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Westwood
Protests
Drain Cost

WESTWOOD—We cannot endorse the whole or any part of drainage projects proposed by Oakland county authorities. Westwood village's council said Monday, until "we are satisfied we are contributing equally to the cost."

The councilmen voted to advise the Michigan department of health that the village recognizes the need for drainage, but added the contingency about financing to avoid having what Councilman Fred Shurtliff termed "lact approval" of cost apportionments on the projects.

Shurtliff led off objections to Westwood's share of the cost after Dr. Douglas Wood briefed the council on the latest demand from the Michigan department of health to all municipalities in the 12 town drain-district, of which Westwood is a part.

SINCE THE system serves 300,000 persons in an inadequate, and a mixture of sewage and water backs into basements and onto public areas, and discharges raw sewage into the Red Run and Clinton rivers, and menaces public health, the council members demanded immediate action.

Under the threat of court action if municipalities did not respond to their demand, the department released 14 statements by Oct. 1 setting forth a proposal on how municipalities plan to make the sewer system adequate, or 2) that they contact the city of Detroit by Oct. 15, asking that city to provide the necessary treatment of sewage.

Shurtliff said the proposed drainage projects were going to cost the Westwood property owners as much as \$1400 per lot over a period of 30 years.

"PEOPLE ARE shocked by the cost apportioned to this community," Shurtliff said, "and if they go through with it, it's going to cause a most serious problem."

Village President Marvin Cline said, "We are in this project, but there is every reason to postpone it. I feel it is very unfair to the village of Westwood."

Allenerton added that the system has the authority to determine the apportionment, based on acreage and existing drain-districts, and that the village would be required to pay the balance.

Allenerton added his "yes" to the vote on the proposal to withhold endorsement of the drainage projects until the matter was satisfactorily resolved.

Dr. Wood's was the only "no" vote.

Sidewalks Near School Are a 'Must'

WESTWOOD—Sidewalks are a "must" along Fairfax road, the Westwood village council decided at their meeting Monday night.

The councilmen agreed that the village should have sidewalks installed by Nov. 1. After a vote, the council will create a special assessment district to install the walks next spring and assess property owners.

Sidewalks should be laid on both sides of the street, from the point near Amherst road where they would join existing walks, the council agreed.

THE MOVE was taken on the urging of Robert W. Collins, of 15621 Lauderdale.

Collins said school children are forced to walk in the street when they reach Fairfax road, because of the lack of sidewalks. Nearly all children walking to the school must funnel onto the portion of Fairfax involved.

Other steps taken by the council Monday include selection of the firm of Dunnett, Gilbert and company of Detroit as village auditors. The three members of the firm are Westwood residents.

The council opened sealed bids from seven contractors seeking the contract for maintenance of village roads. The bids will be reviewed by road commissioner Waldo Asbury.

Civil Air Patrols Promoted in S'field

SOUTHFIELD—Lt. James Clements, senior member of Southfield Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, was promoted to the position of commanding officer. Lt. Clements has been active in the squadron for two years.

SIX Southfield students were recently awarded the red ribbon of achievement and were promoted to cadet status.

They are Richard Jones, Robert Jones, Richard Maurer, James McWhorter, William Blackley and Thomas Homer.

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Westwood Council Seeks Changes
In Plans for Jr-Sr High SchoolCite Aim
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