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# Proposed City Budget Boosted Three Per Cent

Farmington City Manager John Dinan presented his proposed budget for the coming fiscal year to the City Council Monday night for its review before beginning actual work on it so that the final budget will be ready for Council action during the third week of May.

The budget reflects the rising cost of living with the total estimated expenditures of the general fund of \$563,357 up three per cent from last year's budget of \$547,056.

On the other hand estimated revenues for the

1966-67 fiscal year beginning July 1 are down seven and a half per cent to \$30,850 from this year's \$33,050.

All this plus increased services, but the tax levy will remain the same as it has for the past six years at \$11.50 per thousand on an assessed valuation of \$26,374,680. This will bring a total of \$309,939.32 into the City's till.

Revenue to the City comes from three main sources. The local tax levy contributes the greatest single percentage and payments for delinquent taxes and interest

and penalties plus the excess roll will bring in an estimated \$317,975.05.

State returned taxes from the sales tax, the state intangible tax, motor vehicle highway funds and state highway maintenance will bring \$128,300 into the till. Licenses, permits and fees will add \$30,850 this year thus bringing the revenue up to the \$309,939.32 figure.

All this is in the general budget. The Water and Sewer Fund will spend \$214,000 under the proposal. Included in the general fund proposed budget are the following:

- An additional Magic Square to be constructed at the 10 Mile Elementary School site;
  - Broadening and expanding the Fall and Winter Recreation Program;
  - Beautification of the community with a \$2,000 allocation for additional landscaping at the Municipal Building and \$5,000 for improvements to the Public Works and Water & Sewer Yard; and
  - Raises for city employees which will be submitted in a detailed form to the Council separately, but Dinan noted that they ranged from 10 per cent.
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ON THIS SITE a college will rise. Observer buildings and a power plant when it opens its doors in September 1967. The facilities by the contrast of what is and what is to come. The Oakland Community College campus is located just east of Farmington Rd. and south of the 1605 Expressway will consist of six

# Council Denies Queries About Consolidation

The battle on incorporation of the City Monday night. That is, incorporation came indirectly—through the back door so to speak, when the City Council denied a request that it be against the question of consolidation of the City and the Township.

study committee chairman Joseph T. Brennan is saying "We have spoken with every man on the Council and not one has any desire to consolidate."

"I resent reading this," Yoder said, "and the amount of baloney being fed to Township residents on incorporation is not our concern, but consolidation does concern us

and we have every right to speak up and take a stand. "If Mr. Brennan made these statements," he said, "then he should have his wrists slapped because it is a bald face lie. I hope that this statement by the Council will benefit the poor unfortunate souls in the Township who might be misled."

Councilman Howard Thayer

told Yoder that he thought he was making a mountain out of a molehill and not to believe "everything you read in the papers."

Mayor Sandy Brotherton stated for the record that he had not been approached on the consolidation question personally and is questioned

that this was true for all the members of the Council.

The statement as passed by the Council reads:

"Since certain Township officials have taken the liberty of quoting to the press the Farmington City Council's position on the possibility of consolidation of the Township and City erroneously, we believe in all fairness to the general public that the record should be clarified.

"According to the press, a sub-committee was appointed by the Township Incorporation Study Committee to meet with the City Council to review and analyze the advantages and disadvantages of a consolidation of the two governments.

"To this date no contact has been made with the City or City Council for such a meeting or investigation of such a proposal. The press quoted the Chairman of the Township Incorporation Study Committee that all members of the City Council were opposed to the consolidation of

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# Bel Aire Sewer Line Gets Alarm

The Bakers—the residents of Bel Aire Subdivision who appeared before the City Council about a month ago complaining of chronic flooding in their basement—may have relief in sight.

At Monday's night regular session, the Council, after much discussion, voted to install an alarm system in the manholes of the sewer line closest to the Bakers on Colchester and specified that the line be cleaned and checked regularly for blockage.

The alarm system which was estimated to cost \$300 will be connected to a bell in the City's Department of Public Safety and not on a telephone pole in the neighborhood.

Councilman John A. Allen was outspoken in his opposition to the mounting of the alarm on a telephone pole even though it would have saved the City about \$200 in initial installation costs.

City Manager John Dinan had suggested the pole arrangement not only because of the initial saving, but the additional

monthly charge on the line to the City police station. He asserted that he thought the system would be adequate and added that with periodic cleanings every six months and checkups of the line at three month intervals the alarm system would probably never have to be used.

Councilman Howard Thayer told Dinan that in using one of his (Dinan's) favorite expressions putting the alarm on a telephone pole "is a Mickey Mouse way of doing it."

An earlier proposal to have

# Agreement on Land Sale Here

The parcel of land currently owned by the City between Grand River and the Rouge River will be put out for bids which will either be accepted or rejected by the Council at its next regular session.

City Manager John Dinan told the Council that the three property owners interested in the property—Charles Hannan, Virgil Cornwell and Arthur Ferry—had agreed to purchase it jointly and allow Hannan to develop the property including the rip rap wall, grading of the fill and paving of an ingress and egress roadway from his existing parking lot to Powers Rd. for his exclusive use.

