

# Date Is Set for Sale Of City Water Bonds

The way has now been cleared for a go ahead on the conversion of the City of Farmington water system to a Detroit style water system and the making of some improvements in the system in connection with the conversion. The sale of a quarter million dollars worth of general obligation bonds to finance this project was authorized by the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission last week. Advertisements for bids have now been placed with the bid opening date set for Monday, August 15, at 10:30 p.m.

A sale of bonds in this amount to finance the water conversion project was overwhelmingly approved by city voters at a special election in mid-April of this year.

HOPE was expressed at that time that construction might be started the early part of this year. The project is now completed by Fall. Delay in getting approval on the bond sale makes this impossible now.

It is unlikely that construction will be begun before the latter part of August, a spokesman from Pate and Hurn, the city's consulting engineering firm, said.

The project will probably not be started before the first of September, he said.

## N. Group Set for Bob-Lo Trip

Ten Mile School, Kenbrook, Eagle and Wooddale schools will make the Annual Recreation Excursion to Bob-Lo Island on Friday, July 28. The buses will load at the above mentioned playgrounds between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. The group will take the 11 a.m. boat and return on the 4 p.m. boat. The children will be back at the playgrounds at 7 p.m.

One of the additional staff members to be added is one certified to teach art in the elementary field. In the past the art teachers at a junior and senior high level had certain released time to assist in lower grades, but this time had been too limited.

In the field of physical education, two staff members will be added to work in the elementary grades and additional emphasis will be given to the field of foreign language.

## Second Concert Tonight at FHS

The second Summer Evening Serenade will be presented this evening, Thursday, July 28, on the lawn in front of the Farmington Senior High School at 8 p.m. The program, consisting of light concert music as well as selections from Broadway musical productions, will be presented by the combined summer bands of the Farmington and South Redford school summer music departments.

This is the third season in which the two bands have joined to present a concert at both Thurston High School in Redford and the Farmington High School.

The conducting responsibilities of the concert will be shared by George Richards of Redford and R. Zimmerman from Farmington High School.

The summer string music department, taught by Harold Kral, will be represented by Miss Pat Norton, violin soloist. The concert is free and the public is invited to attend.

These are the top players in the South Farmington Little League, the boys selected to the All-Star team. Bottom row, left to right: Tom Huns, Tom Donoghue, Mike Wilson, Chip Terry, Bat Roy, Jim McGarvey and Bob Morgan. Back row, left to right, are: Manager

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## City Water Ban Imposed Due to Heavy Usage

Due to a rather sudden water shortage, the Council passed a motion at Monday night's regular meeting ordering alternate day use of outside water only. Consumers receiving water at odd numbered street numbers will be restricted to use outside the home during the period from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on odd days of the month.

Residents having even numbered street addresses will be allowed to use water on even days of the month during the same period.

THE PROCLAMATION was made under authority of the Water Emergency Ordinance of the City of Farmington.

An article in last week's Enterprise indicated that any ban on water use this summer seemed unlikely. City Manager Earl Scheffius said that the water pressure was holding up well despite increased use over last summer. A new 1,000,000 gallons is the average consumption of the city during the latter part of last summer making it possible to store a considerable amount of water during the low use hours.

This past weekend, however, proved a popular time for lawn sprinkling with nearly 8% million gallons of water consumed, according to Mayor Robert Lindbergh who attributed the sudden shortage to this extremely heavy use. Five to 6 million gallons is the average consumption over a summer weekend, he said.

Other city officials cited the dry spell during the past few weeks as the reason for the sudden rash of lawn sprinkling in the city.

## Absentee Ballot Deadline Sat.

Voters who will not be in the community on August 2 can still vote by absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots are now available at the clerk's office in both the city and the township and can be obtained either today or tomorrow, Thursday and Friday, during regular office hours.

The deadline for obtaining absentee ballots is 2 p.m. Saturday. Both Township Clerk Floyd Cairns and City Clerk Treva Quinn will be in their offices to issue absentee ballots Saturday morning and in the afternoon until the 2 p.m. deadline.

## Retirement Policy Proposal Tabled

Adoption of a retirement policy for personnel of the Farmington public school system, under discussion and consideration for some time now, was again tabled by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

There is still disagreement among Board members about some parts of the proposed compulsory retirement plan, it was indicated.

It was decided to delay further discussion until October 10 in order to give new members on the Board time to study the proposal in more detail.

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MRS. VIOLET DUNIFORN, 33324 Cloverdale, Farmington, was among the local people shopping at the Farmington Plaza last week who were given a brochure explaining the proposed \$4,000,000 County Building Program that will be voted upon in the August 2 primary. Lloyd L. Anderson, pictured with Mrs. Duniforn, and his staff are touring various points in the county with the mobile display.

## Will Check Legality Of Halsted Petition Recall

Members of the Township Board voted Tuesday night to have the Township attorney investigate all legal aspects of possible withdrawal of the petition requesting construction of the Eight Mile - Halsted sewer arm, as a result of strong protests by citizens in that area who claim the petition may be fraudulent.

At a special meeting of the Township Board June 13, a motion was passed to request the county delay action on the project pending a study to determine if irregularities existed in the petition. The petition has since been certified by the Burton Abstract Co.

