

Leland Clifford New Bd. of Ed. President

Following the regular Farmington Board of Education meeting Monday night an organizational meeting of the new seven member board was held.

All three newly elected members—Barbara Anne Brown, George A. Nahstoll, Jr. and Richard Peters—were present for the regular board meeting as well as the short re-organizational session.

Major item of business at the organizational meeting was the selection of officers.

Former Twp. Trustee Dies In Virginia

Thomas H. Tardy, former Farmington township official and a resident here from 1933 until his retirement in 1958, passed away suddenly last week at his home in Lexington, Virginia.

Funeral services were held in Lexington last Thursday. Tardy had a long and active interest in Farmington Township affairs. Tardy, first became active politically when he was elected as a township justice of the peace in 1933.

He served in this capacity for several years until being elected as a Township Board Trustee in April of 1953, a position he held until 1958.

Tardy also served as township justice of the peace, sanitation and zoning inspector during a portion of the time he was in office.

Scheduled to help organize the Ground Observation Corps, United Air Service, in Farmington, Tardy served as supervisor of that organization near the end of his term.

Having served in France in World War I, Tardy was an active member of Farmington Post 403 and had served as a post commander. He was a member of the Oakland County VFW Council and Quartermaster for District 5, Department of Michigan.

He was a 1914 graduate of V.M.I., Tardy came to Detroit shortly after the war and was employed with the Detroit United Railway as an electrical engineer. He remained with the D.U.R. until 1935.

Register Over 175 in Township

The names of several new residents have been added in the Farmington Township poll books during the past week, Township Clerk Floyd Cairns reported Tuesday.

A total of 175 new names were added during special registration periods in four different subdivisions. The names were registered in Kendallwood, 32 in Briar Hill, 14 in Westbrooke Manor and 15 in Meadowbrook.

The clerk plus a few more at the clerk's office have swollen the total number of registered voters in the township to date, to over the 13,000 mark, Cairns stated.

Having a substantial portion of the city's residents already registered, City Clerk Trena Quinn expects only a modest number of new registrations in recent weeks.

July 5 at 8 p.m. is the final time for persons not already signed up to vote in Farmington to get their names on the poll books to qualify as voters on August 2.

Erosion Problems Will Be Studied

Erosion problems along the roadway leading to the Farmington School District, service and administration building on Shiloh Road will be studied and suggestions given for possible solutions as a result of action taken by the Board of Education in its regular meeting Monday night.

The general feeling expressed was that some tiling work and the installation of additional drainage basins might be necessary.

The administration was instructed to retain Arthur Galbreath to make an engineering study.

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Four Personal Injury Mishaps Noted in Twp.

Four personal injury accidents occurred in the township during the past week, one involving a boy who darted in front of a car and another a boy riding a bike.

Evelyn Peterson, 2435 Lakeland, was driving down Lakeland Street when Mark Tite of 2475 Lakeland was hit while standing in the street. Mrs. Peterson told Township Police that the boy was standing in the street watching the approach of the car and then dived in front of it.

The boy was taken to Beaumont Hospital for observation. He suffered visible injuries.

In the accident involving the boy on the bike, Sylvia Olson of Livonia was traveling south on 21231 Middlebelt when 14 year old Dan Carr, also of Livonia, peddling his bike in the same direction, hit the right side of the car as it attempted to pass the boy.

The Carr boy suffered visible injuries and was taken to Beaumont Hospital.

Another accident involving two automobiles occurred at Grand River and Colgate when a car driven by Lawrence E. Goran passed out of control into the car of Robert Allen which was parked with no lights on in a no parking zone. Allen took his wife, Donna to Mt. Carmel Hospital.

The fourth accident happened on 13 Mile near Inkster Road when a car driven by Gordon Niles of Southfield and another driven by Joyce of 2353 Eastfield, Farmington collided. Both drivers suffered visible injuries and were taken to Beaumont Hospital.

Grant Easement For Sewer Line

A request for a 16 foot easement along Fourteen Mile Road from the front of the township school to permit the laying of a sanitary sewer line was given tentative approval by the Board of Education meeting Monday night.

The approval was qualified contingent on a review by the school attorney to assure that the Board has a legal right to grant easements to this kind.

Appearing before the Board seeking the easement rights was A. L. Becher, president of the Beverly Hills Realty Company. He informed the Board that his company is planning to construct a 300-home development to the west of the school over a six year period. The portion of land where the sanitary sewer line is proposed to be put in is slated to be a wide lot easement for a wider lot than in future years, he added.

