

Muciaccia named to Parking Authority

After several months of operating with one commissioner short, the Hoboken Parking Authority is about to be brought up to its full complement of five commissioners, it was learned today.

A resolution appointing John Muciaccia, a Bergen County school teacher, to the unexpired term of former Parking Authority Chairman Nicholas J. Caruso is on the agenda for tomorrow's 11 a.m. City Council meeting.

The term expires Dec. 31, 1975. The resolution is expected to be approved by the council.

Caruso was one of four parking authority members who resigned earlier this year when the authority came under heavy attack from the City Council over its multi-million dollar parking garage bond issue.

The first to resign was John Raslowsky who is also a member of the Hoboken Board of Education. He cited mounting responsibilities at the school

board as his reason for quitting. Edwin Chius was appointed to his unexpired term.

Raslowsky was followed by Daniel Manobianco, Anthony Corea and Caruso, all three original members of the authority, leaving Richard Eversen as the only original commissioner. Eversen became the new chairman.

A second resolution appointing Chius to a full term with the authority is also on the council's agenda and is expected to be approved.

The council will accept bids on the city's insurance needs for 1975. The bids are to be on coverage for the city's vehicles and buildings.

Lengthy discussion is expected on a resolution approving a contract with Burlington Elevator Co. for the installation of a \$49,600 elevator in the City Hall building. Some members of the council don't feel the building is worth rehabilitating and would rather see the city look for office space somewhere else.

Approval is also expected on the renewal of a \$350,000 bond anticipation note to finance the replacement of some city water lines. The Trust Co. of New Jersey has offered to renew the note at six per cent interest.

The council will also authorize the city clerk to advertise for bids on the city's \$3.5 million water line replacement program. The program is being financed with federal funds with the city putting in a little more than \$1 million as its share.

Cappiello seeks state filing advice

The state's Civil Service Commission has been asked to review Hoboken's system of keeping records on city personnel and make recommendations for improving it, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

"I'm looking for continuity and a professional approach to keeping track of city employees and the personnel files," said the mayor. "What we have now is a very loosely kept and messy system that leaves a lot to be desired."

Cappiello said that he and other city officials sat with Civil Service representatives this week and discussed the city's record-keeping system and some of its faults. At the conclusion, the mayor said he had asked that Civil Service review the system and make recommendations for improvements.

The mayor said that he felt the city should have a centralized personnel department similar to those maintained in private business.

"As things now stand, each department keeps its own records on its people," he continued. "And the maintenance of these records is usually a second job for one or two employees who have other duties. The other duties come first most of the time and as a result the files aren't always up to date."

The mayor added that Civil Service might not favor one central personnel department, but if that were the case he would go along with whatever it recommended. The review is expected to start sometime in January.



Frank Lorello paints sign in front of Kealy School.

Teacher says crosswalks still aren't being done right

Hoboken has started repainting and touching up its school crosswalk, but according to a local teacher who has been pressing the city for the repainting of the safety zones, they still aren't being done the right way.

Anthony Russo, a special education teacher and standard bearer of the Russo Civic Association, said that the state manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways says the crosswalk lines are to extend from one side of the street to the other.

"The crosswalks in Hoboken extend into the street only a few feet on either side," he said. "The purpose of having them

across the entire width of the street is to give oncoming motorists another visual warning that they are approaching a school zone.

"The short crosswalk markings can't be seen that readily by oncoming traffic, whereas the proper markings can."

The city repainted the crosswalks around the Kealy School, Fifth and Adams Streets, and the Leinikoff School, Seventh and Adams Streets, and also painted large "Slow" signs in the street prior to the approach of the crosswalks.

Russo said the "Slow" signs were all right but not what the state wanted. He said that signs on poles were required about 200 feet away from the crosswalk,

giving motorists advance warning. Another warning sign was also required about 50 feet away from the crosswalk.

The fact that the crosswalks aren't being extended across the entire width of streets may stem from the fact that painting them is normally a function of the public safety department but the retouching is being done by public works.

Acting Mayor Raphael P. Vitale, who is also public works director, said he didn't know the crosswalks had to extend across the entire width of the street.

"I had one of my men touch up the markings because Councilman (Salvatore) Cemelli asked that it be done," Vitale said.

Ranieri: Meetings on needs up to mayor

In response to criticism from Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, Councilman Robert A. Ranieri today accepted the director's challenge for systematic meetings between the council, directors and Mayor Steve Cappiello on meetings the city's needs for supplies and materials.

