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Council Okays Roads, Bonds In Lathrup

LATHRUP — Council members passed a bonding resolution Monday and moved along the way to complete the 1959 special assessment road construction program.

General obligation bonds for storm sewer construction will be dated Oct. 1, 1961, with the first payment due April 1, 1962 at a maximum interest rate of five per cent. They will be payable over a 30-year period.

On the road construction program, council directed City Attorney Hayes to draft a petition to change the specifications from gravel to concrete paving for the 0.66-mile block on Bloomfield up to the southern edge of the 11 Mile Road right-of-way.

THE PETITION will be circulated by Charles D. Kelley. The change to concrete will cost property owners no more than the gravel originally planned, due to the gravel quotations received from a local contractor, Western Construction Co.

The paving was originally scheduled for asphalt but specifications were changed to gravel following a public hearing. A 60-foot strip of county property north the right-of-way will be paved.

One block of Eldorado, between Goldensale and W. California, and about 100 feet of Goldensale near the eastern city limits of Lathrup, will also be constructed under the 1959 special assessment program. Eiders will be paved with concrete; Goldensale will have a gravel surface.

THE ROAD PROGRAM was delayed due to poor weather and lack of cement on the type of construction.

In other business, City Administrator Stone reported that the tree spraying program was complete except for a few trees and that work has been completed on lines of the sanitary sewer project with the contractor currently working on the metering plant.

3 in Running For 2 Posts On Hills B of E

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Three residents of Bloomfield Hills School District have taken out petitions to qualify as candidates for the Hills school board.

Deadline for filing petitions is May 15.

TWO SEATS on the school board will be filled at the election on June 12. Term of office is three years.

Incumbents Jean Martz and Max Miller have taken out petitions to run for re-election. The third candidate is Mrs. Christine M. Jones.

MRS. MARTZ, 4245 Oak Grove, and Miller, 7410 Franklin, have served three terms on the board. Mrs. Martz has been secretary of the board and Miller has been treasurer.

Mrs. Jones, 992 Dowling Road, is an active member of Eastover PTO and served as president of Bloomfield Hills Schools Children's Committee in 1958.

VOTER REGISTRATION deadline is May 15. Amount of Registration for political elections qualifies as a registration for election.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on June 12. There are seven school voting precincts. Polls are at Bloomfield Hills High School, the Junior High School and Vaughan, Wingate, Eastover, Hickory Grove and Pine Lake Elementary Schools.

Extensive Damage Reported in Phone Company Blaze

SOUTHFIELD — A fire of unknown origin caused extensive damage in the main room of a new building under construction by the Telephone Co. at 25500 North-Western Highway. The fire was reported at 11:14 a.m. Tuesday.

Insulation material in the room was destroyed. Total amount of damage has not yet been estimated, firemen said.

The fire was fought for two hours before being brought under control by the Southfield Fire Department.

Car Turns Over On Telegraph Road

SOUTHFIELD — A male driver, 31, of 545 Valley View, Birmingham, was injured Sunday afternoon when his Volkswagen turned over three times on Telegraph road, south of 11 Mile Road.

Franklin Men Trade Suits For Garb of the Bluecoats

Grouped around the Franklin Police Department's Ambulagov, village police stand alert to the call of duty. On call around the clock are (from left, in front row), Ken Bristol; John Donaldson, the new marshal; former marshal Richard Diederich and D. Carleton Bell. Behind Bristol are (clockwise) Frank Young, Arnold Bingham, George Tennent, Charles Foote, Fred Pratt, Vernon Converse, Paul Settle and Harry Booker.

FRANKLIN — Fifteen Franklin men take a 12,000-mile "cruse" every year. They are Franklin "Boys" in Blue.

Sworn to protect their neighbors, they shed their gray dannel suits after a day's work to wear blue and travel around the 25 miles of village roads.

And nobody knows better than they do when they have to pay their dollar-a-year men and buy their own No-No's.

Most of them are fathers in their mid-30's.

Yet, when there's an important PTA meeting or a big family-type function in the community, they give their allegiance to the duty bestowed upon them and are more apt to be found directing traffic in snow or rain rather than comfortably seated in the audience.

IT IS A REMARKABLE dedication, it is baffling to patient spouses, who have no prospect of a widow's pension to console them. There is very little privacy. The phone could ring at any hour meaning she must share her husband and keep the coffee hot.

IN A WAY, though, things are better than they used to be in the early days of incorporation. In 1954, when the village had no money, and Dan Brown was the first marshal, and Dan Brown was their own cars, paid for their uniforms and the gas they used.

Today, the department, under John Donaldson, has an \$18,000 budget and the use of a sleek Pontiac ambulagov presented to the Franklin Volunteer Fire department by Simon Knudsen of Bingham Farms.

They are now covered by insurance and bond and get an allowance for gas mileage.

EACH MAN PUTS in about six hours of duty a week. The department has six two-way radios in the next four or five years and the city, the police phone rings simultaneously in four homes, the fire alarm is sounded and the firemen, deputies Ron Showers and George Tennent can be reached.

B'field Township Board, Planners To Meet May 15

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — With a light agenda scheduled, Friday, the township Board of Trustees had time to look ahead at their meeting last week.