Cemetery Assn. Asks To Buy School Land

A request by the North Farmington Cemetery Assn. to purchase a portion of the land of the Farmington Junior-Senior high school site at 13 Mile and Farmington Road was made in a letter to the Board of Education meeting Monday night.

He emphasized, however, that the group must be given the chance to buy whatever additional property the Board felt it needed.

George Klein, owner of the property, told the Board that a church was very much interested in obtaining land there and that the school district first chance at buying whatever additional property the Board felt it needed.

Final North Farmington High Plans Are Nearing Completion

Original plans were to have construction underway by the middle of July.

One of the problems faced at this school site is that of providing an adequate sanitary sewage disposal system. Soil conditions at the site are such that a septic tank would be a feasible only at the extreme north end of the property some distance from the building. School officials are reluctant to construct a septic tank in this area since it appears almost certain that all property owners in that area will be required to tie into the Farmington Interceptor Sewer System in the near future.

PLANS FIRST made were to join with several of the larger landowners in that area in putting the 13 Mile Road Sewer in. Strongly opposed to the large minimum lot sizes being called for in the new Farmington Township's proposed new residential zoning ordinance, some larger developers have now refused to sign a petition for construction of the sewer.

Some other developers are still interested in seeing work on the arm move ahead and it appears almost certain that the

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OFFICIALS of the Farmington Jay-Cees were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremonies last Saturday that officially dedicated the new tennis courts and picnic facilities in the City Park. The Jay-Cees park project has been a goal of the local organization since their development fund was set up in 1955. Al Kenner, second from left, the outgoing president, and president-elect Bob Hall, second from right, cut the ribbon. Looking on are (from left): Chuck Bridges, past president; Bob Brown, past president; Sam Graham, past president; and Jack Martin, chairman of the park project. (See pictures of courts in use on Page 8A.)

S. Farmington Township Board Vote Favors Fluoridation

Members of the Township Board voted Tuesday evening to submit a letter to the City of Detroit Water Department advising that Farmington Township favors water fluoridation.

At the last regular meeting of the Board two weeks ago, a letter from the Water Department was read recommending that members of the Board submit a statement on their feelings about the use of fluoride. Similar letters were sent to all Detroit water customers and prospective customers.

Trustee Mrs. Avery voiced opposition to the use of fluoridation, stating that there was some question in her mind concerning the possible ill effects of the process despite its acknowledged importance in the prevention of tooth decay.

TRUSTEE WILCOX stated that he felt he was unqualified to make a decision on the matter and that he doubted if any of the other Board members were thoroughly versed on the pros and cons of the fluoridation question. He felt that no opinion would be better than one that lacked sufficient research.

Superior Hall pointed out that the head of the Detroit Department of Water Supply personally opposed the use of fluorides but he added that the great majority of groups that had conducted studies in the area have strongly advocated fluoridation.

Among the advocates he mentioned the American Dental Association, The American Medical Association, all state health departments and the Federal Government.

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Zoning Round 2 Set for July 11

The recessed Township Zoning Board meeting of June 21 will re-convene at 8 p.m. Monday, July 11 at the Township Hall.

An overflow crowd jammed the Township Hall for the June 21 meeting which was marked by requests for approval of the proposed zoning ordinance and residents' non attendance and pleas for smaller lot requirements by builder and developer groups.

This meeting was adjourned at 11 p.m. by Zoning Board Chairman Edward Schmitt who announced at the time, that a date for continuation would be established.

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In addition to the cost of the sewer arm construction residents of their tax bills will see a sewer connection fee of \$250.

The Board, after discussion, passed a motion to delay action on the consideration until July 11. Information is received from Oakland County regarding the status of the sewer contract between Oakland County and the City of Detroit.

Furnace Stolen

A furnace valued at \$300 was stolen from an unoccupied home in Farmington Keres on Tuesday, according to city police. This is the second such loss reported by the Smoker Co., which is building homes in the area.

School District Gets Highest Finance Rating

The recent hiring of an expert in financing matters to the Farmington Board of Education was rewarded at its regular meeting Monday night.

The district has now been given the highest finance rating possible for a school district of Farmington class, Supt. G. V. Harrison said.

THIS NEW BAA rating should result in more competitive bidding on future bonds which the school district will be putting up for sale and could very likely result in lower interest rates on them, the superintendent of schools estimated.

Bond buyers are governed very strongly by these ratings, he pointed out. Several large bond buyers are either not permitted or will not consider bidding on bonds for sale by any districts other than those with the top rating.

Even a slight reduction in interest rates on a large sum of bonds to be paid back on over an extended period of time can result in substantial savings, he emphasized.