"I've been seeking this kind of cooperation between the various city agencies for almost two years," said the councilman. "But it is not up to me or the council or the directors to institute this kind of action. It is up to the mayor, and as yet he has not seen fit to implement these meetings."

Vitale had been critical of the council and Ranieri in particular for clamping down on city purchasing by instituting new procedures for buying which he felt would hinder the city in getting the supplies and materials it needs — when it needs them.

The director mentions specifically the proposed purchase of a new crosstown bus on which he expected the city to get only one bid — but which the council has indicated it will accept anyway in spite of its new rules that at least three bids be received or the proposal will be rejected.

Ranieri said the specifications for the new bus were to have been prepared so that

various companies could meet them, not just one company.

"The specifications are to be general in nature so that it is very possible that several companies could meet them," he said. "The council plans to comply with its new rules on purchasing and so must Director Vitale."

"And they are that all purchases over \$2,500 be put out for public bid; that bids be returnable four weeks after advertising; that if only one bid be received it will be rejected; that every legal effort will be made to contact prospective vendors and encourage them to bid; and that at least three estimates be obtained on all purchases between \$500 and \$2,500."

"The end aim is to obtain more reasonable services and goods for the city."

"Above all others, Director Vitale should adhere to these suggestions in reverend silence. Numerous bills coming from the public works department have embarrassed the council to no end. In some cases they have been 40 per cent over current in cases where there has been one bid or one estimate."

"Unless there is a monopoly, competition drives down prices. And we are out to end monopolies through competitive bids and competitive estimates."

\$3 Million Fund Available If Hudson Can Qualify

By RICHARD VEZZA
Hudson County Writer

Hudson County could receive up to \$3 million in federal funds over the next three years if it can win the cooperation of two municipalities and rush through a fund application.

According to the county's Planning Director Lawrence Campagna, Hudson County could qualify for the \$3 million under the federal government's new Community Development Act if the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) classifies Hudson as an "urban county."

The only problem standing in the county's way, Campagna said, is a federal guideline which requires a county to have a minimum population of 200,000 after the population of cities already receiving federal aid are deducted from total population.

Municipalities receiving federal aid under the Community Development Act are Hoboken, West New York, Jersey City, North Bergen, and Union City.

Campagna stated that after the populations of these municipalities were deducted from the county's total population Hudson would not have the required population minimum.

Could Borrow Population
Federal officials have said, however, that the county could "borrow" the populations of Hoboken and West New York, without jeopardizing federal

aid to those cities, and apply for the funds.

Campagna stated that HUD officials were allowing this unusual procedure to take place because of the urban nature of Hudson County.

With the population figure of 85,000 from those two cities, the county would have a total of 217,000, enough to submit an application.

HUD officials have given the county a Jan. 13 deadline for obtaining approval from the West New York and Hoboken municipal governments and until Jan. 15 to notify HUD of its intentions.

Campagna said the funding proposal has been informally discussed by the board of freeholders and will be formally discussed at a caucus on either Monday or Tuesday.

The next step would be to approach Hoboken and West New York officials and win their approval on applying for the funds, he stated. He also said it was important that the county "get in on the ground floor of this program" because more money might be forthcoming in the future.

Difficult Later
He warned that if the county didn't get into the funding scheme in the first year it would be difficult for them to do so later.

"I think this proposal merits a lot of discussion and some serious consideration," Campagna stated.

Plan \$100,000 Bond Issue To Rehabilitate HS Stadium

By ELIZABETH PARKS
Hoboken Board of Education

is considering asking taxpayers to approve a referendum authorizing the board to float a \$100,000 bond issue to rehabilitate the high school stadium, John F. Kennedy Memorial Field.

Board member James Farina said yesterday a bond issue would be one way to solve what he describes as a "chronic condition of neglect at the field."

Farina said that board members have been concerned about the deteriorated condition of the field for some time now, but have not been able to decide on the best method of raising funds to deal with the problem.

Farina said he would suggest submitting the bond issue solution to the public in the form of a referendum at

tonight's caucus prior to the board's regular meeting.

According to Farina, the 50-year-old facility has been neglected for years and is in dire need of resurfacing and expansion.

Farina said the field's surface is scarred with rocks and broken glass and is so far gone "maintenance men can do nothing to keep it safe."

