

Slate Showdown Negotiations on Sewer Hook-up

The outcome of negotiations scheduled to start Friday of this week should determine whether court action will be started to force a decision on hook-up of the Farmington and Evergreen interconnectors to the Detroit sewer system.

Top officials of the Oakland County department of public works, Detroit DPW heads and city administrative officials are scheduled to set down at the negotiating table again this Friday.

Re-routing of Ditch in City Is Criticized

The city engineer was criticized sharply at Monday night's City Council meeting by Councilman V. O. Bates for allowing a bulldozer to re-route a natural drainage ditch which had cut across a corner of the city.

Councilman Howard Thayer also voiced his displeasure. He said that the ditch was a natural course and that the city's northern boundary there. The owner of the land on the south side of Hawthorne street is now being asked to allow the water to continue along its natural course again.

Another ditch has now been dug along the northern city boundary line in a due east-west direction. A 50-foot wide ditch is being dug in the newly dug ditch on the south side of Hawthorne street and thence it is continued southward coming down as far as the intersection of the city boundary line in a due east-west direction.

The city engineer justified his actions in allowing the land owner to do this on the grounds that it would put previously undeveloped land to the tax rolls as developed property. He disagreed with the claim that this was a county drain and that the city had a right to change its route without county approval.

During discussion at which it was pointed out that the engineer had not done on the new ditch and that it was not going to take care of drainage as it should, Point was made of the fact that a water and gas line has now been exposed where the new ditch was dug.

The Council asked that an immediate check be made to determine whether or not this is actually a county drain. It was pointed out that the engineer had not done on the new ditch and that it was not going to take care of drainage as it should, Point was made of the fact that a water and gas line has now been exposed where the new ditch was dug.

Light Setup Review Asked

A request from Farmington Mayor's subdivision, for permission to discuss the street lighting arrangement, in the subdivision prior to the time lights are put in place, was made by the City Council at its meeting Monday night.

The request was made in a letter to the Council from John J. Miller, chairman of the subdivision association's street lighting committee.

It was explained during discussion that planning of lighting in subdivisions is usually left pretty much up to the Detroit Edison Company and that the electric company was already working on plans here. It was agreed, however, to notify the subdivision association officials when plans are submitted to the city and give them an opportunity to review them.

Indication was given that division from standard layout requiring additional maintenance or servicing expenses was usually not acceptable.

Publication of Bus Routes Set

Work on school bus routing for the Farmington Public Schools will be under way. Plans call for publication of the bus routes in The Enterprise on August 25 and September 1.

Routes of each bus, where children will be picked up and left off and the times of departure of buses on these routes will be printed in the information published. Complete information for the secondary schools (the senior high and two junior high schools) will be published in The Enterprise on August 25. The elementary school routes will be published in the September 1 issue.

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Bids Asked for Both Garbage, Trash Pickup

City of Farmington residents may soon be having both their rubbish and garbage picked up at the same time.

Presently, garbage pickups are being made by Gus McCready, a private contractor, with rubbish being picked up on another day by city department of public works crews.

McCready's present contract has now run out and it was the Council's decision Monday night to advertise for bids on the job he is presently doing. Since the city is growing and more demands are being placed on the DPW, the Council agreed that it might be better and even less costly in the future to have both rubbish and garbage pickups handled by a private contractor.

PRESENT at the Council meeting, McCready told the councilmen that he would be willing to bid for the work and agreed to continue making the garbage pickups until such time as bids can be taken and considered by the Council.

McCready told the Council that he had a bid contract which actually expired over a month and a half ago, he received no additional money for more new house stops as they were added. Approximately 600 new stops have been added in the past three years, he pointed out. McCready made it clear that he was not interested in the future, he would want a contract which contained provisions for additional compensation as more stops were added, if he was selected to do the work in the future.

The Council was in agreement with this plan. McCready was commended for the job that he has been doing in the city and his cooperation in making special pickups on request "allow the city trucks to dump on the grounds."

A stipulation for any contractor bidding for the combined rubbish-garbage pickup job was that he had to have dumping grounds within a five mile radius of the city and allow city trucks to dump there at no added charge.

The City of Farmington will be receiving a check for \$18,441.02. Wood Creek Farm Village will get \$2,047.14 and Quakertown \$1,116.23.

All state gasoline, weight and diesel fuel taxes and a small amount of miscellaneous fees are placed in the Motor Vehicle Fund. After deductions this money is distributed under a percentage formula. Forty-seven percent goes to the State Highway Dept. and the balance is split between the highways, 35 percent to counties for use on county roads and 18 percent to incorporated cities and villages for their roads and streets.

