

Village Acts on Signs, Tax Deadlines, Zoning

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BINGHAM FARMS—The council decided Monday night to adopt a "get tough" policy and enforce the sign ordinance; make a study of inconsistencies in zoning on Telegraph; find a "permanent address" for village mail and extend village tax deadlines.

Irked that letters regarding signs in violation of codes have been ignored, the council agreed to take the advice of Village Attorney William Hartmann to put pressure on the property owners maintaining illegally sized signs.

Village President Haskell Wright and building department head and councilman William Hyland will each contact offenders before turning the matter over to the marshal's office in December.

turned over to the county. A minimum of 25 cents in delinquency taxes must be paid to cover postage.

AN ATTEMPT to determine a "permanent address" for village mail delivery will be made by Village Clerk Mrs. Evelyn Whybrew. Confusion and delay due to periodic changes in administration and the absence of any "village office" spurred the need to find a central point to receive official correspondence. Treasurer James Washburn reported bills and payments sometimes room or get bogged down for two or three months.

Following a road report on ditching and culvert work done on Bristol Lane, the council agreed to hold its next monthly meeting a week earlier, Dec. 17, to avoid conflict with Christmas Eve.

IT MAY BE necessary to re-activate a planning commission to study Hartmann's recommendation that all property fronting on Telegraph road be changed to 30,000-square-foot-size limitations.

Councilman Walter Gerick questioned the council's power to make such an adjustment arbitrarily. It is expected that no such change would be made without a public hearing and proper process of law if the study justified altering 80,000 square foot lots north of 13 Mile to match those of 30,000-square-foot lots south of 13 Mile.

Rezoning

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plan for the township was in preparation, was also cited by the attorney.

Robert W. Hague, president of Rouge Manor Improvement Association, representing property owners in the area who have opposed the rezoning. He stated that the property could be developed as residential and that, were it rezoned R-1, which calls for smaller lot sizes than R-3, seven home sites could be developed on the six acres.



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Con-Con Conversation

Con-Con delegate Katherine Cushman, (D) of Dearborn, addresses the speakers bureau of the Birmingham League of Women Voters. Also present at last Monday's meeting was Dorothy Judd (R), Con-Con delegate from Grand Rapids and representatives

of other Oakland County LWV chapters. The LWV is making speakers available without charge to explain the proposed constitution to service clubs, women's clubs, church groups and other organizations.

B'ham to File Answer To Newell Zoning Suit

Birmingham is expected to file an answer to a zoning suit brought against the City last week by Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Newell, 222 Lake Park.

Newell and his wife have asked Oakland County Circuit Court to declare the zoning of their lot at Maple and Waterfall Lane unreasonable and unconstitutional.

They wish to have it changed from R-1, single-family, to any residential use other than single-family. It is understood that they propose to build two-family houses on the property.

They argue further that City-owned property bordering the Newell land would serve as a buffer between it and nearby single-family housing.

Only their lot and one other between Chesterfield and Southfield, the Newells say, are zoned something other than public property, the classification Birmingham assigns to buffer or green belt strips.

same has been vacant for some years and is in a state of disrepair; that the land in dispute is no longer suitable for a single-family residential use and in view of its peculiar location has become non-conforming.

The City's refusal to zone the property is "arbitrary, unreasonable and invalid," the Newells say in their suit.

The City thus deprives them "of the proper and suitable use of their land and of the right to use said property for its highest and best use and greatest advantage," they contend.

THE NEWELLS contend that "a single-family residence which was built about 1900 presently occupies the premises but that the

AT A PUBLIC hearing Oct. 8, the city commission accepted the planning commission's recommendation to reject Newell's petition.

City officials said Tuesday they "assume" that Newell's suit will be contested. They have 15 days from date of receipt of the bill of complaint to file their answer.

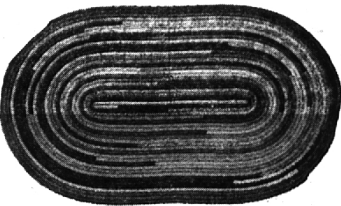
Council, Plan Board To Meet Jointly

The plaintiffs say that since October, 1947, they have asked the City to rezone the property to either business or multiple family. Their efforts have failed.

BEVERLY HILLS—The annual joint meeting of the council and the planning board will take place at 8:30 Thursday.

The regular planning board meeting will take place at 7:30, after which the joint meeting will get much as the lot fronts on heavily traveled Maple. It is not fair to require them to build the high-

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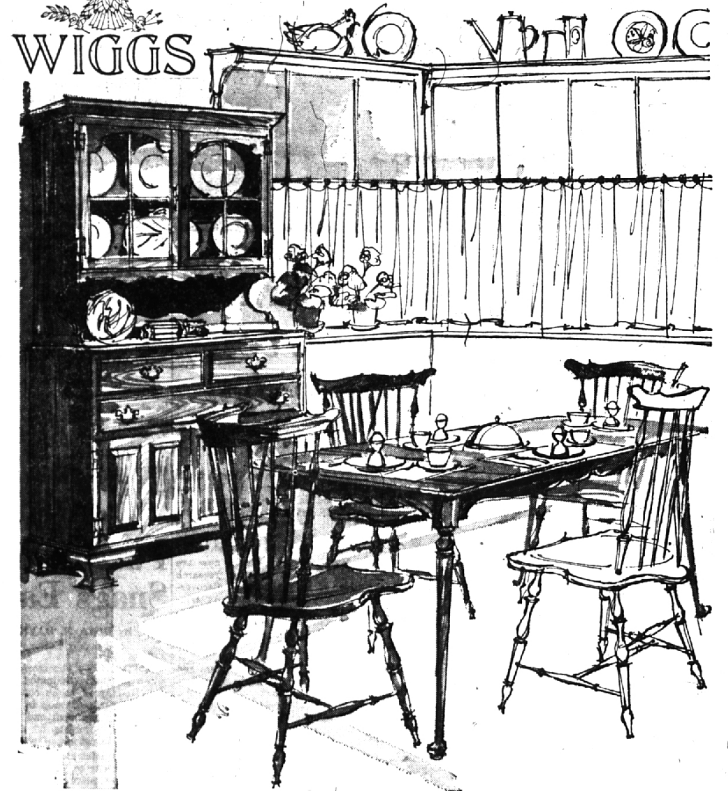


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