He said students frequently injure themselves on the field, pointing out that recently a student badly gashed his shoulder falling on a piece of broken glass.

Farina, who became chairman of the board's athletic committee last year, said members of the old committee neglected to set up a capital improvement program for the field and the surrounding stadium.

The last time anything was

done to improve the field, Farina said, was 10 years ago when workmen turned the sod.

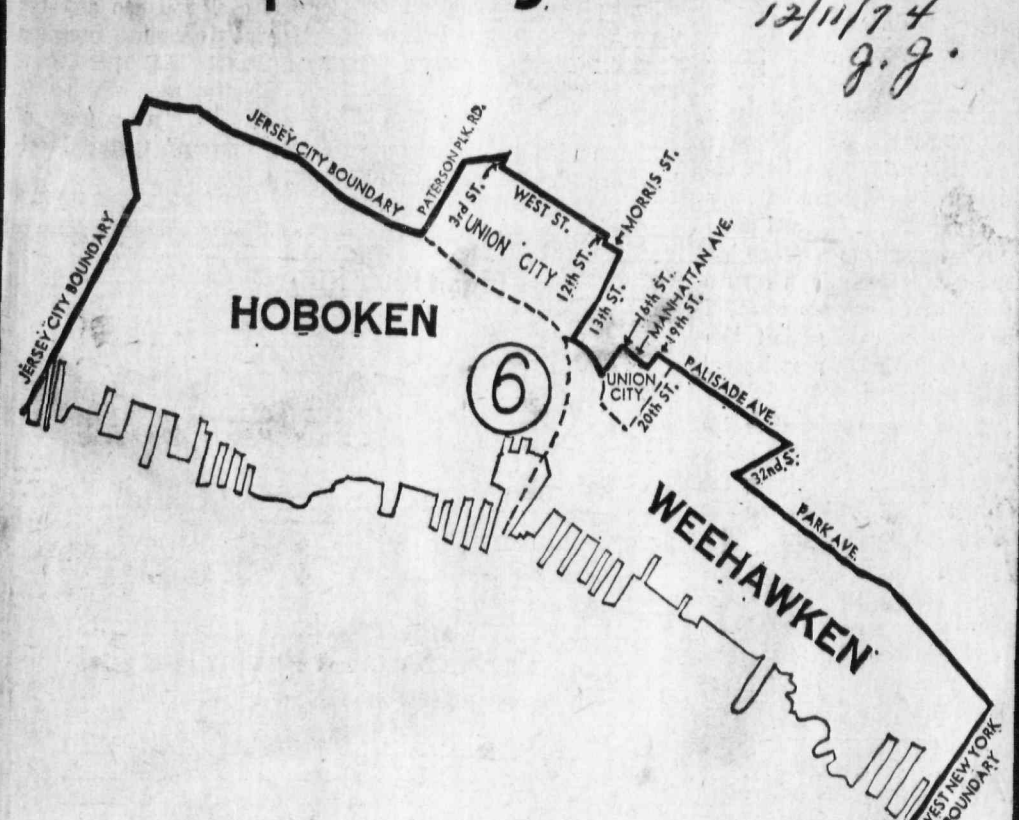
"Turning the field over," he said, "shook everything up and made it worse than before."

If a bond issue is approved, Farina said, part of the money would go to resurfacing the field and part to expanding the stadium.

Locker facilities and showers for girls would be added and the running track would be remarked and repainted. Currently, Farina said, competing schools refuse to run at the track because the lines between paths have been obliterated.

If the board approves the proposal, the referendum would be on the ballot for February's school board elections.

The sprawling 6th District



The Sixth Freeholder District set up under charter reform comprises parts of three municipalities.

It covers 68,635 persons, the entire population of 45,380 in Hoboken's six wards, Weehawken's 13,383 in three wards and 9,872 in five Union City election districts.

The freeholder boundary is quite simple. It includes and follows the Hoboken and Weehawken municipal lines. However, the

Union City boundaries are not contiguous with two instances. One abuts Hoboken to the east with Paterson Plank Road to the south, connecting with Third Street, 12th Street, Morris Street and then east along 13th Street to the Hoboken municipal line. The other, a pocket containing the high-rise Troy Towers, is bounded on the West by Union City municipal line of Manhattan and Palisades Avenues and from 16th to 20th Streets south and north.