They scheduled a May 15 joint meeting with the township's Planning Commission. Zoning changes will be discussed.

THEY APPROVED a health certificate for the township and recommended that one be drawn up for adoption at a future meeting.

The board also agreed that a contract be prepared for future passage requiring all septic tanks to be filled with no longer in use.

ONLY BUSINESS transacted at the meeting was the award of an asphalt paving contract to Detroit Concrete Products. A parking area of 26,000 square feet on the west side of the township hall is to be paved. Contract price is \$4,491.

Planners Reject Rezoning Request In Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS — Village planners last week rejected a rezoning petition for property on Southfield Road, south of Beverly Road.

The petition, amended after its initial submission to the planners, asked for an increase in the amount of area previously allocated to B-2 (retail) use.

The property, owned by Kathleen Minton and the proposed site of retail businesses, including a super market.

IN A LETTER to the village council, Plan Board Chairman Herman Draxler stated the "the overall objective of the request for rezoning was to increase the previously approved amount of B-2 zoning in order to construct a super market of approximately 18,000 square feet.

The planners pointed out three reasons for their denial.

ONE, The zoning approved in 1960 is not unreasonable and proper development can be made under existing zoning.

Two, the Oakland County Road Commission has indicated that a Southfield Road may be widened in the next four or five years and construction as proposed would suffer a parking loss.

Three, the construction of a super market is undesirable because the board has provided sufficient retail zoning in the village.

The final decision on the rezoning belongs to the council and will be taken up at a future meeting.

WHO ARE THE dapper gent who look so dashing in their uniforms?

There's D. Carleton Bell, chief architect for Uliet Carr Pasten; Kenneth Bristol, native son and landscaper; Charles Foote, sales engineer for Uliet Carr Pasten; Harry Booker, traffic manager for Detroit Host and Manager; Frank Bratt, sales executive for Oak who has contributed his training in the Oakland county sheriff's office on an average of eight hours a week since 1954; Frank Young, plant engineer for the Chrysler Missile plant; Vernon Converse, president of Scans Associates, Inc. (a recurrent resident since he was 1901); Frank Bratt, sales executive for Detroit Flame Hardening Company; Arnold Bingham, lifelong resident and garage owner; John Lackner, sales executive; Paul Settle, sales executive; Leonard Alumn and Leonard Lawton, vice-president of Star Outco.

MARSHAL DONALDSON is a department head for Ludington Police station and is a member of National Automatic Tool and had belonged to the Indiana National Guard.

Donaldson is the fifth Marshal the village has had. Brown was the first, then developer Jack Roberts Ford and Diederich.

TOGETHER they have fulfilled a requirement of the charter and the statutory law and regulations. They are maintaining law and order in the "Town That Time Forgot."

THE WATER department budget, which totals \$164,500, indicates a \$6,000 allocation for hydrant system improvements.

The water department, formed in 1958, is a self-supporting unit and does not demand a share of the incoming taxes.

A THIRD BUDGET, figured for the operation of the road commission, totals \$107,000.

The budget is derived from the one mill village levy, gas and weight tax returns from the state and a (See BUDG. E-12)

TERRY, for instance, blew the bubbles of the soap ad with the notation "I'm not a bubble." The deodorant it contained was "AT7 or AT77,777,777."

As a sense of humor, sensed an implied promise in a promotion for a mouth wash and told observers "you'll sure have a romance if you schedule."

His tongue-in-cheek comment was made by Ryan Schroeder.

On the suggestion of early but confirmed bachelorhood is reflected in a trio of unsigned observations on three love letters to home designated the delights of a well-known candy bar, a refrigerator and a toaster.

THE CYNICAL author sharpened his sweet tooth with a barbed remark that it must take a "dainty lady all day to eat" the confection because "they make it look big in the picture, showing small pieces

Beverly Approves Tax Cut Council Gives Nod To Budget

BY DENI SCANLON Township Editor

BEVERLY HILLS—It's only a matter of four pennies, but the village councilmen trimme quite a sum from the tax rate Monday when they approved a \$268,800 budget.

The 1961-62 tax rate will be \$3.80 per \$1,000 assessed valuation compared to a rate of \$3.93 for 1960-61.

A one-half mill tax spread for one year only on the 1961-62 tax roll for emergency major road repairs will bring the total tax spread to \$4.30. The extra one mill was also levied for 1960-61 and brought the past tax spread to \$4.83.

The 1961-62 budget total valuation is \$20,080,800 with \$19,571,600 in real estate and \$509,800 in personal property.

Totalling up the figures, the village will need to spread a tax to collect \$283,161.

THE \$283,000 general budget excludes \$1,000 for the water department and a \$107,000 budget for roads.

The revenue side of the general budget's ledger shows an estimated \$45,800 cash surplus with property taxes from Southfield Township and from the state and gas and weight tax returns lending the most to revenue.

A total of \$22,000 of the general budget is being set aside to purchase land for the village.

Beverly Hills now rents its facilities from Southfield Township and is presently negotiating for property immediately behind and on the east side of the village.

Another \$4,000 is earmarked for additional operating expenses in the village office.

