

## Contracts for Construction Of City Building Awarded

Action was taken by the City Council Monday night approving the awarding of contracts for construction of the new municipal building that will put all city offices and departments under one roof with the exception of the public works and water departments.

Official approval on the accepted contracts from the Federal government which is underwriting \$250,000 of the cost for construction of this new building is all that is needed to permit construction to get underway. The contracts were awarded to the low bidder firms for all phases of the work and City Manager John Dinan expressed confidence that their work would be completed with no delays in getting this approval.

The total of the bids for all phases of construction, including architects fees, was \$128,107 which is only \$2,107 higher than the original construction cost estimate made when application for a Federal grant was filed.

THE GENERAL construction contract was awarded to Gordon B. Hall & Sons, a local construction firm which has several new commercial and public buildings here in recent years. This is the same

firm which constructed the new city public works and water department building on Nine Mile Road last year.

The Hall & Sons base bid for general construction of \$90,400 was the low bid among a field of nine firms. The second lowest bid ran \$1,100 above this and the high bid was over \$136,000.

Included in the general construction work is demolition of the old public safety and municipal court building at the site

## County Airport Hassle Has City Council Split

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors' expenditure of over \$550,000 in tax money for the purchase of land for a proposed airport in the county, known as Allen Airport, came in for another round of heated debate among members of the Farmington City Council at

on Liberty St. where the new city building will go up. This demolition should be started by March 1, Manager Dinan said.

LOW BIDDING firm for the electrical work among the competing was Manuel Weisman with a bid of \$10,616. The second lowest bid ran almost \$100 higher.

The plumbing contract was awarded to W. A. Danbois Plumbing at a bid price of

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## Heart Attack Proves Fatal To Fred Curcio

Fred F. Curcio, a prominent Farmington businessman, was stricken with a heart attack and died Monday, February 18, while at his office on Grand River Avenue.

Curcio, who was 57, was in good health and gave no indication of illness prior to the sudden attack.

He has owned and operated the Fred F. Curcio Oil Company at 3233 Grand River in Farmington for a number of years and previously was the Gulf Oil distributor in the Farmington area. His company has the franchise in this area of the Leonard Oil Refinery.

A 21 YEAR RESIDENT of Farmington, Curcio resided at 3122 Shaw Street with his wife, Marie, three sons, Vincent, Lawrence and Stephen, and a daughter, Rose Mary. Two married sons, Eugene of Livonia, and Charles of Redford, also survive him.

Surviving in addition to his wife and five children are three sisters, Mrs. Helen Falconello of Utica, Mrs. Lena Palumbo of Farmington, and Mrs. M. J. See FRED CURCIO  
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their regular meeting Monday night.

Prompting the renewal of the debate was a request from the Pontiac City Commission asking local support on a resolution adopted by them opposing any further expenditure of public funds to plan, expand or develop Allen Airport as a general aviation airport. Original plans called for a jet airport to be developed at this location but these plans were rejected by the Federal agency from which financial assistance to do so was sought.

IN A WRITTEN report to the Council, City Manager John Dinan stated that he had discussed this matter with Dales Hamlin, chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the City of Farmington's representative on the Board. Hamlin feels that the Pontiac City Commission is taking this stand in an effort to get favor swung over to them in their attempt to get the county to take over and operate the Pontiac municipal airport, Dinan stated.

The city manager's recommendation was that the Council take no action on the City of Pontiac request so as not to get involved in the fight between Pontiac and the County Board. Councilman Henry Forrest, outspokenly opposed to the county's expenditure of public funds for the Allen Airport, proposed AIRPORT HASSLE  
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## Access Route Report Coming

City Manager John Dinan reported to Council members Monday night that he was still negotiating with owners of property on either side of the access route east of Van's Furniture relative to their attitude on standing half the cost to keep this access route open to the public.

He indicated that he would probably be able to give them a full report at the next regular Council session.

When indications were given that necessary action might not be taken by the City to keep this public route to the large parking lot to the south open a storm of protests from local business and other interested parties was heard by city officials.

## City, Township Report Most Tax Bills Paid

The deadline for paying real property taxes locally in the City and Township of Farmington is Thursday, February 28, just one week from today.

City Treasurer Kathryn Colter and Township Treasurer Elise Avery both indicated the first part of this week that they were well pleased with the way winter tax payments had come in this year.

The Township treasurer's office report, as of the beginning of this week, showed that a total of \$2,510,377 had been collected in school, county and township taxes against a total billing of \$2,835,029. This represents a collection of almost 89 percent. In the remaining days before Feb. 28 enough more should come in to go well over the 90 percent collection mark, it is felt.

THE CITY'S collection record as of the first of this week was even better than the Township's. As of closing time a total collection of \$789,294 against a total billing of \$821,424. This figures out to a better than 95 percent collection.

