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Schools Almost Balance Books

Approved changes in the 1966-67 Farmington School District budget have increased receipts by \$155,770 and decreased expenditures by \$98,148.

This brings the new total budget to \$7,373,923 for receipts and \$7,588,350 for expenditures. This puts expenditures over receipts by only \$221,818 instead of the previous \$278,534 as appearing in the July 3, 1966 budget.

Since adoption of the budget several factors have occurred to increase the anticipated receipts. The current tax has been increased because of an adjustment in the State Equalized Valuation upward to \$140,414,391. Originally it had been estimated at \$139,136,225.

Income from investments also has increased because of higher interest rates and a better fiscal position during the first half of the year. The increase in rents

also reflects higher custodial fees and greater use of buildings than anticipated.

A State Aid increase was caused by an increase of \$2.50 per membership child and the district's fourth Friday membership was 175 above the budget estimate of 14,200.

There was also an increase in Driver Education participation and greater allowance per student.

The revised estimates in expenditure were based on five factors:

- Elementary and Secondary instruction was reduced because some positions have been unfilled and other positions were filled by substitutes at lower salary levels than estimated originally.
- Negotiations for bus drivers' contracts were not complete by July 1 and the increase reflects adjustments upwards in personnel pay.
- The increased cost of operation is due to personnel costs following the master contract agreement signed in August as well as increased utility costs.
- Decrease in maintenance results from unfilled positions due to present labor market conditions.
- Fixed charges are decreased due to lower premiums in Workman's Compensation and other property insurance as well as no interest payment on a loan for general expenditures as required in previous years.

Residents of the Franklin Fairways and Franklin Forest have asked for a restraining order prohibiting any change in the zoning and any work to start on the proposed building.

They have also filed an intervening suit requesting that the original judgement be set aside.

Judge Moore refused to issue the restraining order, but did order the Township and the owner of the property to show cause Monday afternoon in the Circuit Court as to why the order should not be issued.

During November the Township lost the case in circuit court brought about when the Planning Commission refused to change the zoning of the property from its residential status.

At the end of November, (Continued on Page 4A)

Charles K. Bradsky, of 24008 Merrill Court, appeared before the Farmington Board of Education Monday evening with what he considers a very serious problem. His only consolation was that it has been referred to the City Council.

The Bradskys live in the house right behind the sledding hill and skating rink set up by the city on the school property at Farmington Rd. and Shiawassee.

He says he has teens parking in his driveway that the police say can't be taken in because they are minors and there are no provisions to keep them. Sleds knock down fences and topple over his

combined to save a child's life. Jan. 5, Sgt. Jay Harrison answered a call at 10 a.m. from a telephone operator reporting that a child was choking at 31685 Folkstone Drive. When he arrived at the address Officer William Berning was also at the scene.

In the kitchen they found Mrs. Thomas Halligan in the kitchen giving mouth to mouth resuscitation to her one-and-a-half-year-old son, David.

The police officers immediately applied the resuscitator and without waiting for an ambulance took the boy to Botsford General Hospital in the scout car. They rushed ahead for an emergency team to meet them.

By the time the police were ready to leave the hospital the boy was moving, breathing and breathing normally. Doctors said that they would keep the boy under observation for a few days.



WINTER SPORTS have begun in the community as the snow and cold weather seems here to stay. The hill at Shiawassee and Farmington Road in the City was busy Sunday as the Christmas sleds were put to use.



SLEDS AND TOBOGGANS shared the snow and the fun over the weekend at the City's park at Farmington Road and Shiawassee.



THE GOLF COURSES were deserted waiting for sunnier weather. The course at Independence Green with the barren tree seems to symbolize the desolate feeling of those who wish they could head for the sunny south.



THE SKATERS were out in force Sunday warm weather on Saturday the youth were out in Sunday's snow and cold.

Boy Takes Tumble Waiting For Bus

A routine day at school turned out to be anything but normal for 11-year old Michael Kanny on Thursday, Jan. 5.

At 8:36 a.m. he was standing on the corner of Cloverdale and Farmington Rd. with his four brothers and sisters waiting for the school bus to take him to his sixth grade classes at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Suddenly, as he told his mother, Mrs. Floyd Kanny of 33245 Cloverdale, he wondered what had happened to the other children.

The question wasn't what had happened to them, but what had happened to him.

Rumors Fly About Plans & Petitions

The rumors are flying and the petitions are out. For some time there has been talk about another incorporation move in Farmington.

Official confirmation just can't be had on either question, however.

From all reports though it seems that a "grass roots" incorporation move is underway in the Township. In fact, Thomas McMillan, told The Observer Monday night that he had signed an incorporation petition.

McMillan, who heads the Township GOP organization, emphasized that he had done so as a "private citizen" and

that his action in no way reflected an official action or stance of the party.

Robert Conley of 24843 Hawthorn, Farmington Township, sent a letter to The Observer dated Jan. 6 in which he states that "I was contacted by representatives of the City who were trying very hard to get a commitment from me to support a petition that would give the City another chance to take the Industrial Park area away from the Township. These people made promises which I don't think they could keep."

