Attorney JP's May Be Required Soon

Forbes S. Hascall, City Attorney, has recommended to the City Commission that some thought be given to amending the City Charter to stipulate that the justice of the peace and the associate justice must be attorneys.

His suggestion was made, he stated, in view of tentative legislation now being drafted by the Judicial Council of Michigan in conjunction with the State Bar, which would abolish all justice courts except city or municipal courts in which the justices are paid a salary in lieu of fees, and in which the justices are active members of the State Bar of Michigan.

"While our local justice court justice and associate justice are paid salaries in lieu of fees," he said, "they are not required to be attorneys."

If the proposed legislation does go through—it is still tentative, with no certainty of its being passed—Hascall stated that violations of city ordinances in Birmingham would have to be prosecuted elsewhere.

Even under the new legislation, our court could still exist if the justice and associate justice were attorneys, he said.

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OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

November 12, 1946

Meeting called to order by Chairman Robert D. Fair.

ROLL CALL: Andrews, Axford, Beardsley, Blanchard, Braid, Bredell, Brewer, Calhoun, Capstraw, Ferris Clark, Frank Clark, Clarkson, Croteau, Cummings, Dean, Ray Duncan, Wesley Duncan, Eaton, Eckman, Erwin, Feit, Flanary, Gale, Gardner, Gibbs, Graham, Getz, Hauck, Hall, Halsey, Hudson, Kerr, King, Lamb, Levinson, Goodspeed, Moberly, Malloy, McClellan, Osborne, Palmer, Powers, Ransom, Rashid, Reid, Roberts, Schaim, Schweigert, Seery, Sheets, Shimmons, Smith, Starr, Stephens, Stevenson, Taylor, Tyler, Varian, Vaughan, Waterhouse, Waters, Wilkins, Zapf.

QUORUM PRESENT

Moved by Dean supported by Stevenson the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed.

CARRIED

Resolutions from Huron and Newaygo Counties regarding change in ruling of the Michigan Social Welfare Commission aid to Dependent Children read.

Moved by Levinson supported by Graham this be referred to the hospitalization and welfare committee.

CARRIED

Resolution from Huron County regarding the amendment of Section 6 of Act No. 165 of the Public Acts of 1945 so that township boards may use the money derived through said Act for any general fund purposes read.

Moved by Levinson supported by Stephens the resolution be referred to the Road Commission.

CARRIED

Moved by Ray Duncan supported by Axford the motion be amended to refer the resolution to Corporation Counsel for action.

CARRIED

Voting on original motion as amended.

CARRIED

Resolution from Huron County regarding the continuance of Act. No. 150 of the Public Acts of 1945 which imposes a tax on alcoholic liquor read.

Moved by Tyler supported by Eckman that we go on record approving the spread of this tax.

CARRIED

Resolution from Newaygo County regarding homestead land exemptions for veterans under Act 24 of the Public Acts of 1946 read.

Moved by Waterhouse supported by Ray Duncan this be received and placed on file.

CARRIED

Resolution from Newaygo County regarding Act No. 146 of the Public Acts of 1925 regarding the support of poor persons.

Moved by Frank Clark supported by Ray Duncan this be referred to the Welfare Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by Cummings supported by Braid that we open the bids on the Court House at this time.

CARRIED

The Clerk opened and read the following bids:

I. E. Gordon; DDS, 305 National Bldg., Pontiac 14, Mich. Bid, $150,150.00 Cash. Certified Check for $1601.56.

Sampson & Schwarz, 19 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Illinois. Bid Parcel No. 1—$120,000.00; Parcel No. 3—$150,000.00. Certified Check for $1500.00.

Harvey Biel'eld, 532 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit 26, Michigan. Bid—Parcel No. 1—$240,100.00; Parcel No. 3—$250,100.00. Certified Check for $2901.00.

Buchyan, Inc., 48 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, Michigan. Bid—Parcel No. 2—$62,000.00. Certified Check for $620.00.

Misc. 2296 By Mr. Erwin:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS there are many members absent, and

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Building and Grounds Committee be given an opportunity to study the bids and the question of disposing of the Court House, THEREFORE, I move that the matter of their consideration of these bids be tabled until the next meeting.

Moved by Erwin supported by Stephens the resolution be adopted.

CARRIED

Mr. Starr presents the report of the Township Expense Committee.

Moved by Starr supported by Powers the report be adopted.

