

Special Groups Formed For Bingham Projects

BINGHAM FARMS—Two special committees were appointed at Monday night's council meeting. One will develop a projected road program, while the other will probe the possibility of a contractual agreement for use of the Baldwin Library.

Street Commissioner Harold Spiecher requested a committee of three other residents to assist him in setting up a specific road work plan for Bingham's 5.25 miles of gravel roads.

The council appointed M. Robbins, of Bristol Lane, Harry Anderson of Hickory Hollow and James Nunnally of Bingham Lane so that each area of the village will be represented to form local road projects as well as requirements of Bingham Road, the only major village road.

A LETTER from Mrs. Nell Warren requesting a council member to

Band

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concert May 11 at the Ford Auditorium.

IN ADDITION to the band, Miss Alfred Fosses Week and her court of uniformed members of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps will be on hand.

The queen is Miss Diane Cernate, 22, a laboratory technician at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She will reign at various armed forces events throughout the week.

Also on the program will be a Marine Corps Color Guard and the Tars and Spars Drill Team from the Grosse Ile Naval Air Station. Newhart said there was a possibility of the Selfridge Air Force Base Drill Team making an appearance.

The program will start at 7:30 p.m. so that families with younger children might attend.

Birmingham's new mayor, Charles W. Renfrew, will introduce the band.

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dates George Webb and Ross Pierce.

THE COUNTY board awarded Bessford 294 votes and Webb 391 in the race for a two-year term. The two were originally tied at 395 each.

Blanchard was declared the winner of a one-year term with 415 votes as compared to 385 for Ross Pierce. In the original tally by election workers, Blanchard had 416 votes and Pierce 390.

The county canvassers discounted 34 votes for Webb and 50 for Pierce placed in the wrong slots on the ballot. The Hills board of canvassers on April 11 had okayed the mis-cast votes and Webb and Pierce were declared the winners.

Both Webb and Pierce ran as sticker candidates in opposition to a provision in the new zoning ordinance, which allows three-story multiple dwellings.

THE BLOOMFIELD Hills Citizens Committee supported the "two-story" slate of Webb, Pierce and Frye, claiming a "moral victory" in their eleventh hour campaign. Blanchard had 416 votes and supporters of the three-story apartments.

The committee pointed to the total vote in which its slate outpolled Bessford, Blanchard and Edward Schirmer, 1,395 to 1,144.

The intention of the voters was quite clear, said committee chairman E. R. Davies, and only the technical problem of casting written votes kept the sticker candidates from capturing a 3-2 majority on the commission.

Davies indicated that the citizens committee would be active in next year's campaign, in which two commission seats will go up for grabs.

ROSS PIERCE said he is "disappointed" at not being elected, but feels the write-in campaign served a worthwhile purpose.

"Although we did not attain our goal, the citizens committee should be highly lauded for their great undertaking and efforts," he said.

"Even civic interest and active participation among our residents has been achieved. Perhaps too, citizens in the future will realize how precious it is to exercise their right to vote and to be conscientious in its validity."

"This in itself is a heartwarming victory. There is a new awareness in seeking true representation and in desiring to keep a fine community such as ours unspoiled."

John Blanchard is a fine person, and I feel will do his best to serve the residents of Bloomfield Hills. I extend my heartiest congratulations to him."

BLANCHARD, WHO is vacationing in the Middle East, will be sworn in when he returns, Stadler said.

A suit still pending in Circuit Court challenging the right of Webb and Pierce to hold office will probably be dropped Monday, according to John A. Gilray, Jr., attorney for Mr. and Mrs. J. Denton Anderson, who instituted the litigation.

Gilray said he felt the suit had accomplished its purpose.

The commission Tuesday night reappointed Stadler as city clerk and treasurer and City Manager Elmer Kephart as deputy for both positions.

Kephart was also reappointed as city assessor and to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

REAPPOINTED TO the zoning board of appeals were Harvey E. Bumpers and G. G. Bingham for one-year terms; D. D. James and Kenneth Murray, two-year terms; and Ralph L. Polk and C. Theron VanDusen, three-year terms.

At its regular meeting on May 12, the commission will discuss the new budget and pick a representative to sit on the planning commission.