Beginning March 1 it will be necessary for anyone who has not yet paid their taxes to go directly to the office of the treasurer in the county building in Pontiac. As of closing time on Thursday, Feb. 28, all bills not paid to either the City or Township treasurer will be considered as delinquent and forwarded to the county office.

In addition to the 4 percent additional charge made locally on tax bills not paid by January 15 another penalty charge will be levied. This added charge will be 1/2 of one percent for each month the bill is outstanding from March 1 on.

## Regulations on Trucks Decided

Revisions in the City of Farmington truck ordinance prohibiting some types of trucks in residential areas and placing regulations on other smaller trucks and commercial vehicles in parking there were finally agreed upon by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

As in the past all trucks of over 1 1/2 ton capacity will be forbidden altogether. Those over one ton and up to 1 1/2 ton capacity will be allowed but only if they are kept in a garage.

Trucks of one ton capacity and less, as well as all other commercial vehicles in this category will now be allowed to be parked in residential neighborhoods but only if kept to the rear of the front house line.

Any trucks or other commercial vehicles with dual wheels will also be prohibited from being parked outside in residential sections even though they may have a capacity of one ton or less.

Action adopting the proposed revisions to become effective as law immediately following official publication was taken by the Council.

## Township Primary Voting Ran Better Than Expected



BUSINESS AS USUAL was the order of the day at the old Town Hall which will temporarily house the Public Safety Department and the offices of the Municipal Court until the new Municipal Building planned on the site of the

old Liberty Street Station is completed. Sgt. Bill Garden of the Farmington City Police is shown above carrying on the normal routine of the department as the officers were relocated last Sat. Phone numbers remain the same.

## City Gets Flood Plain Report from US Engrs.

A detailed flood plain information report on the Upper River Rouge flowing through the City of Farmington prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from the Detroit District has now been turned over to the City.

Based on detailed studies and investigations made over the past several months in this area, the report contains a main section giving a number of general overall findings and a technical appendix which has more detailed engineering data.

A number of pictures, graphs and maps as well as written information is included. Prior to the regular City Council meeting Monday night, a number of representatives from the Corps of Engineers as well as representatives from the Michigan Water Resources Commission met with city officials to discuss the report and answer questions.

SEVERAL copies of this report have been left with the City and will be made available without charge to property owners and other interested persons residing in the Upper River Valley of the Farmington area.

This is the first such comprehensive flood study to make in this area and one of the first to be started in the entire country. The study and report was prepared under the authority of the 1960 Flood Control Act which authorized the Corps of Engineers to compile and publish information on floods and flood hazards in river valleys at the request of local government.

## Twp. Relocates License Bureau

Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yalock announced this week that the Drivers License Bureau will be moved into the new police quarters at the Township Hall, 3155 11 Mile Road, effective on Monday, February 25.

Residents of the Township will be able to apply for licenses between the hours of 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday of each week beginning on the 25th. The Drivers License Bureau was formerly located in the old Wheeler Street Station.

## Hearing on Re-Zoning At Plaza Scheduled

The official public hearing before the City Council on the proposed re-zoning of parking area to the north of the Farmington Plaza to permit construction of a Frank's Nursery Store there has been set for Monday, March 4, at 8 p.m., the date of the next regular Council meeting.

It is expected to be only a formality in view of the fact that no objections to the re-zoning were voiced at an initial hearing before the City Planning Commission last week. The planners voted unanimously in favor of recommending the City Council that the re-zoning be approved.

## Plan Push for Voter Sign-Ups

The South Farmington Township Civic Association announced plans this week for an all out push to get as many non-registered voters as possible in the southern portion of the Township signed up.

The next scheduled meeting of the club on Thursday, Feb. 28, will be set aside as registration and voter information night. Township Clerk Floyd Cairns will be at the fire station on Wheeler Street to register anyone not now having their names on the Township poll books.

At the opening of the meeting at 8 p.m. there will be a report from the nominating committee on candidates for officers of the association for the coming year. Immediately following this business all those not registered will be signed up. Clerk Cairns will also give instructions on the use of a voting machine.

Guest speaker for the special program planned for Feb. 28 will be Farmington's own Judge Allen Hegel. He will speak on the importance of voting regularly and on citizens responsibilities with regard to voting.

## Political Posters in City Not Permitted

There is an ordinance in the City of Farmington which forbids the erection of political signs and posters on trees or telephone poles in the city and the Council has asked that this ordinance be enforced in the future.

It was pointed out that several candidates for nomination in the Township Primary Election had signs up at various locations in the City.

