

Beverly Hills council approves road surfacing

BEVERLY HILLS — Council approval to surface Fourteen Mile Road from Evergreen Road west to the village limits followed more than an hour's discussion by 20 concerned residents Monday night. Only Robert F. Stanberry voted no.

Unlike previous meetings most of the residents were in favor of the surfacing.

Pro comments ranged from improved safe driving conditions to safer roadway for bicyclers.

Worry about speeders and about Fourteen Mile Road becoming a major four-lane artery west of Southfield still dominated the con arguments.

maintain a two-lane road only between evergreen and Lahser roads.

During discussion of the motion to surface, Councilman O'Brien reminded the audience they were only talking about stabilization, not permanent concrete paving.

"This is not a weakening of the village's position on opening Fourteen Mile Road all the way. We will also take whatever action is necessary to insure the safety of residents," he added.

The council was advised by Village Manager James Calder that bids for the improvement of Lahser Road between Eleven and One-Half and Fifteen Mile roads would be let Aug. 13.

He anticipated work would start the first week of September.

Lahser had been contingent on a two cent a gallon gasoline tax and due to current conditions he felt "it safe to say the widening will not happen."

Work on Fourteen Mile Road will begin in September.

In other action, the council approved a variance request by Paul

Johnson to waive construction of a masonry wall at the three-unit condominium site at Kirkshire and Southfield roads.

It approved the reappointment of Richard J. Michael and Joseph P. Ford to the planning board and I. Jack Fahlen, Charles B. Ford

and S. Gerald Goreyca to the zoning board.

A motion by J. Leo Linsenmeyer for an ordinance for disposal of diseased elm trees was withdrawn and referred to Thomas J. Dillon Jr., village attorney, for further study.

the zoning board of appeals and the neighbor most affected.

The council also voted approval of parallel sidewalk construction on the same sites.

A request from the Bicycle Hut Corp of rezoning the southwest corner of Fourteen Mile and Southfield roads from B-1 non-retail to B-2 retail was referred to the planning commission. Sept. 3 was set for a public hearing. Construction on the site, if approval is granted, will resemble the hut at Thirteen Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

Village Manager Calder informed the council codification of ordinances has been referred to the village attorney for review.

THE COUNCIL also approved a motion by John J. O'Brien opening a further opening of Fourteen Mile Road and agreed to

COUNCILMAN Leo J. Linsenmeyer said the widening of

Election night: long, curious

By SUSAN L. SILK

The first municipality to file its voter results with the Oakland County clerk's office was Keego Harbor at 10:43 p.m. Tuesday.

The last, amidst cheers of election night workers, was Pontiac Township, at 6 a.m. Wednesday.

Election night — despite an approximately 23 percent county voter turnout — was long and curious but rarely exciting.

DEMOCRATIC primary gubernatorial candidate Sander Levin pulled away from his challengers, Jerry Cavanaugh and James Wells, early and stayed there all evening.

Republican 8th State Senate candidate Weldon Yeager stopped by "election central" but his presence was not enough to change the voter. He still lost to Senator Donald E. Bishop by more than 3,000 votes.

Early in the evening with only fractional returns posted, the county proposal asking voters if they wished to unify county government, and if so under an appointed or elected executive, quickly took the direction long sought by the Oakland County Democratic Party.

A unified county government under an elected county executive took a strong lead and never faltered. Two-thirds of the voters indicated a preference for unifica-

tion; 41,031 said they wanted an elected administrator; 25,628 pulled their levers for an appointed manager.

NOT UNTIL 535 of the 545 total county precincts had reported were courthouse election officials willing to make a conclusion in the Democratic partisan executive primary however.

Then Eugene W. Kuthy, the Democratic Party's endorsed favorite, led his opponent Daniel W. Barry 25,034 to 24,716. Forty-five minutes later, when Pontiac Township's 10 precincts were chalked up, Kuthy's lead changed by only approximately 150 votes but he remained the winner, 28,460 to 24,995.

"What a shock," "Boy what a shame" were comments often heard during the evening as watchers consulted the results in the Oakland County Probate Court race.

Three candidates sought the two spots on the November ballot for a newly created six-year term on the Probate bench.

FEW APPARENTLY could believe that William M. Travis of Pontiac, presently Probate Court register, had not secured one of the spots.

Instead, attorneys John J. O'Brien of Birmingham with 35,918 votes and Barry M. Grant of Southfield will square off in the general election.

Travis received 24,468 votes.

Only a handful of candidates came to the Pontiac courthouse. Most of the crowd which milled about during the evening were courthouse politicians and officials, media members and campaign staff members.

By 4:30 or 5 a.m. few but election night staff remained.



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Dr. Jerry Herman, school superintendent, initiated the action as well as an emergency meeting of the high schools sports boosters club.

He asked that club members agree to underwrite the watering system over a two year period in case the school district's final budget can not fund it.

"After four years, the kids deserve a baseball field," Herman told the board. "There is no way they're going to have it, if we don't get it in this month."

He reported trying to keep the field alive "with our own men with hoses and prayers for rain."

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