The City paid \$4,500 per acre when it purchased the four acre tract from Mrs. Whipple about a year ago and it is not prepared to accept less than this price for resale. The area involved—which is currently landlocked—is about a third of an acre and thus would bring about \$1,500 in revenue into the City treasury.

# Hunt for Eggs Set

Farmington's Easter Egg Hunt will begin this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Farmington City Park, Shawsnee east of Farmington Rd. All City and Township residents under the age of eight are invited to participate. Prizes will be to the best hunters in the various age groups. The Farmington Jaycees are sponsoring the annual event.

# Council Sets Hearing on Warner St.

A public hearing has been scheduled in the City to consider the rezoning request of a portion of lots on Warner St. from R1 (residential) to R1P (parking) for 8 p.m. Monday, May 2 in the City Council Chambers.

The rezoning was requested by the Methodist Church in order to construct a parking lot. However, when the matter came up before the Planning Commission it was discovered that there was some question as to the right of way on Warner.

According to records of the Davis Addition Subdivision Warner St. runs directly north and does not have the prescriptive right under the street.

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THE CITY'S Auxiliary Policemen were honored last week on the completion of approximately 100 hours of classroom study. Sgt. Richard Miller watches while Mayor Pro-Tem Howard Thayer presents a graduation certificate to Robert Eastman of 30139 Stockton. The city, who serve with no pay, assist the police primarily on weekends and during the evening hours.



# Brennan Loses Quakertown Legal Post

Monday night was a dog's night for Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan.

First of all the City Council issued a policy statement on the consolidation of the City and Township which was in direct opposition to what he said.

Then he lost his job as the attorney for the Village of Quakertown after what appeared to be a stormy session of the Village Council.

An attempt had been made to oust Brennan from the \$500 a year post a few months ago because of his support for the incorporation issue. When he was appointed for the year by Village President Charles Stevenson there were votes in opposition to the appointment. However, those opposed didn't have enough votes to veto the appointment.

Monday night, however, after convincing a Council member

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# 28 Vie for Nine Open Seats On Charter Commission

Twenty-eight hats were slipped into the political arena last week for a total of nine seats on the charter commission to be elected by Farmington Township voters June 6.

Those filing at the Oakland County Clerk's office last week were:

- Nyla Archer, 33875 Quaker Valley Rd.; Elise P. Avery, 26046 Woodcock Trail; John Bain, 26383 Springfield; Robert L. Brown, 30112 11 Mile Rd.; Joseph T. Brennan, 29549 Eastford; Clifton A. Cairns, 19224 13 Mile Rd.; Bruce E. Duke, 27714 Forestbrook Dr.; Thomas A. Duke, 27638 Forestbrook; Ronald G. Enders, 30242 North Stockton; Charles G. Britz, 26231 Wildwood Trail;
- Richard H. Gaul, 23873 Tralee Trail; Warren E. Hansen, 37822 Rhonwood; Erving J. Knapth, 29689 Ravenscroft; Norman E. Kreider, 28268 Millbrook; Carlin M. Lapinski, 28655 Northbrook Lane; Douglas A. McArthur, 21218 St. Francis; Nick G. Mondello, 29931 Woodbrook Rd.; Clifford B. Moorhead, 29558 Eastford; Russell B. Nankervis, 36048 Quakertown Lane; Thomas R. Nolan, 22180 Ontario;
- Calvin F. Oppertbauer, 28411 Ridgebrook; Eva E. Ross, 21401 Purdue; Margaret G. Schaeffer, 29590 Drake Rd.; William B. Smolek, 28900 Wellington Dr.; Charles W. Stevenson, 32882 Biddestone Lane; Robert J. Swift, 28490 Westbrook; and Aldo Vagnoni, 29103 Kiltarian.

It's a mixture of old familiar faces from around Township Hall, some relatively new ones from the sessions of the study committee, and some unknowns who will jockey for seats on the nine man commission.

Members of the commission will be elected at the same time the voters make their wishes known on whether or not Farmington Township should incorporate into a home rule city.

The commission, however, will not meet if the voters reject the incorporation proposal.

# Vandals Plague Kendallwood

Phone calls to The Observer have reported an outbreak of vandalism in the Kendallwood area in Farmington Township. Last Friday night someone drove a car across the lawn of the entire block on Kendallwood Drive just north of 12 Mile Rd.

One resident reports that during Friday evening's incident a retaining wall on her property was broken down. Other reports say that a case of beer was taken from a garage as firecrackers have been placed in various mailboxes.

The Farmington Township Police have four complaints on file for miscellaneous destruction of property all relating to Friday's episode.

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# Union Lake Man Dies in Accident

The fourth fatality of the year in Farmington Township occurred last Friday when John H. Holmes, 48, of Union Lake was killed in a two car accident at Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt Rd.

Holmes' car struck a truck driven by Clark N. Koehlar, 52, of Warsaw, Ohio, as both vehicles were traveling northwest on Northwestern. Koehlar was not injured in the accident.

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