AYES: Andrews, Axford, Beardsley, Blanchard, Braid, Bredell, Brewer, Calhoun, Capstraw, Ferris Clark, Frank Clark, Clarkson, Croteau, Cummings, Dean, Ray Duncan, Wesley Duncan, Eaton, Eckman, Erwin, Feit, Flanary, Gale, Gardner, Gibbs, Graham, Getz, Hauck, Hall, Halsey, Hudson, Kerr, King, Lamb, Levinson, Goodspeed, Moberly, Malloy, McClellan, Osborne, Palmer, Powers, Ransom, Rashid, Reid, Roberts, Schaim, Schweigert, Seery, Sheets, Shimmons, Smith, Starr, Stevenson, Taylor, Tyler, Varian, Vaughan, Waterhouse, Wilkins, Zapf. (61)

NAYS: None (0)

CARRIED

November 12, 1946

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors Oakland County, Michigan

Your Township Expense Committee has examined and tabulated the expense reports of the various townships and cities of the county, and submits its report herewith.

Your Committee has found there are expense reports to be in order and complete except that no school tax has been spread in Bloomfield Township and in the City of Bloomfield Hills on a certain area that is claimed by two school districts, which matter is now in the Courts. Also, no school tax has been spread in Holly Township for School District No. 2 Fractional (Grand Blanc) due to failure of the School Board to give the Supervisor a rate.

Your Committee recommends that the assessing officers spread upon their rolls the amounts set forth in the report herewith submitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors adopt the report of this Committee, and authorize the various assessing officers to levy the amounts set forth in the report, which resolution and report are hereby made a permanent part of the records and proceedings of this Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessing officers of the Township of Bloomfield and the City of Bloomfield Hills be authorized to spread upon their rolls a school tax in the presently disputed district when the matter has been adjudicated.

MR. CHAIRMAN: On behalf of the entire committee I move the adoption of the resolution;

TOWNSHIP EXPENSE COMMITTEE —Harry S. Starr, Chairman, Clarence W. King, Frank Powers, Glenn Ladd, Winson R. Moberly.

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP EXPENSE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1946 OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTE: ALL RATES BASED UPON EQUALIZED VALUATION

