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Township Considers Addition

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—An addition to the Southfield township offices, the development of a park site and the annual township meeting were highlights Tuesday night of the Southfield government's board meeting.

Trustee Harold A. Roseberry showed tentative plans for the proposed township hall addition to board members for consideration.

According to Roseberry, the addition would be a similar version of the west portion of the present building.

"The new area would be merely 'hopped over' to the eastern portion of the township property with a few variations," he said.

Roseberry, who met last week with Westwood councilman Chester Guilmet concerning plans for the structure, told the board that the proposed addition would provide an estimated 1,500 to 1,700 sq. ft. A cost figure, he said, would depend on estimates from builders.

Township officials authorized Roseberry to get such estimates from builders to better determine the expense.

IN OTHER ACTION, board members agreed to hold the annual township meeting at 2 p.m. April 4 at the Detroit Country Day school at Lahser and 13 Mile road.

POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT of the Old Dodge Park No. 6 property of Southfield township, was also discussed at the meeting.

Legal consultant Tom Dillon told the board that the property was for public use, according to state officials. It can be regulated by the township, he said, but not reserved only for residents.

Allerton, Roseberry and Warren asked to check with residents in Westwood, Franklin and Bingham Farms to determine public sentiment on the park development for recreation purposes.

IN CLARIFYING a misunderstanding about the term of office for trustees and board of review members, Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., told the township officials that Trustees Richard O. Speir and Neil Warren need not run for re-election in April.

Both Speir and Warren are technically in office until spring, 1961. Albert H. Gattward and Harold A. Roseberry will leave James M. Ginn and Thomas G. Kavanaugh for the two trustee posts open this year.

Canals, Cànoes And Gondolas Next in Franklin

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Before the Southfield township board meeting Tuesday night, officials talked about various facets of governmental machinery.

When the topic moved to public reaction to the township's assessment increases, Supervisor Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., told his colleagues what Franklin residents had to say about it.

"Many of them told me that half the village was under water now," he said, "and that the increased assessments obviously did not consider this."

Trustee Harold A. Roseberry of Franklin jokingly replied, "That's really not so bad. In fact if Westwood can become Beverly Hills, then just call us Venice."

D. CARLETON BELL, appointee (See ADDITION, Page 5-E)

To Rehire Teachers After Vote

With the assurance that additional funds will now be available for the operation of schools, the Bloomfield Hills board of education met following last Thursday's election. Several economies which had been put in effect when the board was faced with an almost \$300,000 deficit were discontinued by unanimous vote.

The three teachers who left the school system at the end of the last semester will be rehired. Substitute teachers will be rehired.

The school board this week also approved plans for a 12-classroom addition to the junior high school on Quanton road and authorized architects Smith, Tarapata and McMahon to advertise for bids. Hopes are for completion by the fall term.

The measures were taken after a record turnout of voters in the school district approved a raise in the school millage tax rate by an almost two to one majority.

A \$790,000 building and site bond issue was also approved by a substantial majority in the special election held last week.

Vote on the millage rate increase was: yes, 2102; no, 1184.

Vote on the bond issue was: yes, 1975; no, 1170.

The millage proposal provides for an increase of 4.8 mills for three years—1959 through 1961—increasing to 3.6 mills in '62, '63 and '64.

Funds from the sale of the building and site bonds will provide an addition to the junior high school and a one-unit elementary school on Quanton road opposite the junior high school.

Fifty per cent of the 6,832 qualified citizens voted on the issues, in which widespread interest was shown.

A similar proposal by the Bloomfield Hills board of education was rejected last December. That proposal included a 4 mill tax increase and a \$1,165,000 bond issue.

The December vote against the millage increase by 865 to 506. In a statement this week, Merrill Bates, president of Bloomfield Hills board of education, said, "The board of education is deeply gratified by the wholehearted support of the community. It is even more satisfying to know that the residents of this school district are so strongly in favor of a high standard of education for their young citizens."

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"ON BEHALF of the board I extend our thanks to the 'YES' committee for the tremendous job which they have done in bringing the facts to the people.

"The board, with this generous support, will continue to maintain the high educational standards already established."

The YES committee was a group (See TEACHERS, Page 2-E)

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Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

Anybody who doesn't vote in Wood Creek Farms is crazy. Mrs. Don Wells greets voters at the door of her handsome colonial home, which she permits the small village to use for its polling place.

She ushers them to the recreation room, where two charming women sit at a long table near the cozy fireplace.