Several residents from the Halsted area attended Tuesday's meeting of the Board and through spokesman Harry Teschke asked members of the Board to outline the results of the study.

According to Teschke, his group had been advised by a county attorney that the county was merely the agent carrying out a request from the Township Board on the sewer project and that any action to delay or stop progress on the proposed sewer construction would be authorized through the Farmington Township Board.

Supervisor Hall pointed out that two public hearings had been conducted on the proposed Halsted sewer arm in addition to the filing of the petition that showed a 51% majority of the landowners in favor of the proposed project.

One of the Halsted residents stated Tuesday that he felt it was unfair that large landowners should have a disproportionate vote on the amount of land owned. He said he felt each land owner should have an equal vote.

HALL ADVISED that the voting procedure was similar to that of shareholders in a corporation giving a person with 200 shares 200 votes and a ten share owner just ten votes. He added that he felt this was the only fair and equitable system.

Teschke stated that residents had been advised when the petition was circulated that the assessment would amount to \$180 per acre and that now they are told it will actually be \$297. He further stated that these residents were told if the final assessment exceeded 10% of the \$180 estimate, a new petition could be called for.

Another charge made known by the residents at the special meeting was that the development of the area had promised three land areas he would purchase.

After looking over plans submitted by Architect Peter Tarrapata Monday night, the Board expressed the feeling that more time should be allowed to review the plans. It was also their feeling that the building subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee should review plans and specifications and make recommendations prior to action by the Board.

The date for advertising for bids has thus been delayed. The bid opening has now been set for August 22 at 8 p.m. at the Board of Education meeting at that date.

This was the information given by Architect Peter Tarrapata in a progress report to the Farmington Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

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## Voice Strong Opposition To Urban Renewal Plan

Residents living in the fringe areas of the core downtown Farmington business district are deep-rooted in their homes and neighborhoods.

This fact was made very obvious Monday night when a throng of over 100 of these citizens turned out for the public hearing and general discussion on a proposed urban renewal project for the city affecting the areas in which they live.

The citizens in attendance were almost unanimous in their protest of any kind of a rehabilitation or redevelopment program which would result in them being forced to move from their present homes.

Opening the hearing, Mayor Robert Lindbergh explained that some type of urban renewal program the city had been under discussion ever since 1957. In April of this year, he commented, the planning commission had been authorized to get a proposed rehabilitation and redevelopment plan worked out. The following month the Council authorized a sum of up to \$250,000 for Geer Associates, the city's planning consultants, to proceed with some sort of plan which they felt might qualify for federal or state assistance.

He made a strong point of the fact that these were very preliminary plans and that even the councilmen had not reviewed or discussed them in any detail. The purpose of the hearing, he explained, was to give everyone concerned an opportunity to learn more about the proposed redevelopment plan and express themselves to it before any Council action was taken.

AN OUTLINE of the proposed urban renewal project by Jack Draker and R. Wolf, Geer Associates' representatives, followed.

During the course of his talk Draker said, "Farmington has some serious problems in the central portion of town and either has to do something with the downtown area or see it further deteriorate into a second-rate third rate business district," he emphasized.

Projects during the early stages of the federal urban renewal program were strictly for the purpose of clearing and rebuilding areas. Draker explained, Federal urban renewal assistance is now being given for projects to improve areas before they deteriorate, he emphasized.

THE CITY of Farmington plan calls for approximately 40 percent of the property in the central portion of town and to be acquired and cleared for redevelopment, Draker said. In the other 60 percent of the area general improvements and a conservation plan is called for. In the conservation area older homes and buildings would be taken down and unsightly areas cleared. Street drainage and other improvements would also be made, thus improving the value of properties and living conditions in these areas. Draker asserted.

If the project can qualify for federal renewal funds, the city would probably have to contribute little or nothing. Several redevelopment and improvement projects already undertaken or in the process could apply to recover the city's share. Draker asserted.

In a federal urban renewal project of this kind, Draker said, DESPITE the impressive picture of the proposed redevelopment plan, he has been receiving several phone calls from citizens who insist that the polling places indicated for the various election precincts are incorrect.

They are confusing the places they vote for elections of this kind with the precincts which have been set up for school elections by the Farmington Board of Education, he commented. Clerk Cairns emphasized the fact that school elections and general elections of this kind are handled entirely separately. No effort is made to have the polling places for school elections and those for township management elections coincide.

Notices sent out by the Board of Education indicating new voting precincts for several years in the past have been disregarded for the Primary Election next week and the General Election coming up in November, he stated.

Maps showing the area of each of the ten precincts in the township and accompanying lists of the polling places in each published recently are correct, he asserted.

Still being regulated is a plan which the Farmington School District would join with other districts in the area to set up a plan to stand the entire cost of constructing the 13 Mile Sewer Arm to the Farmington Interceptor. Under the plan the school district and other interested parties would pay additional amounts over and above their actual share in order to get the arm constructed new and then be paid back as other land owners tied in.

The Board has already authorized a go ahead on this plan if it can be worked out. Board members unanimously agreed that standing the cost of a private sanitary sewage disposal system was a heavy burden to be placed on it and home owners tied in with the system a few years later would be costly and unfair.

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