this quarter with 13 at \$15,300 compared to six at \$10,400 last year. A total of 23 of the first quarter figure for '59 was the result of three commercial permits valued at \$268,000.

Grand total for all building permits in the city in 1957 was \$2,682,798. In 1958 it dipped to \$1,449,490 and then soared to a record \$4,149,490 in 1959.

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May Clean-Up Set for Twp.

The first two weeks of May have been designated as "Clean-Up Time in the Township" by action of the township board at Tuesday's regular meeting.

It is hoped that all residents and business people living in the township will make an all out effort to beautify their homes and places of business during this two week period.

A beautiful community is not only easy on the eyes but also has a tremendous effect on property values.

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Seek Action on Drainage, Filth In Brookside

Andrew Young, representing a group from the Brookside Subdivision, appeared before the township board at Tuesday's regular meeting requesting action from the board on the drainage problem in his area as well as the filthy conditions existing there.

Young stated that he and other people in the subdivision have been trying for some time to contact Supervisor Hall on this subject.

He said that the drainage problem in his area is a serious one and that the filthy conditions existing there are a health hazard to the residents of the subdivision.

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