

# Farmington Faces \$257,000 Water Improvement Costs

It will cost the City of Farmington \$257,000 to avoid paying the maximum rate for Detroit water, according to a progress report submitted to the City Council Monday night by City Manager John Dinan.

Dinan told the Council that late, Hira & Bogue, consulting engineers for the city, had been working with the Detroit Water Engineering Department to bring the city's system into line.

LAST SUMMER, the City of Detroit informed the city that its capacity was not maintaining a constant level of demand and that the city would have to pay the maximum hourly rate of \$27 per million gallons beginning Nov. 1.

This would cost the city an estimated \$18,000 a year more for water, according to Dinan.

The first portion of the two phase program calls for the installation of a 12-inch water main at Nine Mile and Gill Rd. and the construction of a pumping station at the current reservoir at a total cost of \$205,000.

THE SECOND STEP would be to install a fourth pump at the Nine Mile Station and construct a new 500,000 gallon reservoir. This would cost \$52,000, but could be timed to the population increase and rate of water use in the city according to Dinan.

Dinan said that the city had floated bonds in 1955 to construct the water system. A total of \$45,000 remains to be paid on these bonds and the city manager offered the opinion that the entire cost could be refinanced at a longer period of time and result in no increase in the annual payments to the city.



**TOPS IN STATE** — The first annual governor's award to the Republican Women's Club of Michigan whose activities best meet the needs of its community was given last week to the Farmington club by Lt. Gov. Milliken and Marilyn Davidson, state involvement chairman. Shown receiving the silver tray which was presented to honor Farmington's selection are Mrs. Frank Harms, third from left, the local club's involvement chairman, and Mrs. Zar Reader, right, president of the Farmington organization. The group received the award for its work in coordinating the drive for food and clothes for the victims of the Detroit riots last summer.

## Farmington Township Hikes Rate For Water Customers

Water rates will go up next Wednesday, Nov. 1, for all Farmington Township residents who are linked to the network of mains drawing their supply from the City of Detroit water system.

On the heels of a mid-summer announcement by the Detroit Water Board that the wholesale price of water will be increased Nov. 1, Township Trustees voted Monday to boost the resale price to local users 20 cents per 1,000 cubic feet. Supervisor Curtis Hall estimated that to the normal household this will mean an increase of approximately 80 cents per quarter, or \$3.20 per year.

IN REWORDING the Township water ordinance, the Trustees voted unanimously that a quarterly charge for water service shall be made to each premise connected to the system in the amount of \$2.45 per 1,000 cubic feet.

## Longacre Plans Big Fun Fair

The Longacre School PTA (Farmington) will present a fun fair with a Halloween theme from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school Saturday, Oct. 28. Co-chairmen Bill Darnell and Tom Gola have added some new features to this year's event.

"For Adults Only" will be posted outside a room where a color television set, on loan from Welsby's House of Music, will be tuned in to the MSU-Notre Dame football game.

Proceeds will be used for audio-visual teaching aids for the school.

feet of water consumed, with a minimum quarterly charge of \$2.70."

The comparable existing rates are \$2.25 and \$2.50.

In another highlight of its session, the Board voted to ask the federal government to conduct an area study of the south-east portion of the Township aimed toward an upgrading of the sector.

However, it was emphasized that this would in no way obligate the Township to accept federal findings, or commit the Township to a contract to carry out the recommendations.

THE TRUSTEES also: Appointed Hal Rowe, owner of the North Farmington Realty Co., 3310 W. 12 Mile Rd., to the Board of Review for a three-year term.

Authorized purchase of seven new police cars from Town and Country Dodge for \$12,745.45. Presented to Clifford Dixon, a commercial artist, a plaque honoring him for his creativity

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