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The Board of Supervisors, at its regular session held April 19, 1982, was unanimously adopted April 19 by township Council without comment from the public.

The tab had been delayed on adoption twice because of state changes in the way funds were to be distributed and in the distribution of gross receipts and franchise taxes.

In other action, the Governing Body Authorized the adoption of purchasing procedures for all township departments under a unified township purchasing manual.

Gave its support to the adoption of a resolution in

the United States House of Representatives which would amend the Clean Air Act while maintaining its basic principles.

Endorsed mandatory beverage container legislation which would require containers to be returnable for deposits.

Appointed Thomas Padavano of 265 Laurel La. as municipal pool director for 1982 replacing Robert Fitzsimmons, who has resigned.

Authorized final payments of \$6,280 and \$6,612.80 respectively to the Hutchinson St and Curry firehouses to J.A. Alexander Inc of Kearny.

Adopted an ordinance correcting township law to correctly identify the duties of the registrar of vital statistics.

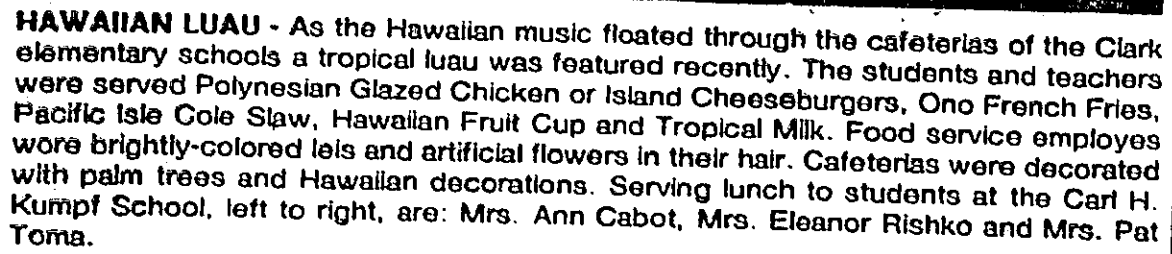
Finally approved the installation and operation of traffic control channelization at the intersection of Oak Ridge and Raritan Rds.

Passed on second reading an ordinance which prohibits parking on Raritan Rd in front of the township post office.

Authorized two raffle licenses for the Parents' Guild of Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark.

Condemned the Public Utilities Commissions for granting recent rate increases to the Public Service Electric and Gas Co and the Hackensack Water Co.

Congratulated the Union County Women's Political Caucus for its



... Paszczewski
The vote on two motions
Amendments prevented
Township Council from
taking action concerning
repeal of the revised Rent
control ordinance adop-
ted last fall by the Govern-
ing Body.

Because the Finance
Third Ward Councilman
Donald W. Labella and
Councilmen were not
ready to vote, the motion
first to introduce an
ordinance repealing the re-
vised law and second
ever a resolution to place
the question of rent con-
trol in the November Agree-

"Not on fear."

She may have been referring to the fact the Clark Tenants Assn now has a suit pending against the township because it claims the fair ordinance was passed improperly.

Clarkstownwoman Anderson added that free enterprise is what America is all about. She said it wasn't right to put Tenants' Association in the pot for all to share, adding tenants are not the township's target. But, she said, because of tenants' devotion pay less than new tenants.

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Mr. Krasky added, "I am not against the landlords getting fair increases if they can prove the need for it. But they haven't proved it. Why if the Council is so concerned about free enterprise doesn't it protect other agencies which protect the consumers, such as the Security and Exchange Commission and the Public Utilities Commission?"

The amended ordinance adopted last fall raised the rent increase allowed in a year from 3 1/2 to 7 1/2 to 8 1/2, depending on whether or not the landlord pays the utilities.

Introducing the repeal measure was Second Ward Councilwoman Mrs. Jean Anderson, who said the decision on the issue was based on evidence councilmen had read and heard.