## Vote Tabulation By Precincts

	REPUBLICANS											
SUPERVISOR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
Curtis H. Hall	147	85	119	171	95	283	216	118	131	176	111	1662
Raymond Cranston	64	57	44	82	47	115	115	53	70	159	59	865
CLERK												
Floyd A. Cairns	160	104	138	207	113	334	282	133	160	264	145	2040
TREASURER												
Elise P. Avery	163	104	125	203	102	304	247	128	149	246	133	1904
TRUSTEES												
Arthur S. Bassette	103	62	89	148	74	228	203	97	138	174	98	1424
William P. Fisher	103	63	61	91	81	138	125	86	85	142	57	1052
A. George Rogers	95	48	41	66	41	89	80	29	41	90	87	877
Byron D. Walter	65	34	71	121	88	264	132	67	84	132	76	1064
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE												
Paul E. Fregolle	26	11	19	63	27	133	80	31	21	68	38	517
Robert H. Nelson	11	70	73	116	68	126	140	59	90	188	60	1081
Edwin R. Oglesby	105	49	68	75	44	149	109	80	91	68	72	910
CONSTABLES												
Ralph Evert	129	63	88	134	83	241	205	77	112	175	102	1409
Alvin Gula	62	38	52	94	38	108	101	30	53	100	59	733
Billy Hicks	99	64	77	120	56	173	141	61	84	151	62	1078
Helen Forrester	59	43	36	45	38	118	119	39	32	53	63	622
Hugh Owen	92	53	85	127	80	209	147	69	104	165	100	1231
William L. Scott	86	50	82	128	65	208	141	71	95	141	93	1160
PARK COMMISSIONERS												
Robert Baxter	124	59	96	122	76	237	204	78	101	210	88	1395
Edward Curme	42	39	38	134	42	96	78	33	53	87	74	716
Frank R. Reynolds	106	55	93	114	69	210	149	80	115	137	91	1219
BD. OF REVIEW												
James M. Skillman	128	71	124	196	87	303	237		132	220	133	1752
* indicates winner.												
DEMOCRATS												
SUPERVISOR												
Harold E. Spiece	19	16	19	9	38	34	14	17	16	16	8	206
TREASURER												
Marie T. Mutschall	15	18	16	8	33	31	12	15	16	14	7	185
TRUSTEES												
Martin E. Gluckstein	13	16	14	7	27	30	10	14	11	13	6	161
Harry Zuchlinski	8	13	13	8	31	27	12	15	14	14	8	168
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE												
Gerald A. Freedman	16	17	16	8	38	31	12	14	13	13	9	189
BOARD OF REVIEW												
The Rev. James B. Guinan	13	18	17	8	37	31	12	12	15	15	8	186
TOTAL VOTE CAST	238	165	186	270	190	456	361	196	223	337	183	2825

## Still Need Data On Many Clubs For Directory

The Farmington Citizens Advisory Council is appealing to officers and members of organizations operating wholly or partly within either the City or Township of Farmington or the Farmington Township School District for assistance in identifying these organizations for inclusion in the first annual Farmington Area Directory now being compiled.

Edw. Smith, chairman of the public relations committee of the council, points out that it is up to individual members or officers to advise the Council of the existence of the club so that members of the committee can obtain the necessary information to make the directory complete.

OUR BASIC problem at this time is finding out how many organizations there are in the special areas, their names, meeting places, etc. We need to hear from individuals connected with many of these groups even if they are not members of the council.

Smith stated, An appeal made several weeks ago brought a few replies to the Council, but it is the feeling of the Council that this represents only a very small percentage of the organizations which rightfully belong in the Directory.

THE DIRECTORY, which will be distributed without charge to every home within Farmington, is now being compiled.

## Twp. Re-Zoning Hearing Feb. 28

A public hearing will be held before the Township Zoning Board next Thursday, Feb. 28, on the proposed rezoning from residential to commercial of an approximately eight acre parcel of land in the southeast section of the Township—just east of the City of Farmington limits.

The parcel is a portion of the 46 acres of land in a triangle bounded by Nine Mile, Truck and Shawwassee Roads.

A shopping center is being proposed at this location by the owners of the parcel.

The hearing will be held at the new Township Hall Building on 11 Mile Road just west of Orchard Lake Road and will start at 8 p.m.

## Auto Crash Kills Township Resident

A Farmington Township man was killed Saturday, February 16, in a two-car crash in Bloomfield Township at Telegraph and West Maple Highway.

James L. Crowell, 41, of 29725 Farmington Road died at 8:45 a.m. at the Bloomfield Hospital just two hours after he was thrown from his car in a collision with another car



AUTO LICENSE TAB sales at the local Secretary of State's branch office, the Grace Insurance building at 33304 Grand River in Downtown Farmington, are beginning to pick up, but there are still an estimated 10,000 vehicles weighing over 1,000 pounds and commercial vehicles that if they have not had their vehicles weighed since Sept. 1962, they must be reweighed before plates will be issued.

When plates were issued, there were no long lines the last few days before deadline but it looks like this year could be one similar to 1961 when the license plates were being weighed over 1,000 pounds and commercial vehicles that if they have not had their vehicles weighed since Sept. 1962, they must be reweighed before plates will be issued.