Mrs. H. A. Dobson and Mrs. Roy M. Nelson were on duty when we stopped in Monday morning. And when we finished some camera work, they gave us the VIP treatment every voter gets. They poured a cup of steaming hot coffee and passed the home-baked cookies

(Mrs. Dobson's were good enough to get out the vote in any community.)

The feeling like a Wood Creek voter, we enjoyed the refreshments during a chat by the fire. And the cookie-baking and coffee-serving taken care of by the Wood Creek women's group which provided the home-baked cookies (See TOWNS, Page 5-E)



He Wasn't Registered

Even "Pepper" went to the polls this week. While his owner, Mrs. John McBride of 856 North Pemberton, voted in the Bloomfield Hills school district election last Thursday, the Dalmatian had to be tied to a voting sign outside Vaughan school.



A Treat for Voters

You couldn't stuff the ballot box at right, but you could stuff yourself with cookies if you voted in the village of Wood Creek Farms Monday. Beside a glowing fireplace and a refreshment-laden table at right, Pearl (Mrs. H. A.) Dobson (left) and Ethel (Mrs. Roy M.) Nelson, both of Wellington road, greeted voters Monday morning. Election headquarters was the recreation room of Mrs. Don Wells, 28477 Eastbrook.

Franklin Acts On Emergency Road Patch-Up

FRANKLIN—Emergency road repair funds of \$5,000 were borrowed from general funds by special council action Saturday.

President Grant Siver explained the urgent need to patch up severe winter damage to village roads.

About 30 residents of areas plagued by flooding and nearly impassable roads questioned road administrator Stanley Hunter about expenditures of road funds.

Hunter estimated that immediate local road repairs would cost about \$7,500 and the village had only \$3,000 left in the local road account. About \$3,000 will be needed to fill washouts on major roads.

A committee will work with the village assessor to devise a method for restoring the borrowed money to the general fund, Siver said.

Couple Arrested In Southfield Theft

SOUTHFIELD—\$380 cash, luggage and clothing was taken Monday from the trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Naylor, 27375 Northwestern, according to Southfield police.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schore, who had been staying with the Nays, were arrested by police at a friends home in Royal Oak.

Naylor told police the money and items, valued at \$500, were taken while he and his wife were at work.

New Name, New Tax, New Faces Get Okay in Villages' Voting

Franklin Passes First Village Tax

FRANKLIN—Franklin's claim to fame as a tax-free village is no more.

Although voters turned down a chance to buy into the Evergreen Interceptor a second time Monday; defeated a charter amendment for issuance of bonds and creation of special assessment districts; they approved up to an eight mill tax for village roads.

They also gave incumbent council candidates Don Hunter and William Winstover a decisive lead and named Fred Ziegel as new trustee for two years.

Out of 915 registered voters, 557 cast ballots.

Elsie M. Gattward (Mrs. Oliver) Emma Coburn (Mrs. Meredith) 296 to 252 for the one-year village clerk's job.

Incumbent Alfred C. Engmerling led Leo J. Wischman, 442 to 95 for the assessor's post, a one year term.

FOR THE one-year term as treasurer, Robert E. Winkel defeated Archie R. McDardell, 280 to 236.

Don Hunter's 346 votes were followed by 337 for Worcester Frederick K. Ziegel nosed out three other council aspirants with 243. Dr. Duane B. Lukins, 238; William L. Kahn, 225; and Arthur R. Marshall, 135, were defeated.

A simple majority, 296 to 245, passed the proposal allowing the village to levy up to eight mills for road improvements and construction.

Requiring a two-thirds-plus-one majority of those voting, the two-time loser, the Oakland County Evergreen sewer project failed by 27 votes. Needing 371 votes to pass, it got only 344, while 201 voted against it.

SHY 29 voters to pass the charter amendment authorizing money to be borrowed on anticipated funds for special assessment districts, polled 342 for and 191 against.

Election officials, checking paper ballots used to conserve village funds, labored until 2:15 a.m. before results were conclusive.

Residents disappointed by the inadequate Evergreen vote can look forward to having it placed on the ballot again, Oakland County DPW authorities said. Although they are anxious to get voluntary (See TAX, Page 2-E)

Wood Creek 40 Votes Council Gets OK Bingham 1st Woman Amendment

WOOD CREEK FARMS—The first woman to run for public office in Wood Creek Farms, Mrs. Marian Lam, a dietitian and mother of four, nudged out two male opponents for a two-year trustee post.

Defeating incumbent Harry O. Long, Jr., who had served two years, and William Scott, Mrs. Lam followed incumbent Norman Kreider's lead of 52 votes by polling 48. Long trailed with 32 votes and Scott had 13.