"It seems to me that we will be faced with these undercover attempts no matter how many times the City is turned down," Conley continued.

"I think your paper should expose this whole rotten scheme of the City and help

City Tells Taxpayer 'Sorry'

A misunderstanding between the City of Farmington and the Frank Valencios of 22449 Maple was ended last week by Mayor Sandy Broderick extending the City's apologies to the Valencios.

The matter cost the Valencios more than \$100 though and City Councilman John A. Allen stated that he thought the City should stand behind its word and pay the money.

It all started when the Valencios received a notice from the City stating that a sidewalk would be installed on Freedom Rd. alongside their home. The notice stated that the Valencios had 30 days in which to install the sidewalk or the City would do the work and assess the charges.

Cost of this particular sidewalk was slightly more than \$550. Mrs. Valencios told the Council that when they received the notice her husband talked to one of the City employees who said that on a side street such as Freedom

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Residents Trying For Referendum

Petitions to force a referendum vote on the rezoning of the corner of Middlebelt and 14 Mile Rd. to allow for the construction of an apartment building are currently being circulated in Farmington Township.

The petitions are circulated by a group calling itself The Committee for the Right to Vote.

Wendell Brown, an attorney who has represented the Franklin Forest and Franklin Fairways Association in their battle with the Planning Commission on this corner, told The Observer that he drew up the petition for the group.

Under the state law a total of 15 percent of the property owners living within the boundaries of the Township must sign the petitions in order to force a special election. Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan places the necessary number

of signatures between 2,600 and 3,000 in order to come within the statute. At issue is what has long been termed a "problem corner" by the Township. The property has been proposed for a combined residential and apartment development and for just an apartment classification.

The total parcel is 4.3 acres, but the expansion of North-western Highway is expected to take about 1.4 acres of the property leaving 3.4 acres for development.

Zoning of the parcel until Dec. 19 included business, residential and office classifications. At the Dec 19 meeting of the Farmington Township Board the Board, by a 6-0 vote, overturned the Planning Commission and voted to change the classification to allow for the construction of an apartment building.

This is the first time the Township Board has ever overturned the Planning Commission which has refused to change the existing zoning on this corner.

School Out 3 Concert Tickets

Eight tickets to the young people's concert at the Ford Auditorium and less than one dollar in cash were taken Jan. 6 when the Ten Mile School was broken into. According to the police report, entry was gained to the building through a window in the multi-purpose room.

Schools Open Supervisor Post Search

The regular Jan. 23 meeting of the Area Board of Education has been scheduled for 9 p.m. in the Administration Building instead of the normal 8 p.m.

The later time will allow for the Board to have a dinner meeting with the present members of the Board.

The Board plans to meet with Evan Aris from University of Michigan, George Peterson from Michigan State University and Wayne's Ray Robinson. These three men in the future will assist the Board in going over applications for the position. It is hoped that the field can be narrowed down to six or eight candidates for interviewing.

Steering Group Slates Meeting

The Pre-Study Steering Committee investigating the pros and cons of unification of the City of Farmington and the Township have announced that Dr. Duane Gibson of the Institute for Community Development at Michigan State University will meet with the group at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the offices of Thompson Bown Company.

As well as the steering committee, representatives from the four governmental bodies: the Villages of Woodcreek Farms, Quakertown, the City and Township, and the Farmington Public School District will attend.

Township Starts Work On Water

An agreement to provide water service to Township residents living between 10 and 14 Mile Rds. and between a point just west of Middlebelt to a point west of Farmington Rd. was approved by the Farmington Township Board Monday night.

Superior Curt Hall estimated that the total project would cost slightly less than three million dollars. Actually two separate water districts have been combined and are being treated as one project.

Included in the areas are the Villages of Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms. Amendment to the agreement with the Oakland County Department of Public Works provide that the area included would be required to pay for any construction and servicing costs whether or not it remained a part of the Township.

This is an effort by the Township administration to avoid any hostile similarity to the one which is currently developing between the City and Township over how much the City would be required to pay of the indebtedness for the Woodcreek area which has just been annexed to the City.

Typing Added

One semester of typing will be added to the ninth grade curriculum at all Junior High Schools in the Farmington system beginning next September.

The courses will be established as an elective in order to allow students to use their skill at an earlier time. It also will help ease crowded conditions in typewriting classes in the senior high school.

Farmington Adult Classes Registering

Registration for the Farmington Adult Education Winter term will take place Jan. 11 and 12 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Farmington High School. More than 40 courses will be offered Monday through Thursday during the session.

Monday night classes include: typing, business writing, advanced oil painting, drapery making, knitting and crocheting, woodworking, French II, reading improvement, gymnastics and Spanish I.

On Tuesdays the following will be offered: band, drawing and sketching, découpage, beginning oil painting, organ, Bishop II, interior design, woodworking, modern math, Spanish II, dancing and economic conversations.

Thursday's classes include: income tax preparation, advertising, bookkeeping and accounting, stock market, Bishop I, French I, bridge, jewelry, scout leadership training and women's health.

Stenograph shorthand will be offered Monday and Wednesday, while high school credit classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday.

For further information contact the Adult Education Office at 476-0810.

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