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Voice Strong Opposition to Flood Plain Apts.

Strong opposition to apartments in the flood plain area on the north side of Grand River Ave. west of Lakeview St. to the Rouge River branch was expressed by a second time Monday night at the official public hearing held before the City Council on the request to zone this property.

The opposing views expressed by homeowners on Valleyview and Valleyview Circle to the north and northwest were pretty much the same as those they registered at an initial public hearing before the Planning Commission on Oct. 11. A petition signed by 63 homeowners was filed at that time objecting to the rezoning of this property from commercial on Grand River and single family residential to the rear on this 3.1 acre parcel of property.

DESPITE this strong citizen opposition, the planners voted 12-1 in favor of recommending the rezoning to the Council. The seventh Planning Commission member, absent when the vote was taken, also indicated that he opposed the requested rezoning to permit apartments in the flood plain.

At the opening of the almost hour and a half hearing City Manager John Dinan received details of three opinions that had been requested by the planners to help them in mak-

Striping on Grand River Called Mess

The road marking work that has been done by the state highway department on Grand River Avenue between Warner St. and Nine Mile road in the city came in for some sharp criticism at the regular City Council meeting Monday night.

Councilman Ralph Yoder stated that he was very much confused by the work done to date and that he thought they had made a real mess of things. A number of citizens are complaining about the confusion that the marking done has caused and traffic bottlenecks are being created, he stated.

OTHER councilmen agreed with Yoder and even Public Safety Director Maurice Foltz felt that the job was done correctly and that it was resulting in some serious traffic hazards and problems for his department.

Chief Foltz stated that he was attempting to get to the proper state highway department officials to get the problem situations corrected quickly, but was finding this harder than usual to do.

THE ORIGINAL plan was to remove all parking on Grand River along this stretch of Grand River on both sides and make the center lane the entire

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Set Plans on Tax Break for Sr. Citizens

The City of Farmington as a city department announced Tuesday that it will begin taking applications December 1 from senior citizens who will be able to qualify for local tax payment relief under the new Michigan Senior Citizens Homestead Act.

To qualify a senior citizen must either own or be buying his home and living in it as well as being 65 years of age or older as of Dec. 31 and having a total annual income of under \$5,000, it was pointed out.

OTHER stipulations are that you must live in the home you are paying the taxes on at least six months out of the year and you must have been a resident in the state of Michigan for at least seven consecutive years immediately preceding the date of filing.

Those who qualify are asked to report to the city assessor's office starting on Dec. 1 to obtain more details at which time notification will be given on the documents needed to qualify and when to file at this time, the city assessor said.

Using the state act reductions in taxes on up to \$2,500 of state equalized valuation are provided for qualifying senior citizens.

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Suggestions from citizens on types of programs to offer are being welcomed by the director, Mr. Bageris.

City citizens are urged to show their support of this city program by attending future sessions.

To Pick Up Trash

Thanksgiving Day

Rubbish and trash pickups in that area of the City of Farmington normally served on Thursdays of each week will have pickups in their area made next Thursday, Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving Day), city officials advised this week.

Since it is a national holiday, however, homeowners and business places are urged to place their containers out Wednesday morning so that pickups can be made during the very early hours by the collection crews.

3 School Proposals Pass; Less Than 15 Percent Vote

Voters in the Farmington Public School District indicated Monday that they are satisfied with the administration of their school system by approving all three proposals on the special election ballot.

The three proposals were approved by a margin of almost four precincts. The \$6,100,000 bond issue proposal carried a better than four to one vote; the operating millage renewal proposal was voted in by almost five to one; and the operating millage increase proposal

won the support of more than three to one.

While members of the School Board and administrative staff were elated with the outcome of the election, they expressed disappointment over the fact that there was so little interest expressed at the polls by the citizens of the community.

Although the total voter registration in the district now stands at 18,651, only 2,792 voters turned out at the polls. This is just under 15 percent, which is better than 8 percent less

than the voter turnout in the last special election of 1963.

In 1963 there were 16,965 registered voters, of which 3,994 voted, for a percentage of 23%.

Following is a breakdown of the voting by precincts on each of the proposals.