HE ESTIMATED that the savings to the school district, on future bond sales, as a result of obtaining this new top rating, could run anywhere from \$25,000 to over \$100,000.

Efforts to get the better rating have been going on for some time. About two years ago two members of the Board of Education and Supt. Harrison voted to have a special trip to New York to present detailed facts about the school district's financial healthfulness to the top rating organization for bond buying organizations. The delegation was unsuccessful in getting a better rating for the district at this time, however.

Grant Well on School Grounds

Permission to drill a water well on school property in Section 24, a temporary measure to supply water for Kimberly Subdivision No. II, if the need arises, was granted by the Farmington Board of Education Monday night.

The request was made by the Thompson-Brown development company in the event that Detroit water is not available in Kimberly II when additional water is needed.

The development company has already provided the wells of its own in the subdivision but state laws require subdivision wells of this kind to be a certain distance apart. If completion built up before Detroit water becomes available, wells in the subdivision proper could not supply all the water needed, it was indicated.

Under terms of the development company's proposal, the School District would be permitted to tap into the well on the school grounds.

Cville Seeks Site To Expand Edgewood

The Clarenceville School District has requested to purchase 4.55 acres of Botsford Inn property for the proposed expansion of the Edgewood School.

At the present time the owners of the property have expressed a willingness to sell only three acres to the School District.

Twp. Board Votes To Return Westlake Plat To Rose Building Co.

Following a lengthy discussion of the proposed Westlake subdivision plat, a motion was carried at Tuesday's meeting of the Township Board to return the plat to the Rose Company with the recommendation that lot sizes be made larger and that provisions be made for a school site.

Trustee Wilcox who made the motion, stated that the proper designation of a school site, not presently provided for in the plan, would change the entire plat and would necessitate a revision. The proposed homesites are in the Tuck-Shawnee area.

The plat had been approved by the Planning Board at its June 23 meeting with the condition that the Rose Company and Farmington Board of Education negotiate a satisfactory arrangement on a school site before a final go-ahead is given. IT WAS pointed out that a representative of the Rose Company at the meeting that at one time his firm had a verbal agreement on a sale of a school site with two members of the school board but that shortly thereafter other Board members found the terms of the agreement unsatisfactory and the proposal died.

WHEN THE Rose plat calling for 442 homes was submitted April there was some opposition on the provision that Tuck Road be 60' rather than 80' as desired by some members of the Planning Board. This matter was considered satisfactorily and the 60' plan has been approved.

The Rose Co. representative appealed to the Board for immediate consideration since the plat had been pending since April and he felt it was time some positive action was taken on the matter.

Trustee Brown then suggested that Township attorney Brennan give a resume of the power of a township governing body concerning the approval of plats.

BRENNAN stated that there were two 30 day periods involved in the handling of plats. The first period, he said, is concerned with the preliminary plat and the second with the final approval of the plat.

Now, said the Planning Board representative at the meeting, then stated that the Planning Board has been acting on the matter and that it was his feeling that such action as long as it is continuous and in good faith would fall within the normal township authority.

WIEST POINTED out that this Board has given much time and consideration to the Westlake plat and that a great deal had been accomplished with the only matter of unfinished business being the successful negotiation on a school site between the builder and the School Board.

Prior to the actual discussion on the proposed Westlake plat meeting, a letter was read by Township Clerk Floyd Cairns from the Farmington School Board advising members of the Township Board that the school site in that subdivision were in progress.

News copy normally due on Monday will have to be in our office no later than noon Saturday. We would sincerely appreciate getting any news copy we can today and tomorrow.

Advertising headlines will remain the same—Thursday noon for display advertising and Wednesday at 10 a.m. for classifieds. We would hope, however, that as many advertisers as possible will try to have their advertising copy ready by noon Saturday.

Court To Hear Clean-Up Case

Members of the Brookside subdivision who have been advocating a clean-up campaign in that area for three months have decided to go to court in order to force the township to take some steps in the clean-up campaign but a huge pile of wood still remains on Eldred near Middlebelt which the owners of the firewood and refuse to remove it according to Brookside residents.

Several attempts have been made to have the Claybaugh family take some steps in the clean-up campaign but a huge pile of wood still remains on Eldred near Middlebelt which the owners of the firewood and refuse to remove it according to Brookside residents.

Andrew Young, spokesman for the group claims the wood has been there for four years at least and apparently is not being used as fire wood.

No July 12 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Township Board scheduled for July 12 has been cancelled. There will be a Board of Health meeting, July 6.