IN DISCUSSION of the budget, Councilman Hugh G. Allen objected to the \$6,000 change to \$800 of the general contingency be earmarked to finish repairs on Kathleen Madona-owned east of Southfield Road and north of 13 Mile. The process will assist in fire prevention in the area.

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ONE RESIDENT who attended the meeting claimed the \$110,625 allocation for the public safety department was too high.

The bank's attorney asked permission to move the trailer to property on the southwest corner of Southfield and 14 Mile Roads, facing Southfield.

THE COUNCIL, however, gave the bank an extension of 60 days at its present location and 15 days to report back if arrangements for banking of the trailer could not be made with Mrs. Madona.

The 14 Mile-Southfield property owned by the bank was rezoned to B-1 (office, professional) several years ago.

\$3,600 Fire Damage Caused by Heater

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — According to Bloomfield Township's fire department, a defective gas hot-water heater caused a fire Tuesday morning at the Peter Kobler home of Franklin.

The blaze, reported by Mrs. Kobler, caused \$3,600 damage to home and contents, according to firemen. Smoke and fire damage was confined to the front room and a portion of the first floor.

"They imply that only stupid people eat this product and, if you eat it, you will also be stupid," says Lynn.

This woman-baiter continues to frost the fairer sex with his anti-frosting problems, says he.

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Both Terry Thompson and another budding sociologist catch the emphasis on "status seeking" as they remark on the use of prestige symbols in liquor ads.

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Seek Reform in Release Of the Criminally Insane

By SAVILLA SLOAN Staff Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—The case of Gary Taylor may become a cause celebre in bringing about reforms in the release of criminally insane patients from state hospitals, according to Oakland County Prosecutor George Taylor.

"The time has come, perhaps, for a review and legislative reform of the release of criminals from state mental institutions," he stated.

AT THE PROSECUTOR'S request, State Attorney General Paul Adams is conducting an investigation into the release of the 24-year-old Taylor who, while on leave from Lafayette Clinic, recently attempted a robbery by knife-point of two Detroit women.

He said he believes that criminals should determine whether they should be released from mental institutions to the public prosecutor, who should be prosecuted for crimes perpetrated before their commitment. He believes his views are in accord with the mass of public opinion.

THE GARY TAYLOR case has its origin when the youth was arrested in 1957 after he took sniper shots at 10 women in the South Oakland County area, injuring two.

"A civil damage suit has recently been filed by the parents of one of his victims, alleging that his parents knew of his mental condition and failed to give him treatment or to keep him from his acts."

Taylor was committed after his arrest to the State Hospital for the Criminally Insane.

TWO years later, he was transferred to Lafayette Clinic in Detroit.

DURING HIS stay at the clinic, he has been allowed weekend home visits to his parents.

He was, with hospital permission, occasionally registering for classes at Detroit hospital when he made the knife-point robbery attempt in April.

He has since been returned to Ionia State Hospital.

BEVERLY HILLS—Residents of the South Berkshire Association are seeking village assistance in the installation of a fence for the section of the village that is south of 13 Mile between Evergreen and the west corner of Beverly Hills.

George Ashton, secretary of the association, presented petitions to the village officials but the documents, according to attorney Thomas Dillon, are not acceptable.

"I ASKED THE state to make the investigation because a state hospital that is involved and because of the complexity of cooperation I knew the attorney general's office would give," Prosecutor Taylor said.

He said he expects to receive investigation results within 10 days.

RATHER THAN HAVE new petitions circulated, Council President Marvin Cline suggested that the names be checked to see if 60 per cent of the residents in the area have indicated in favor of participating in the project.

A 60 per cent approval is necessary before the village can declare a special assessment or set up general obligation bonds.

WHILE THE PETITIONS are being reviewed, the council instructed the South Berkshire representatives to find out if residents in the Marlin-Kennaway-Stafford area north of 13 Mile want to be included in the project.

The Valley Woods Association heads will also be consulted. Valley Woods is located north in the vicinity of 14 Mile Road between Evergreen and Lahser.

DEVELOPERS of the proposed 125-home Beech Grove Subdivision have indicated they are interested. The subdivision will be north of 13 Mile Road, west in LaPorte Nottingham Forest. Inc., owners of 125 lots, also want to participate.

June 1 is the target date for determining the assessment area. No estimate of cost on the project, will be figured until the boundaries are set up.

Formal negotiations on the water request will not be possible until Dec. 31. The village has consummated its limitation for bonding for 1961.

"Like a high society person," adds Bob Cavelier.

"Teacher Larrin feels his classes have learned to 'think' through projects like this. Other students who participated in the study were Howard Taylor, Linda Boulton, and Charles 'Chinny' Koch, his Larry Gardner and Marian Mead.

"They are all terrific students," Larrin says. "But I did have to watch some of the boys at first. They tended to be distracted by the pictures of pretty girls."

2 Detroit Youths Arrested in S'field

SOUTHFIELD — Two Detroit youths were arrested when they were apprehended at 10 Mile and Northwood in possession of a pickup truck stolen in Detroit. The arrests took place at 10:19 p.m. on Friday evening in Northwood.

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