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Township Employees Get Salary Boost

Farmington Township employees received an eight percent salary increase Monday night when the Farmington Township Board adopted the tentative budget for the 1967-1968 fiscal year.

The fiscal year for Townships begins April 1. The budget will be finalized when the County Tax Allocation Board notifies the Township of its allocation for the coming year and after a public meeting is conducted on the proposal. This will probably be in June.

Total estimated budget for the year is

\$968,088. This compares with last year's figure of \$772,800.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall said that most of the employees gained an eight percent salary increase except for the police department. He termed the salary increases in this area as "somewhat larger", but asserted that this raise would merely keep the salary levels comparable with surrounding communities.

Salaries in the police department jumped to \$256,126 over last year's figure of \$190,350.

A contract with the building inspectors union will be signed at the next session of the Township Board April 10. This will be the first union contract signed in the Township. Negotiations started with the building inspectors more than a year ago.

In its budget, the Township estimates its revenue at \$968,088. \$560,088 will come from property taxes, while \$238,000 will come from state funds. Permits, licenses and fees will bring in \$5,000, and other sources of revenue will bring in \$5,000.

Another major jump was in the expenses

of the Justice Court. A total of \$600 was budgeted for the current year and \$1,468 was spent in the first 11 months. The budgeted figure for next year is \$1,800.

Included in the budget is \$5,600 to provide each Township volunteer fireman with an alerting system. In action connected with the budget, the Board: Farmington Township's full time officials: revolving fund to the improvement fund and approved the transfer of \$77,000 from the revolving fund to the Township's building fund.

Township Officials Get Pay Raise

Youngsters Find Eggs



THEY'RE OFF. The five and six year olds started to move toward the hidden eggs the minute the restraining rope was lowered. The throngs of children were divided into three age groups. Eggs for the 7 and 8 year olds were well hidden, while those for the 5-6 age were out on the ground. The prizes for the younger children were laying on the ground. (Photos by Evert)



SHERRY HATFIELD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Hatfield, finds a prize at the Farmington Jaycee Easter Egg Hunt.



THIS EGG (circled) was well hidden in front of the post for the 7-8 year olds to find. The annual Jaycee project takes about three days to set up in the Farmington City Park and is all over within a few minutes.

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Parents Protest Borders

An orderly group of about 75 parents from Old Homestead, Indianbrooke and Pleasant Valley Subdivisions appeared at the Monday evening Board of Education meeting to protest a 1967-68 school boundary change which would send their children to the new Powers Junior High School instead of O. E. Dunckel which they now attend.

Main objection of the parents was that their elementary children would be going to Wooddale and high school children to North Farmington, both in the northern portion of the Township.

The junior high school children, if sent to Powers would have to travel by bus to a far southern portion of the Township. The parents said this would create great problems in transporting the children for after-school activities.

The school board unanimously recommended that the staff study the matter and report back to it at the next regular meeting.

Among the complaints listed by the group were:

- Powers is the furthest of the four junior highs from their area.
- Busing has created a problem in transporting the children to Dunckel and the parents felt it would be even worse traveling the far distance to Powers.
- Concern was expressed over safety hazards created at two intersections the children would be crossing.
- Some parents felt that the additional 50 children the issue concerned would not overcrowd Dunckel to the extent the Board felt it would.
- Concern was expressed over the adjustment of the children in having to attend a new school away from all of their friends.
- Donald Greenbury, spokesman for the three areas and president of the Old Homestead Association, presented the Board with a petition signed by 229 persons protesting the change.



DIANNE HUGHES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hughes of 34023 Brittany Drive, was named Queen of the Highland Lakes Campus at Oakland Community College last week. A second-year student at OCC, Dianne, 19, is a 1965 graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows High School.

Overcrowding Is Committee Study

A committee to study overcrowded conditions in several Farmington schools which are centers for the Title I resource learning program will be set up in the near future.

Action was taken Monday night by the Board of Education after a request came from the William Grace PTA asking for additional library or resource center space.

Representatives of the PTA explained that the school has one of the smallest libraries in the system, even though the enrollment is among the highest. Additionally it is one of the schools in Farmington which has a title I learning center.

Superintendent Gerald V. Harrison was authorized by the Board to select the committee consisting of interested Board members, PTA representatives from the Title I schools, school personnel, and those connected with the Title I resource learning centers in the District.

The committee is expected to report back to the Board in the near future on ways to expand or ease facilities which are overtaxed by the Title I program.

Easement Goes To County DPW

The Farmington School District has granted a 20 foot easement to the Oakland County Department of Public Works along the west boundary of Fairview Elementary School for the purpose of installing and maintaining a water line.

The proposed line will run south from Oak Crest Drive and connect the existing line of Oak Crest with the one to be installed on Franklin Fairways Drive.

The School Board's motion granting the easement contained a provision that the construction must take place between either June 20, 1967 and August 20, 1967 or the same dates in 1968 so that schools would not be in session.

Board Gives Hall More Than Proposed

Farmington Township's full time officials received pay raises Monday night which go into effect at the beginning of the Township's fiscal year April 1.

The salary of Township Supervisor Curt Hall was raised from its current \$10,000 to \$13,750. Township Clerk Floyd Cairns went from \$8,500 to \$11,000 and Township Treasurer Elise Avery's salary was raised from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

City Fines Shop \$375 For Litter

The Great Scott Supermarket in the Bel Air Subdivision of the City of Farmington paid a total of \$375 in fines in the City's Municipal Court March 24 for violation of the City's rubbish ordinance.

Under the terms of the ordinance the owner of a commercial property has the responsibility to dispose of rubbish.

The market was ticketed four separate times for failing to comply with the ordinance. The first ticket was issued last Oct. 4 and was held open to give the market an opportunity to correct the situation.

Additional tickets were issued Feb. 20 and March 4.

The litter behind the store has been the subject of discussion at the City Council meetings on, at least, two occasions. It was only after repeated warnings about the situation that the City took its case to the municipal court.

Publisher To Speak To Board

Philip H. Power, publisher of The Observer Newspaper Group which includes, with the Farmington Enterprise and the Farmington Observer, will speak to the Farmington Board of Commerce April 26.

Subject of Power's luncheon speech is "Newspapers for the Farmington Community."

The lunch will begin at 12 noon at the POWER Masonic Temple. Reservations may be made at the Board of Commerce Office (474-3440). The session is open to the public.

Power, 28, purchased the Observer Newspaper early in 1966 and then bought the Farmington Enterprise and Plymouth Mail in the spring of 1966.

GOP Ladies Set Talk On Library Millage Proposal

Mary F. Allison, secretary of the Farmington District Library Board of Trustees, will speak at the April 3 meeting of the Republican Women's Organization of Farmington.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Independence Green Club.

A light turnout is expected as there is no contest for any of the positions, however, City Clerk Trenna would make no estimate on the expected vote.

Incumbent Councilman Howard Thayer, Hugo "Pete" Peterson and Ralph Yoder are the only three who have filed for the Council spots. The

City Election Is Monday

Residents of the City of Farmington will go to the polls Monday, April 3, to elect three councilmen and two judges. The polls open at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m.

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Two Having Highest Total of Votes Will Be Elected To Four-Year Terms, While Third Person Will Be Elected For Two Years.

The incumbent judges, who will be elected to terms ending Jan. 1, 1970, are Michael J. Hand and Dennis Phinney. No other person filed for these posts.

Absentee ballots for the election can be obtained at City Clerk's office until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

At the last city election in 1965, 53.9 percent of those eligible voted.

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