OK City Hall Closing Nov. 8

Trying to conduct regular business in the City Hall while people are shuffling in and out for the election, the city officials said this was the report to the City Council Monday night in conjunction with a request that city offices be closed on election day.

Councilmen were in agreement that it would be best to close the city offices on election day when the municipal building is being used as a polling place. Action taken by them, however, did not set a standing policy for such elections in the future.

The only action called for was the closing of the offices for the election day. The plan, apparently, is to take action each time such an election comes up in the future.

2,000 Youngsters Enjoyed This Summer's Recreation Program

The six week Recreation Program for Farmington area youngsters that ended August 6 showed a total enrollment of nearly 2,000 children, slightly more than last year.

Despite the higher enrollment of the 8 to 15 olds in the program, attendance on the playground attendance than last year, the number of youngsters who went on the swimming trips was down. The Township contributed \$2,100, the City \$750 and the School Board presented \$450 to the cooler weather this summer, said Warren Piche, director of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

Special trips to the zoo and to the ball games at Briggs Stadium are scheduled for the same number this year as last, according to Piche. The 10 mile School averaged about 45 to 50 children each week while Shawnee and Kenbrook also had good attendance. Wooddale drew fewer than any of the eight schools participating in the program.

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AS BILLOWS of black smoke filled the sky, hundreds of Farmington residents jammed the area of Farmington Road near Nine Mile last Friday afternoon where a truck carrying 500 gallons of propane gas was burning. The driver, Darel Thompson of Walled Lake, was driving north on Farmington Road when a passing motorist told him the truck was on fire. Moments after he leaped out the entire truck was ablaze, shooting flames skyward and setting fire to a telephone trunkline, knocking out service in a six block area for several hours.

Add Another Drainage Problem to City's List

Drainage problems in the southwest section of the city again occupied a substantial amount of time at the regular City Council meeting Monday night.

A new complaint was added to an already long list of drainage problem complaints that have been voiced by residents in that area at earlier Council meetings during the past three or four months.

In a letter to the Council, L. J. Maes, owner of the property at 34195 Schulte Drive, registered his objection and concern in regard to the exceptionally deep ditch dug along the east side of Gill Road from Schulte Drive to Alta Loma. The ditch is at least four feet deep in places and there are numerous cave-ins of the banks resulting, Maes stated in his letter.

MAES WAS of the opinion that the city should stand the cost of putting in a tile to make this an enclosed ditch or take necessary steps to force the subdivision developer to do the job.

It was suggested that grading down of the steep bank on the private property side of the ditch might be an improvement and should help reduce the alleged safety problem.

City Engineer Francis Papke told the Council that the ditch was required by the Oakland County Drain Commission and that it was on a county right-of-way. Open ditches are usually called for by the county along gravel roads such as Gill Road and there are no other alternatives.

MAES, Inc., developers in that area, have no authority to reduce the steep bank of the ditch without permission from the county since the ditch is on county right-of-way, it was emphasized.

The TOWNCLIN instructed the assistant city engineer to arrange for a meeting with Maes and the Oakland County Drain Commission to determine what can be done to reduce the problem here.

Drainage problems in back yards on State Street again made the city officials' list at a meeting Monday night. Robert E. Bryar of 33725 State and Russell K. Whyte of 33775 State both appearing at the Council meeting, urged the person to whom the drainage problem can be done to reduce the problem here.

Both Bryar and Whyte reiterated charges made earlier that the raising of Cass St. is causing flooding in their back yards and that the catch basin put in to carry off surface water is not doing the job.

Thieves broke into Franklin Drugs at 14 Mile and Middlebelt last week and made off with \$152 in cash, 21 cartons of cigarettes and three watches. The store had been burglarized by cutting a hole in the roof.

Entrance through the roof was patterned after similar break-ins and entries that occurred during the past year at Arnold Drugs, Brenner's Market and BelAir Drugs.

Bad Spots on City Roadways To Get Repairs

Action was taken by the Farmington City Council at its regular meeting Monday night calling for road repair work at five different locations.

Determined to be one of the worst sections of roadway in the city presently was that stretch of Shawnee from Orchard Lake Road westward to Lakeview. Councilmen and city officials were in agreement that new blacktop surfacing was not going to be the answer based on past experience.

IT WAS decided to take a temporary measure to at least improve the roadway for travel now with the intention of making provisions in next year's budget for the laying of concrete paving here. A sum of \$600 was authorized to have gravel brought in and an application of oil seal put on this work will be done by city crews.