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NEW MAYOR AND PRO TEM IN HILLS
Louis J. Colombo, Jr., and David W. Lee.

Arrest Man, Woman After 3-Mile Chase

A three-mile chase along U. S. 10 during Monday's rainstorm ended in the arrest of two men and a woman, all from Pontiac, on charges of stealing cigarettes from a Birmingham supermarket.

Joseph Shelton, 35, John T. Neeley, 24, and Vera Washington, 22, Neeley's common law wife, all stood mute at their arraignment Tuesday in municipal court. Examination was set for May 8.

All three were held in the Oakland County Jail until arrangements could be made for the \$1,000 each personal bond.

Det. Lt. Merlin L. Holmquist said the trio apparently took the cigarettes from the Wrigley store on Hunter and then drove to a field on Adams near Bowers to hide the loot while they hunted for more.

Hospitality Day Activities Set For Centennial

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved the closing of Henrietta Street, for the Michigan Week Hospitality Day observance Tuesday, May 19.

Mrs. Edward E. Talbert, Hospitality Day chairman, said the Birmingham Newcomers Club would be serving refreshments on the street from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

She said the club members would be dressed in old-fashioned costumes for the affair. Park benches and picnic tables will be provided for the shoppers' comfort, according to Mrs. Talbert.

THE BIRMINGHAM Senior Men's Club will provide musical entertainment from a small bandstand and free balloons will be given to children if they are accompanied by their parents.

Robert S. Kenning, assistant city manager and Michigan Week chairman, said free literature about activities in Birmingham and throughout the state will also be available.

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Budget

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estimated the cost at between \$185,000 to \$180,000.

GARE SAID that although the project is part of the peripheral route he feels it should be constructed on its own merits regardless of the peripheral route.

"Present traffic on Oakland between Woodward and Hunter is getting very heavy and during peak traffic hours there is such congestion at both the Woodward and Hunter intersections," Gare said.

He believes there are two possibilities to solving the problem.

"One would be to acquire an additional 16 feet of right-of-way on the south side of Oakland and widen the existing pavement to 44 feet."

"The other would be to leave the existing pavement as is and acquire additional right-of-way on the north side of the street and put in a completely new pavement in this area which would form the eastbound lane of a boulevard."

The cost of the project could vary "tremendously" depending on how much property is acquired, Gare said.

OTHER MAJOR capital improvement programs that could be carried on include 14 Mile-Cranbrook paving, \$68,000; completion of parking lot 7, \$60,000-\$80,000; construction of an indoor pistol range, \$83,000; and construction of a fire drill tower, \$15,000-\$18,000.

The total estimate of the entire program could range from \$681,050 to \$702,050, Gare said.

"It is, however, very difficult to tie down a capital improvement program at this time because of the fluid state of some of the projects."

"I feel that the projects which are included are all very important but there is no doubt certain ones for cost alone may have to be delayed for another year," Gare said.

Shop Windows To Show Antiques For Centennial

Birmingham business places have been asked to display antique items in their store windows in honor of the city's centennial celebration the week of May 17-23.

Area business men are being contacted by Patricia Lawrence of the Pilot Club of Greater Birmingham, sponsors of the request, to show furniture, clothing or allied merchandise of their trade which is at least 100 years old. A card of identity and background history would also add to the display, according to Miss Lawrence.

Business men are asked to contact Miss Lawrence, 1201 Trowbridge Road, Bloomfield Hills, if they plan to display an antique item.

City Rejects Alley Plan

Birmingham city commissioners turned down a plan for the construction of a north-south alley through the block bounded by Euclid, Ferndale, Oakland and Woodward Monday night.

The commission declared no necessity for the project after a public hearing.

The petitioners for the project were Jacob J. Sobieraj and Richard J. Michael. The two men said the alley was needed so they might have access to the rear of property they own in the block.

ALL OF THE other property owners in the block opposed the alley.

Mayor Charles W. Renfrew told the petitioners that because they do have access to the property through an agreement with the Detroit Bank and Trust Co., which owns the corner property, there was no need at this time for the alley.

Renfrew did not rule out the possibility of looking into the plan at a later date.

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