More than one-third of Wood Creek's registered populace, 82 out of 186, visited the home of Mrs. Don Wells to cast their ballots and enjoy the refreshments (See COUNCIL, Page 2-E)

BINGHAM FARMS—Only 54 of Bingham Farms' 175 registered voters turned out in Monday's slush to decide the fate of a charter amendment and confirm an unopposed slate for village officers.

The amendment authorizing the creation of special assessment districts for road improvement and construction also allows for the issuance of bonds for road funds. It was approved by a vote of 40 for the amendment and 14 against.

Former village treasurer Hassell E. Wright is now president. Mrs. Pauline Marson, registered nurse and 22-year resident of the area, will be the village clerk at (See VOTES, Page 2-E)

Beverly Hills Is New Name

BEVERLY HILLS (WESTWOOD)—Two new names figure importantly in the results of Westwood village's election Monday. They are Beverly Hills, the village's new title since voter approval of a name change proposal, and Leo J. Linsenmeyer, a new addition to the Westwood council's roster.

The 29-year-old newcomer came in fourth with an 831-vote total in the race to select four councilmen from seven candidates. Leading him were the three incumbent councilmen on the ballot. The village's top vote-getter, Chester F. Guilmet, received 1110 votes. Close behind him was Dr. Douglas J. Wood with 1009, followed by Edward M. (Ted) Shurtleff, who received 985 votes.

Voters approved the village taking over the part of Southfield township's water system lying within its borders. The proposal got the okay of 86 per cent of the voters, 1388 "yes" and 186 "no" votes.

OF 3000 registered voters, 1003 went to the polls. Village Clerk Alice Spencer estimated that several hundred would-be voters had to be turned away from polls. They had not re-registered with the village after its incorporation last year, and registration with Southfield township does not qualify them to vote in the village elections.

Voters gave unanimous approval to the name of Beverly Hills, with 1200 favoring the change and 590 opposing it. Greatest opposition came from precinct 6, the Berkshires and Valley Woods areas, where many residents objected to the Beverly Hills name at the time the village charter was set up. They gave "Beverly Hills" only 46 votes. "Westwood" 215.

HERMAN J. Dracik, secretary of the village planning commission, came in just 149 votes behind Linsenmeyer, to run fifth in the council race.

John A. McClanathan was sixth with 654 votes, and Floyd G. Abatt received 324 votes.

Linsenmeyer, 29, was elected to a one-year term as sales engineer with Victor Manufacturing and Gasket company, Detroit. He lives with his wife and an infant son at 1828 Beverly road.

Along with Guilmet, Linsenmeyer received especially strong support in his own West Beverly precinct, No. 4. The Berkshires precinct No. 6 also voted overwhelmingly for the two candidates from that area. Dr. Douglas J. Wood and John A. McClanathan.

Village Attorney Thomas Dillon said the name change would become legally effective as soon as the state is notified to make the change on the village charter. Notification should be made within a day or two, he said.

Supervisor Names 5-Man Bloomfield Planning Group

A five-man citizen's planning committee has been named for Bloomfield township.

Its members are: Burke Bartlett, 425 N. Evansdale; John Osler, 894 W. Glenhurst; George Boule, Jr., 405 S. Williamsburg; George Booth, 959 W. Harsdale; and Edward Proctor, 6180 Wing Lake road.

Members will hold a meeting 8 p.m., March 18, at the township hall. A chairman is expected to be elected then.

Appointment to the committee was made by Arno Hulet, township supervisor. Hulet said the committee's function is to formulate the plan and coordinate overall planning in Bloomfield township.

Lathrup Group Sets Polio Clinic

SOUTHFIELD—If you are due for your second or third polio shot the St. Bede Sanctuary society will sponsor another clinic on April 7.

Children and adults needing the first shot may also attend the clinic and schedule their second for May 5. The society plans a third clinic in November.



New Lake Forms at Foxcroft Intersection

FOX CROFT—Who wants a swimming pool when they have a lake lapping at their door step? Only thing is, March isn't exactly the month to enjoy a swim. And, furthermore, this flooded street intersection at the north end of Foxcroft may not last until the swimming season is here. At least nearby residents, who have named it the Black Sea, hope it won't. Located at the foot of Woodland Pass and Crabtree roads, kids have named it Woodcrab Lake. They

even say it has waves at high tide. The neighborhood youngsters manage somehow to take a daily dip, too—clothes and all. Standard excuse when the dripping darlings arrive home: "But, Mother, it was an accident. I just sorta slipped!" One daredevil zoomed across the lake on his bike, slid off course, and before he could right his craft, ended up end up!