BOND ISSUE PROPOSAL
Precinct 1 YES NO
Precinct 2 587 184
Precinct 3 738 177
Precinct 4 419 75
Precinct 5 485 123
Totals 2229 559

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Precinct 1 YES NO
Precinct 2 621 146
Precinct 3 749 145
Precinct 4 421 71
Precinct 5 506 106
Totals 2317 468

MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSAL

Precinct 1 YES NO
Precinct 2 573 196
Precinct 3 715 189
Precinct 4 400 53
Precinct 5 489 121
Totals 2177 609

NUMBER VOTING

Precinct 1 Registered Voted
Precinct 2 5335 771
Precinct 3 5054 915
Precinct 4 2024 484
Precinct 5 5238 612
Totals 18651 2792

The \$6,100,000 bond issue will provide funds for an elementary school, two elementary additions, a fifth junior high school, an addition to Farmington High School, a third senior high school and additional school sites.

The two millage proposals will make it possible for the school district to meet the rising costs of operation and maintain teacher salary levels at a rate comparable to neighboring districts.

Proposal II extends a three mill tax for operation that was voted in November of 1961. Proposal II asked voter permission to reduce by four mills the amount being levied for debt retirement, while increasing by

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C'Ville Bd. Accepts Schmidt Resignation

The resignation of Louis Schmidt, Superintendent of Clarenceville Schools, presented to the members of the Board of Education October 16, was accepted on the November 11 meeting. The following resolution was adopted by the Board:

"Whereas, the superintendent has served this district ably for

the last eighteen years; and

Whereas, the entire community is deeply indebted to the superintendent for the loyalty he has shown and the hard work he has done; and

Whereas, the Board of Education regrets losing Mr. L. E. Schmidt;

It is hereby resolved to regretfully accept the superintendent's resignation effective September 1, 1966, and to gratefully thank him for his many years of devoted service."

The Enterprise has been informed that, as of this date, Mr. Schmidt has not made any commitment for a position after the date of his resignation.

However, information has been received that he has been offered a position in a private college, one in the field of administration in another metropolitan school district, and one in sales.

In talking with Mr. Schmidt, he admits that at this time he has not come to any definite decision as to just what he will endeavor to do after September 1, 1966.

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THE FARMINGTON GOODFELLOWS are busy planning their annual Christmas charity program which provides for needy families in the community. Pictured above are (L to R) Goodfellow General Chairman Dr. John Richardson, Elks Lodge Toys for Tots Chairman Bill Everhart, Goodfellow Investigations Committee Chairman Mac Goldman, Goodfellow Packaging and Delivery Chairman Lou McCreedy and Goodfellow News-

paper Sale Chairman Bob Hall. Funds for the campaign will be raised by the sale of the Annual Goodfellow Edition of The Farmington Enterprise when the old newsboys take to the street corners throughout the community on Friday, December 10. Participants wishing to donate toys for the Goodfellows can drop them off at the Farmington Elks Lodge, 33300 Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington.

Toys for Tots Drive Gets Good Support

Three Farmington organizations joined together this week in the "Toys for Tots" campaign which is part of the annual Goodfellows charity effort to collect toys for needy children.

The Farmington business and professional men's Exchange Club, Farmington Elks Lodge, B.P.O.E. No. 1986, and the

American Legion, Groves-Walker Post 346 of Farmington, will sponsor a "Teen Dance" on Friday night, December 3, at the Legion Hall from 8:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. with admission to be one new toy of at least \$1 in value.

The Teen Dance will feature the popular "Calientes" band of Farmington and is expected to draw a capacity crowd of young adults. In charge of the dance will be legitimate Norm Goers, PC, and Bill Evert, PER, of the Farmington Elks.

Goodfellows

Phone Number

The Goodfellows urge persons knowing of needy families in the Farmington area to call 474-9900 and provide them with the names and addresses of those families.

Goodfellows Investigation Committee Chairman Mac Goldman emphasized on Monday that it is important to have the names of needy families as soon as possible in order to allow for a thorough check on the needs and requirements of the families.

Investigators will be checking out information on the number of children, ages, shoe sizes and other data in the coming weeks so that Goodfellow assistance can be shaped to provide the needy families with items that are useable.

Call 474-9900 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you know of a needy Farmington area family.

Gill Principal Resigns Post

The Farmington Board of Education accepted the resignation of Paul T. Rankin, principal of Gill Elementary School, at a special meeting on November 15.

Rankin, who has been principal of the school since last August, had submitted the resignation for health reasons, the result of a recurring health problem. Until his successor is named, day to day administrative responsibilities at the school are being handled by Minnie Ziekle, director of elementary education.

Improved Ice Rink in City Planned

Improvements for the city's ice skating rink at the corner of Farmington Road and Shawanawee are called for this year but there are no plans to develop rinks at any other locations.

Acting on the recommendations of City Manager John Dinan, the Council at its regular meeting Monday night authorized necessary funds to put up additional lighting and provide for benches at the one main rink as well as asking the manager's suggestion to hire a private contractor to keep the rink open.

