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Westwood-S'field Split State Taxes

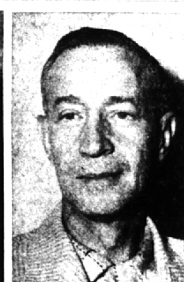
About a quarter of Southfield township's revenue from state tax returns will go to Westwood village.

The village and the township at their respective meetings Monday and Tuesday approved a resolution dividing the money.

Part of the township money—12.54 per cent—goes to Lathrup, Franklin and Bingham Farms.

Immediately due Westwood will be about \$16,000—its share of the money for the time between incorporation Feb. 3 and the beginning of the village's first fiscal year July 1.

Franklin Sweeps Out Its Incumbents



561 Voters Bounce To Village Poll

By NITA HARD Staff Correspondent

FRANKLIN—The official face of Franklin underwent drastic alteration Monday when 561 voters bounced over the controversial roads to cast a significant vote for change.

It was a contrast to the somewhat indifferent attitude that marked last year's election when only 272 bestirred themselves to go to the polls.

Monday's race featured a two-year village presidency; three council seats; two-year terms for the clerk's job and the treasurer's post plus the added attraction of a charter amendment.

These incumbents with years of service were discarded for new blood.

Village President Harold Roseberry lost his try for a third term to council appointee Grant Sivier, 178 to 179.

Mrs. Faye F. Hauk, village clerk since incorporation, was defeated by Mrs. Mildred Taylor, 268 to 226.

J. Robert Mitchell, only incumbent on a 11-man seeking reelection, came in fifth of the seven candidates for three seats.

Treasurer A. B. Nowland was the only incumbent to survive the vote. He defeated James P. O'Neill, 268 to 233.

LEADING the field in the trustee race was Edward Green, running on a whatever is good for Franklin platform.

Stanley Hunter trailed Kawecki by just one vote this year. Mitchell got 248; William Worcester, 158; and Ellis J. Preme, proponent of professional village manager government, and village taxes, was low with 115.

Alfred C. Emmerling, unopposed, replaces Walter Rodgers as assessor. Emmerling got 422 votes.

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Newly Appointed Officials Give Westwood Benefit of Their Experience

Road Commissioner Waldo Asbury will administer Westwood village's share of state highway funds.

Assessor Howard Palmer will also be responsible for building inspections.

Treasurer Donald C. McCobb will get the village on its financial feet and keep it there.

Three-year member of the Westwood board of review, Pete Decker volunteered his experience as a builder.

Architect member of the Westwood board of review is Clifford Wright, 30270 Leamoor drive.

Mortgage expert Francis Baglin volunteered his experience to the Westwood board of review.

Westwood Road Work Must Wait

WESTWOOD—Beverly road, which leads from Southfield road to the Beverly school where the village council meets, was closed Monday.

By the time councilmen bumped their way in to the school Monday night for the meeting, none were surprised to find a delegation of villagers waiting to complain about roads.

But there's nothing we can do yet, Robert Reed who heads the council's road committee, said.

The council agreed that Beverly road needed attention and said there were six other "crisis points" in the village as well.

Legal Advice Asked In Shopping Center

SOUTHFIELD—The township board voted Tuesday to ask its attorney for his opinion on the legality of residential restrictions on lots on Southfield road which are being considered for a shopping center.

Mrs. Pearl Lieberwitz and Tom Ellis own lots at 12 Mile and Southfield and plan shopping centers there.

They reported on a meeting Saturday with the neighboring subdivision representatives and the township planner. The group opposed the plans.

38-Day-Old Westwood May Be Re-Baptized

WESTWOOD—Having been Westwood villagers for all of 38 days, residents of the area are petitioning to change the new village's name to Beverly Hills.

Organizer of the movement is Chester Guilmet, a member of the village council, who says he is keeping election promises.

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Lathrup Fashion Note

The latest thing for pooches is this "canine classic" modeled by a fancy lassie from Lathrup.

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ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC Birmingham High School Science Club Members Tackle Huge Project.

Bloomfield Hills High School Holds First Roman Banquet for Latin Students.

St. Bede's Church and School Next Month.

Only Tourney Survivor in Birmingham Area.

80 Claim Hardship In Downspout Law.

LATHRUP—Jerald Stone, city clerk, reported to the city council Monday that he has more than 80 hardship claims to investigate with regard to downspout disconnections.

Not inclined to a "get tough" policy, the council told Stone to process the claims as fast as possible and to make full use of the downspout appeals board.

Taxes Raise Tempers At Bloomfield Meeting

BLOOMFIELD—Some 300 muttering Bloomfield township residents had three angry questions when they met in a mass taria last Thursday night.

The first question—Why the reassessment?—brought a lengthy explanation from township and county officials, but it seemed to leave most of the protesters unsatisfied.

The second question—Where's the tax money going?—brought an answer that seemed to pacify most residents, but a rift into Bloomfield's use of its annual budget money was still demanded.

The third question—Will our taxes be raised?—didn't get a direct answer, just a "maybe no, maybe yes, but I really can't tell" sort of reply from the township's supervisor, Arno L. Hulet.

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AFTER ARGUMENTS from representatives of the Suburban Homeowners' association as well as several interested residents, the trustees tabled until the next meeting a proposed amendment which would have created additional commercial property near the southeast corner of Telegraph and Maple roads.

The amendment, passed by the township zoning board and the county zoning board, would have increased the commercial zoning on property owned by Samuel Frank from 200 feet in depth to 300 feet.

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Democracy in action... More than 300 irate Bloomfield township residents jammed the Bloomfield Hills high school cafeteria last Thursday night to protest township taxes and reassessments.

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office and field operations for the Oakland county board of supervisors' equalization committee.

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