However, Councilman at Large Fred Ecker asked "Who will be hurt by repeal of rent control? Only a few absentee landlords, not the

Commenting on the decision, Max Schott, of 4 Shetland Dr., asked why the councilmen should place one issue on the ballot, while hundreds of issues had come before them before, and had never

Kenya, said the findings "lead us to believe that the Government's policies are not working."

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Meanwhile, one of the leaders of the Clark Taxpayers' Coalition, James Kenney, of 41 Wendell Pl., said he had already started collecting signatures on a petition to force the Council to place the issue on the ballot. And, added, it wouldn't take him long to get the number of signatures needed.

Legislation that would create an Office of the Railroad and Bus Passenger Ombudsman within the State Dept. of Transportation was introduced by Assemblyman Ben Franks, who represents Newark.

The ombudsman would be appointed by the governor and would become the advocate for the riding public.

"One of the greatest frustrations facing railroad and bus passengers is the apparent indifference of transportation officials to the complaints of passengers informed regarding changes in the schedules, equipment and policy," Assemblyman Franks said. "Too often the paying public is the last to know. My bill would relieve this chronic problem."

The assemblyman added the Ombudsman's responsibilities would include the timely dissemination of information regarding schedule changes, rehabilitation of facilities and policy changes that affect commuters.

The ombudsman would help work with commuter groups to assure their voices are heard by decision making transportation officials. He or she would also have the power to resolve bus and rail passenger complaints, to investigate contractual relationships and to bring suit when it is necessary on behalf of commuters.

"The legislation is particularly important in my district and other areas of the state with large numbers of commuters," the legislator said. "Commuter complaints about schedule changes, the inadequacy of routes and the poor quality of rail service and facilities seem to fall on deaf ears at the Dept. of Transportation. My bill would give them a direct link with officials at the highest levels in our government. It's about time."

"Many of our commuters," he added. "In addition to bus passengers concerned about information regarding schedules and routes, our rail commuters using the station facilities in Fanwood, Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Murray Hill, Summit, Milburn, Short Hills and Maplewood have great concerns about rail service."

County's debt dropped \$1.8 million last year

Growth in the gross debt of New Jersey's 21 counties exceeded \$100 million during calendar year 1981, reports a spokesman for the New Jersey Taxpayer's Assn., a Trenton-based non-profit governmental research organization concerned with taxes and spending.

The net increase in gross debt was \$103.7 million, slightly under 10%, to a total of nearly \$1,166 million.

Gross debt is defined as debt authorized, issued and not issued, and excludes debt of independent county authorities.

Some counties have some cash or receivables in reserve at the end of the fiscal year to pay debt service. Such amounts are allowable deductions from the gross debt to arrive at the net debt amount on

which legal county borrowing limits are calculated. State law places a limit on a county's general-obligation bond indebtedness of 2% of the average of the equalized valuation of real property in the county for the last three preceding years.

Camden County has the largest percentage of net debt, 1.53%, which means it is nearer to its borrowing limit than any county. Four other counties have net percentages over 1%—Cumberland, Burlington, Mercer and Hunterdon.

Seven counties reported total gross debt decreases of \$19.7 million in the year 1981—Ocean, Monmouth, Union, Sussex, Hudson, Cape May and Salem. Total debt of the other 14 coun-

ties increased \$122.9 million.

Counties with the largest gross debt at the end of 1981 were Bergen, Middlesex, Essex and Camden.

Counties with the smallest gross debt were Salem, Sussex and Warren.

Fifty-one percent, over a half billion dollars, of the county net debt total of nearly \$1,089 million was in serial bonds. Bond anticipation notes totaled \$291.3 million, slightly over one fourth of the net debt.

Authorized but unfinanced debt totaled nearly \$240 million; thus nearly half of all authorized debt remains for potential future bond financing.

The taxpayers association annual tabulation of county debt was from annual county debt statements on file at the State

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