ALSO called for in the improvement program is the installation of snow fencing to protect the ice rink area from being ran into by sleds coming down the hill to the northeast and some type of fencing to separate the hockey playing area from the pleasure skating area.

The city manager explained that the development of rinks in the "magic square" area at either the Flanders or Cloverdale School sites would not be practical. There are no bylaws close enough to keep them properly flooded and maintained, he said. Also pointed out was the fact that neither of these "magic square" locations are lighted.

NFH To Get Outside Lites

The Farmington Board of Education, at a special meeting on November 15, approved the installation of additional outdoor lighting at North Farmington High School.

There will be ten light poles altogether, five with ornamental metal poles and underground wiring, and five with semi-ornamental metal poles and overhead wiring.

The Edison Company report on the project indicates that all wires may have to be installed overhead until spring when ground conditions will make it possible to excavate.

Human Rights Commission For City-Twp. Proposed

The Farmington Human Relations Council is now calling for the formation by the governmental agencies of Farmington and Township of a bilateral City-Town-

ship Human Rights Commission.

A meeting has been set for Thursday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 p.m. at the Farmington High School to which members of the City Council, Township Board and the Farmington and Clarenceville Boards of Education are being invited.

Presented with the proposal are an invitation to attend this meeting at their regular meeting Monday night, members of the City Council voiced their acceptance.

ROBERT M. LEIDLEN, chairman of the local Human Relations Council, outlined in a letter read at the Council meeting the plans for membership in the proposed new local Human Rights Commission as well as giving other details.

"The Farmington Human Relations Council believes that it is an appropriate time for Farmington and Township to join together in the formation of a Human Rights Commission."

Extend Comm. Survey Form

The official deadline for filing Community Attitude Survey forms with the Farmington Jaycees, sponsoring organization, was the first of this week.

JC officials announced this week, however, that they were extending the filing deadline a little longer to allow all those who have not yet filed their opinion form get one filled out immediately and sent in for tabulating.

Both Farmington City and Township officials are being encouraged to participate in the survey and help the JC's and other local organizations and the local governing bodies determine what, if wanted most by the local citizenry in the way of community betterment projects.

Survey forms are available at The Farmington Enterprise office or may be obtained from any Junior Chamber of Commerce member.

The address where to send these special survey forms is given on the form itself.

City Okays Funds to Pave 9 Mile Road

The City Council took action Monday night authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with the county for the concrete paving of Nine Mile Road from Farmington Road eastward to the I-96 ramp a distance of some 1,000 feet.

The total cost was estimated at approximately \$24,000 with the county to enter into an agreement with the city to pay the cost and the city the other half for the improvement which will include drainage improvements as well as the laying of a hard surfaced roadway.

The city-at-large will stand half its approximately \$12,000 cost with the remaining \$6,000 in cost to be borne by the benefiting property owners along the roadway on a special assessment basis.

According to a report from the city manager, the county will handle all the engineering and design work and go out for bids on the project.

City Gives \$750 to B.C. for Decorating

The City Council at its regular meeting Monday night approved a contribution of \$750 to the Farmington Board of Commerce for its Christmas Decoration Fund and the acquisition of brackets and poles upon which to hang decorations or banners not only for Christmas but at other times of the year as well.

This is the same amount that the city contributed last year.

Some concern was expressed over the fact that Farmington Township contributed only \$500. Indications were also given that smaller contributions in future years might be necessary.

Still Time to Win A Thanksgiving Turkey

There are still a few days left, today through Saturday, November 20, at 6 p.m., for Farmington shoppers to win a free turkey at any one of 18 participating stores and business places in the community.

The Annual Farmington Turkey Contest drawing will be held this Saturday at 6 p.m. to determine the lucky winners of the turkey.

"IN ORDER TO be a winner, all that is necessary is to have the entry blanks (appearing on Page 2-B of this week's Enterprise) filled out and turned in at each respective store or business place. The contest is open to anyone in a family over 18 years of age, except employees of the participating merchants and this newspaper.

Each business place will select its own winner and notify them of the drawing. Only one turkey can be won by a family and the decision of the judges will be final.

No purchase is necessary to enter the contest. Entry blanks should be deposited in the Contest Box at the store of the participating merchant whose name appears on the coupon.

Fill in your name, address and telephone number on each Turkey Contest entry blank. You need not be present at the drawing to win and winners will be announced in this newspaper.

THE PARTICIPATING Turkey Contest merchants are: A & H Super Market, Camerama Inc., Conroy Super Market, Farmington Center Market, See TURKEY CONTEST Page 8A