GENERAL TAX

Line No.	District	1946 Equalized Valuation	Operating	Special Purpose	Total Municipal	Rate	Operating	Rate	Max. Rate	Operating	Rate	General Tax	Max. Rate
	Townships												
1.	Addison	$ 2,094,750	$	$	$	$	$ 13,762.25	$ 6.50	$ 6,493.73	$ 3.10	$ 19,255.98	$12.60
2.	Avon	12,743,350	19,183.46	15,390.10	34,573.56	2.80	105,481.11	8.90	39,499.42	3.10	170,414.08	15.80
3.	Bloomfield	13,118,200	18,247.51		18,247.51	1.50	116,807.87	9.50	38,097.20	3.10	168,848.08	14.37
4.	Brandon	2,104,850					15,185.75	9.50	6,524.41	3.10	21,633.16	12.60
5.	Commerce	4,993,100	7,484.51		7,484.51	1.50	45,662.41	9.50	15,494.81	3.10	68,636.46	14.37
6.	Farmington	6,665,950	11,799.00		11,799.00	1.77	58,585.85	9.50	20,633.44	3.10	91,018.97	14.27
7.	Groveland	1,963,500	1,963.50		1,963.50	1.00	17,341.99	9.50	6,173.23	3.10	25,478.72	13.97
8.	Highland	2,823,150	4,234.72		4,234.72	1.50	17,454.29	9.50	6,238.50	3.10	28,227.51	14.37
9.	Holly	3,824,000	2,865.88		2,865.88	.75	28,223.21	9.50	10,336.58	3.10	44,395.67	14.72
10.	Independence	7,917,800					73,564.87	9.50	25,455.43	3.10	99,020.30	14.37
11.	Lyon	3,776,450	1,963.67		1,963.67	.45	14,560.64	10.00	7,367.00	3.10	22,891.30	13.55
12.	Milford	4,242,100	3,581.75		3,581.75	.75	28,223.21	9.50	10,336.58	3.10	42,141.54	13.35
13.	Novi	4,522,300					39,178.11	9.50	14,206.65	3.10	61,635.91	14.46
14.	Oakland	1,807,900	3,615.80		3,615.80	2.00	15,466.49	9.50	6,564.49	3.10	22,792.24	14.82
15.	Orion	6,037,350	6,037.35		6,037.35	1.00	54,457.25	10.50	20,867.25	3.10	81,361.85	14.60
16.	Oxford	4,668,100	4,440.87	4,440.87	8,881.74	1.89	39,693.38	9.50	14,533.11	3.10	63,108.13	14.49
17.	Pontiac	4,668,100			4,668.10	1.00	39,693.38	9.50	14,533.11	3.10	58,894.59	14.49
18.	Rose	3,575,900	3,151.80		3,151.80	2.00	11,574.76	9.50	4,885.29	3.10	19,611.85	15.00
19.	Royal Oak	1,974,600	1,974.60		1,974.60	1.00	16,793.10	9.50	6,150.37	3.10	24,918.07	14.60
20.	Southfield	24,478,100	48,446.39		48,446.39	1.65	227,163.43	10.50	72,857.31	3.10	348,467.13	14.76
21.	Springfield	1,746,550	1,964.82		1,964.82	1.25	12,414.99	10.50	5,411.76	3.10	19,191.91	14.35
22.	Troy	5,482,400	12,560.40		12,560.40	2.00	51,581.16	9.50	18,450.91	3.10	82,592.47	14.60
23.	Waterford	21,748,950	25,990.00		25,990.00	1.06	202,680.83	9.75	67,418.96	3.10	296,089.84	13.91
24.	West Bloomfield	12,992,150	29,906.76		29,906.76	2.30	122,364.47	9.75	40,684.67	3.10	192,955.90	14.85
25.	White Lake	3,949,000		924.65	924.65	.23	36,980.67	10.00	12,303.90	3.10	50,209.22	13.33
	Cities											
26.	Berkley	15,546,900	105,838.10		105,838.10	6.85	81,830.50	9.90	47,572.28	3.10	234,440.89	19.85
27.	Birmingham	24,479,550	240,502.78	17,000.00	257,502.78	10.51	803,221.94	9.90	75,886.60	3.10	636,711.37	29.51
28.	Bloomfield Hills	6,812,100	14,173.40		14,173.40	2.08	66,623.04	9.50	21,117.34	3.10	141,913.78	23.51
29.	Clawson	4,256,000	24,181.00		24,181.00	5.72	30,585.73	9.50	13,115.00	3.10	67,879.73	18.32
30.	Farmington	1,118,250	1,118.25		1,118.25	1.00	10,623.37	9.50	3,465.75	3.10	15,207.37	13.60
31.	Ferndale	34,664,550	372,550.00		372,550.00	10.96	443,250.57	10.53	107,374.11	3.10	923,074.68	24.59
32.	Hazel Park	16,442,400	85,476.54		85,476.54	5.20	161,424.00	9.90	50,997.14	3.10	297,897.68	18.10
33.	Huntington Woods	7,294,950	65,112.17	1,892.85	67,005.02	9.20	69,696.00	10.55	22,614.35	3.10	149,315.37	22.85
34.	Oak Park	5,938,800	62,886.54		62,886.54	7.10	58,748.90	9.90	18,416.26	3.10	140,049.70	20.73
35.	Pleasant Ridge	1,116,000	10,016.00		10,016.00	9.15	10,962.00	9.90	3,348.70	3.10	24,326.70	22.15
36.	Pontiac	116,839,900	698,409.64	180,156.18	878,564.77	6.15	671,839.85	5.75	362,263.38	3.10	1,152,597.00	15.00
37.	Royal Oak	43,600,200	384,145.31		384,145.31	8.80	378,720.09	9.50	135,846.07	3.10	898,711.47	21.40
38.	South Lyon	1,569,750	24,979.49		24,979.49	16.50	21,492.71	10.00	4,880.23	3.10	51,352.43	29.60
	TOTALS	$450,000,000	$2,391,061.99	$741,630.77	$3,132,692.76		$2,979,637.90		$1,395,000.00		$8,027,330.66	

NOTE: No School Tax has been spread in Bloomfield Township on a valuation of $40 $,205,93 which is claimed by two school districts.
No School Tax has been spread in City of Bloomfield Hills on a valuation of $13,400.00 which is claimed by two school districts.
No School Tax has been spread in Holly Township on School District No. 2 Fr. (Grand Blanc) as tax rate was not given to supervisor

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP EXPENSE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1946
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