New blacktop repair work, to be done by a private contractor, was authorized for a small stretch on Shawnee between Farmington Road and Power Road where concrete paving ends and blacktop begins. Also approved was new blacktop in a badly broken up section approximately 80 feet in length on Power Road between Shawnee and Ten Mile.

Repairs on Hawthorne St. north of Shawnee, under discussion for some time, were authorized although some doubt was expressed as to whether the work proposed would solve future blacktop break-ups on this roadway.

CALLED FOR is the cleaning out of present broken up areas and the re-surfacing of these areas with new blacktop. Objection was voiced by Thomas Barber, a resident on the street, over the fact that little had been done to improve the poor base on the street which has been claimed to be the major cause of blacktop street break-up. The cement stabilization work suppose to have been done consisted of nothing more than sprinkling the contents of four or five bags of cement.

CONSTANT reference was made by city officials to the engineering study made at city expense in this area and the engineering firm's report that the area had no authority to reduce the steep bank of the ditch without permission from the county since the ditch is on county right-of-way, it was emphasized.

After a rather heated exchange of words, Bryar and Whyte stormed out of the Council meeting place.

During discussion, no mention was made of the engineering survey that had been called for two weeks earlier by the Council to determine what might be done to correct drainage problems in the entire area bounded by Grand River, Liberty St., Alta Loma and Gill Road.

Attending Township Association Meeting

Attending a meeting of directors of the Michigan Township Association at Crystal Falls in the Upper Peninsula today, Thursday, is Township Clerk Floyd Cairns.

He is the delegate for the 18th District which included Farmington Township.

One of the topics under discussion will be the congressional district meetings to be held this fall. Another will be the proposed merger of the Michigan Association of Supervisors with the Michigan Institute of Local Government.

Cancel Aug. 23 Twp. Bd. Meet

The regularly scheduled Tuesday, August 23, meeting of the Farmington Township Board will not be held, Township Supervisor Curt Hall announced Monday.

Three members of the Board and possibly a fourth will not be able to attend a meeting on that night, he explained. The meeting of vital importance requiring early action, by the Township Board appears to be coming up, Hall asserted.

As plans stand now another meeting will not be held until the second Tuesday in September, on the 13th. If anything vital should come up prior to this date, a special meeting can be called, the supervisor quickly added.

Get Good Interest Rate on \$250,000 City Water Bonds

The sale of a quarter million dollars worth of general obligation water bonds was authorized by the Farmington City Council Monday night, clearing the way for a start on the conversion of the city's water system to a Detroit supply.

The action came following the opening of bids submitted by six different bond buying houses. All of the bonds will be sold to Watling, Lerchen & Co. and McDonald, Moore and Co., the bond buying firms submitting the lowest bid jointly. The low bid carries a total interest rate on the bonds of \$88,866.19 with the average interest rate of 3.8044%.

A REVIEW of the Watling Lerchen & McDonald, Moore and Co. bid was made by a representative of the firm, submitting the second lowest bid, Braun Bosworth and Co., and claimed to be in very good order. The representative told councilmen that this was a very good bid on an issue of this kind and insisted to the first reputation which the Watling Lerchen Co. has as bond buyers.

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Jaye to Head Rep. Campaign

Floyd R. Jaye, 28750 Lorikay in Westbrook Manor, has been appointed Farmington Township Republican Campaign Director succeeding J. T. Brennan. Brennan will assume similar duties in the state legislative campaign.

Jaye is also a member of the Township Zoning Board, Chairman of the Westbrook Manor Civic Affairs Committee, President of the Westbrook PTA and chairman of the personnel sub-committee of the Farmington Citizens Advisory Committee to the School Board.

He and his wife Jean have four sons, Stephen, 9, Christopher, 7, John, 5 and Thomas, 4 months. He holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Minnesota and is a former professional football player with the Detroit Lions. Jaye is employed as an industrial relations representative at the Wixom plant of Ford Motor Co.

The store, located in the new high school building, will be open August 29 through September 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m. It will be open again from September 6 through September 8 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for the return of used books. No books will be sold on this date, however.

Grant Request For St. Dance

The use of a Farmington Meadows subdivision street for a proposed subdivision association street dance on Saturday, September 10, was approved by the Farmington City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

The request made by Marie Miller, chairman of the subdivision association's special activities committee, was for the dance to be held on the street between Birchwood St. and the intersection of the street and the subdivision street. The dance is to be held on Saturday, September 10, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday. Only two families presently live on this street, she stated. The dance will be open to all and they have indicated no objection to having the dance there.

Council approval was given with the stipulation that arrangements be worked out with the public safety department for blocking off the street and seeing that proper lighting is provided for.

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