## Franklin objects

## Draft reveals impact, cost of Pernick Drain

By ELSPETH BEIER FRANKLIN — The controver-sial Pernick Drain plans have been running underground for years, with varying cost figures and in-volvement of communities neigh-boring Southfield. The draft Environmental



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Impact Statement surfaced Wednesday however and the cost figures have more than doubled in three years — to about \$6,254,000 for the recommended route.

When the Pernick Drain, to be built exclusively in Southfield, was first discussed with any figures in 1971, the cost was estimated at about \$2.5 million.

Franklin was informed that although the drain would not be located within its boundaries, it contributes to the storm drain problems of Southfield by its run-off water, and its share of the cost would be 15 percent.

The 1971 figure proposed to the village was less than \$400,000.

According to the draft environmental statement drawn up by Hubbell, Roth and Clark dated June 17 and submitted to the Pernick Drainage Board and Oakland County. Commissioners July 24, the Franklin share is approximately \$388,000.

ACCORDING TO Trustee Peter Bertelson, who has council responsibility for this proposal, "It is incredible. They claim they have the right to force us to pay for their commercial development."

The Pernick Drainage Board includes G.W. Kuhn, County Drain Commissioner, as chairman with D.T. Murphy, chairman of the County Board of Auditors, and R.R. Wilcox, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, as two members.

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Bertleson and his council predecessor, Robert Anderson, have long resisted any involvement, friancial or otherwise, in the Pernick Drain, stating repetitedly that it will not benefit Franklin it and way. The county of the property of the prop

ACCORDING TO Bertelson, among many of the alternatives

## Straus tells campaign financing

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Kathleen Straus, candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 17th Congressional District, disclosed her campaign finances say in keeping with her piedge to pursue election campaign reform.

Straus said that as of July 18, the Kathleen Strause Election Committee had received \$5.224 and committee had received \$5.224 and committee had received \$5.240 or administrational straining and printing to the committee of the committee had received \$5.254 or administrational straining and printing to the committee of the commi

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The Franklin councilman quoted the report offering the alternative of "taking no action" which he said would be beneficial.

"It would create no disturbance and be the most helpful alternative to existing biological systems."

He also quoted the study, "(If the drain is not constructed), planned development would be impeded and land use would not be developed to its fullest extent.

"If development were to continue, flooding would be aggravated during periods of storm run-fift. This could only increase environmental and social problems brought about by periods of high water," he quoted.

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FRANKLIN'S OFFICIALS
have long felt that pressure to participate in the drain cost was
floakmail' for the village's eventual participation in a sewer and
ing Southfield.
Bertleson said, "I consulted with
our village engineer, Frank Webster, the minute I got the report and
we are organizing a defense.
"There will be no firm action
taken for two or three months and
before public hearings take place
we, as a council, will take every
step to avoid paying any part of
Southfield's commercialization
problems," he said.

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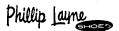


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