DEBT SERVICE

Line No.	Assessing District	Municipal	School	County	COUNTY DRAINS At Large	COUNTY DRAINS Spec. Dist.	Total Debt Service	MISCELLANEOUS REASSESSED TAXES Special Assessments	At Large	Spec. Dist.	Total All Taxes
	Townships										
1.	Addison	$	$ 164.97	$ 1,699.19	$	$	$ 1,864.16	$ 270.00	$	$	$ 21,390.11
2.	Avon		47,001.24	10,385.66	195.80	2,614.78	60,296.68	4,221.90	133.08	64.56	285,066.31
3.	Bloomfield		19,268.35	2,172.53	35.80	2.66	21,484.34	1,078.21	4.16		191,415.35
4.	Brandon		8,867.85	1,707.22			10,575.05			1.57	32,299.98
5.	Commerce		29,091.60	4,854.33	600.00	2,800.00	37,345.93		2.28	33.75	105,197.20
6.	Farmington		18,419.96	3,399.07			21,819.03		76.94		112,909.64
7.	Groveland			830.56			830.56				27,445.28
8.	Highland			2,127.00			2,127.00				32,264.32
9.	Holly		4,682.76	2,764.56			7,581.16		159.48		51,337.21
10.	Independence		21,744.24	2,964.01			24,708.25		51.56		147,747.68
11.	Lyon		799.65	1,937.49	850.13	6,272.13	9,859.40				32,850.91
12.	Milford		270.45	3,546.12	30.00	190.73	4,037.30				54,195.50
13.	Novi		12,852.00	2,717.41			15,767.41				77,403.32
14.	Oakland		4,824.00	1,449.72			6,273.72		10.32		29,178.11
15.	Orion		13,997.88	2,258.54	496.00	2,475.95	19,228.37	1,500.00	2.27		109,396.50
16.	Oxford		10,721.15	3,502.92			14,528.97			1.96	77,634.06
17.	Pontiac		3,082.92	2,174.53			5,257.39	1,641.59			57,474.54
18.	Rose		46.21	1,278.31			1,324.52				29,936.37
19.	Royal Oak		26,361.00	6,846.81	8,013.35	3,836.45	44,731.61	28,578.48	1,974.15		202,384.53
20.	Southfield		91,974.06	19,849.28	13,899.15	10,937.74	136,660.23	682.81	52.63		480,856.80
21.	Springfield		25.00	1,415.93			1,440.93		2.28		20,835.22
22.	Troy	9,163.05	26,045.92	5,261.59	5,472.46	6,788.85	52,811.54		10.14		138,662.45
23.	Waterford		107,251.71	17,641.25	29.84	1,327.54	126,249.84		47.25		419,386.41
24.	West Bloomfield		64,347.66	10,983.59			75,331.25	4,983.35	91.76		256,560.60
25.	White Lake		4,556.94	2,219.31			6,776.45		6.12	106.90	60,097.69
	Cities										
26.	Berkley	70,025.49	59,143.14	12,448.05	4,671.41	4,188.29	150,476.39		5,442.01		390,368.89
27.	Birmingham	171,223.21	51,189.27	13,806.93	3,942.15	2,356.64	175,597.32	1,156.35	3.44		813,478.86
28.	Bloomfield Hills		5,074.70	5,525.73	1,092.01		10,892.44				141,911.62
29.	Clawson	21,150.00	12,890.03	3,401.28	3,516.35	5,394.94	47,152.54		25.31		115,097.58
30.	Farmington		3,338.31	2,098.10			5,436.91				76,305.91
31.	Ferndale	97,587.50	114,292.32	29,669.96	3,171.23	498.18	245,920.43	2,539.02	8.11		1,177,542.24
32.	Hazel Park		75,268.46	9,440.80	10,356.19	991.56	96,057.01	46,856.76	112.83		448,595.99
33.	Huntington Woods	46,600.90	24,892.77	5,917.41		2,169.40	79,580.48	45,620.48	4,029.88		202,885.72
34.	Oak Park	38,826.60	3,228.99	2,756.81		3,564.54	48,376.94	50,446.57		4.53	338,053.57
35.	Pleasant Ridge	12,614.25	26,433.56	5,854.99	2,547.92	460.52	48,311.26	58,211.76			244,684.38
36.	Pontiac	430,000.00	172,279.00	94,776.30	2,444.22	3,358.29	1,004,059.81		199.20		2,756,356.01
37.	Royal Oak	123,855.40	125,900.00	28,765.53	43,515.00	12,494.58	334,530.51		16,067.17		1,389,448.37
38.	South Lyon			1,224.66	438.35	1,446.73	3,109.74				54,456.17
	Villages										
39.	Holly								.70		.70
40.	Lake Orion								1.41		1.41
41.	Rochester								16.23		16.23
	TOTALS	$1,240,905.77	$1,151,813.75	$365,054.08	$109,611.35	$76,993.64	$2,935,948.76	$157,609.48	$24,495.99	$213.56	$11,145,598.45

Misc. 2299 By Mr. Smith:

November 13, 1946

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors, Oakland County, Michigan.

At the meeting of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, September 10, 1946, a joint report by the Welfare and Buildings and Grounds Committee was presented to this Board and adopted at that meeting. That report authorized the Chairman to appoint a Special Study Committee to investigate the crowded condition of the Infirmary and make an appropriate recommendation on the situation. The Special Committee authorized by the report and named by the Chairman, is as follows: Fred W. Smith, Ernest Erwin, Robert Feit, W. C. Hudson, Delos Hamlin, Fred Beardsley and Alfred Gale.

This Committee met at the Infirmary November 6th, with the Oakland County Social Welfare Commission, R. Y. Moore of the Board of Auditors, and L. J. Hoenan, architect, to begin the study you have authorized us to make. We wish to report here the statistical part of the original report of September 16th, which appears to be a very modest statement of facts:

"The present building was erected at a cost of $327,067.21, in 1926, including architectual fees, and equipment. The plans called for the accommodation of 152 indigent persons and three staff members.

In the year 1936 there was started, in a small way, a convalescent ward to relieve, as much as possible, the need to the County of Adult Hospitalization; the theory being that when a person reached the convalescent stage they could be transferred to the Infirmary Convalescent Ward for care at a less cost than would be entailed by having them in private hospitals at the higher costs.

To advise you of the growth of this plan we submit the following information:

For 1936, the year of the inception of this plan, there was charged to the Hospitalization Fund a total of $6,761.50 for 4501 patient days.

For the year 1945 there was charged to the Hospitalization Fund a total of $184,-399.00 for approximately 48,000 patient days.

At the present time there are in the Infirmary 264 beds: 149 of which are for hospitalization patients; 71 for Home Section patients and 50 for staff employees.

From these figures you will note that at the present time there are 105 more beds than were originally planned.

There has also been converted to administrative duties space that was originally planned for approximately 25 beds which leaves the available space now utilized for beds overloaded by 131 beds.

The beds now in use are much too closely spaced to meet State requirements as laid down in their regulations. Further, it should be noted that most of the time there is not available a bed to take care of those who demand or require immediate admittance."

It appears to this Committee that the crowded conditions herein recited are increasing daily and will continue to do so for some time in the future, depending on business and social conditions.

In the Home Section of the Infirmary there is a seasonal increase made by those who come to the Home for the winter and this group would be materially increased by any later unemployment condition that might arrive. This department has had it far greater populations at times than it has now.

The Hospital Section of the institution is a money saving project for the county because the hospital costs at the Infirmary Hospital are far below those of the University Hospital or local hospitals. The number of patients in that department is bound to grow as the number of Old Age Assistance cases increase. Under the present laws a majority of these cases are potential county hospital patients as the county is required to provide necessary hospitalization for Old Age Assistance clients, the cost of which greatly exceeds the Old Age Allowance.

The foregoing and many other reasons convince this Committee that the patient capacity of this institution should be materially increased as soon as possible.

This report is intended only as a progress tudy but we hope, in the near when our study is completed, to bring to the Board of Supervisors a plan for enlarging the Infirmary Plant and its services together with a method of financing the costs.

We are getting data on construction costs and also making an application to

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An Open Letter

To the Voters of Southfield Township

January 31, 1947

In our previous letters we have attempted to outline in a general way some of the things to which a majority of the voters and taxpayers have voiced their disapproval. Now, we would like to mention some specific cases.

The present Supervisor says he will stand on his record. Here is the record. The Southfield Newsette on Nov. 27, 1946, says, and we quote, "Mr. Stevens pointed out that the extra funds which will be coming to Southfield Township through the return of a part of the sales tax, are not ear-marked for any particular use."

On Thursday night, January 30, 1947, at a public meeting he said, in defending his expenditure of these funds before they are received, for a police car and the establishing of a police department, and we quote, "practically all money received from the State is earmarked and must be used for capital improvements." The implication being that he could not use this money, which might some day be received, for reducing the taxes to be collected during the next year or to set aside a portion of it for future needs, or both.

Again, let us look at the record. When hearings were being held by the Board of Review last spring to hear complaints on assessments, his position, as many of you know, was that he was right and the taxpayer wrong. Now he admits—just before election—that there are inequalities in the assessments. That was not his position when you went before him at the Board of Review. He would have you forget that now, but that is the record.

After two years in office he has failed to establish a policy regarding approval of SDM licenses to sell beer and wine to take out. Some stores are given the privilege, while others for no apparent reason at all ARE REFUSED. Again this part of the Township business is being conducted on a "hit or miss" basis. The same way that assessments are made.

We believe the voters have **"had enough"** of this kind of supervision and that **"it's time for a change"**.

Your support at the primary election February 17, is earnestly requested for a Better Southfield Township.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) DUDLEY P. FRAME
24261 Chief Pontiac Trail.