Vitale hits council purchase procedure

The head of Hoboken's Public Works Department isn't too happy with the new standards set by the city council for making purchases, especially since the council may bend them in a few weeks in order to purchase a new crosstown bus.

Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that the council should either stick to its own rules for all purchases, or eliminate them.

"A week ago the council rejected a bid for two trucks for the public works department," the director continued. "The announced reason was that there was only one bid, but there was only one bid."

"Now, according to statements made by Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, the council is going to expedite the bidding on the purchase of a new crosstown bus in a situation where it is unlikely that it will get more than one bid."

According to Vitale, the bus the city is seeking is made by only one company and that company will be the only one who can meet the specifications,

so it probably will be the only bidder. He said that the council had one particular bus in mind.

"For me the situation has become a matter of principle," the director said. "One that is worsening due to the council's inconsistency on procedures, and its failure to discuss things with the directors, at least this director, before it takes any official action."

"I'm a little annoyed by the fact the bid on the trucks was rejected, but not as much by the fact that no council members, including Councilman Ranieri, bothered to say anything to me before they rejected the bid. To this day I still haven't been officially told by any of the council members why the bid was rejected."

Vitale said that if this was the procedure the council wanted to follow it should stick to it faithfully. And if that is the case, it should reject the bids on the crosstown bus unless it gets three of them.

"But I think the biggest problem here is inconsistency," asserted Vitale. "We must have standard procedures and follow

them. We shouldn't be changing them as the mood hits us, at least not without a general discussion of all concerned agencies and a general agreement among them."

"For example, several months ago the city was thinking about purchasing a Mercedes Benz bus. The specifications were written and there was only one company that could meet them, Mercedes Benz. Councilman Ranieri became very upset because the specifications could be met by only one company. As a result, the plans to buy the bus were dropped."

"Now, with the plans to buy the crosstown bus we have a very similar situation in which only one company is likely to meet the specifications, but this time Councilman Ranieri feels the council will expedite the purchase. To me that means accepting the one bid."

Vitale said that he would like to get all of the councilmen, the mayor and the various city directors to sit down and work out some operating procedures that are acceptable to all, and which everyone will stick to.

Cappiello to see that neediest share Christmas Kiddie Fund

Another Hoboken tradition has ended.

The annual Police and Firemen's Christmas Kiddie Fund, which used to draw hundreds of needy families to City Hall a few days before Christmas for the distribution of coupons redeemable in food or merchandise, is no more — at least not in its original form.

Mayor Steve Cappiello disclosed today that the whole program has been revamped so that the funds collected by the city's police and firemen get to the families and children who need them the most.

"In two respects the program is still operating — collections are being made from local businesses and industries and the funds will be given out to needy children and families," he said. "But it ends there."

"The city won't accept applications from persons or families for the coupons," he said. "And there won't be any formal ceremony just before Christmas at which the chits used to be given out."

"We will be working with the Board of Education and authorized welfare and social agencies to make sure the funds are received by those who need them the most."

Why change the program? The mayor said that it had gotten "too big for the city to handle."

"Over the last five or six years there were more and more families applying for the chits," he said. "And the more that applied the more impossible it became for the city to make sure that all who applied actually needed them."

"It had gotten back to the city

that some who received the chits didn't deserve them, and that number has been on the increase too. The only practical solution was to use a new procedure, one that would take advantage of other agencies familiar with the families and children they were dealing with and could easily establish their need."

In recent years the fund has been averaging between \$4,000 and \$6,000 in collections. The total was then distributed through chits in \$1, \$2 and \$5 denominations to those who had signed up.

The kiddie fund has been a city tradition since the days when Bernard McFeely was mayor.

Hoboken officials reviewing police services, performances

Hoboken police superiors have started reviewing the service and performance records of a number of relatively new patrolmen because of what some termed "their attitude towards police work and the public."

The review started yesterday following a situation involving one patrolman and Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city's public safety director, it was learned from a high department source.

He said that the mayor ran into a problem with truck traffic in the western portion of the city while on his way to City Hall yesterday morning and called for a police on the two-way radio in his car. The mayor continued to monitor the police radio and

heard the officer sent to the scene report back that everything was all right.

The mayor reported the matter to the captain in charge who, in turn, had the man called in to make out a subject sheet on the matter. Later in the day the patrolman, Capt. Daniel Kieley, Detective Maruo Mercado, president of the Policemen's Benevolent Association; and Chief George W. Crimmins met and discussed the incident.

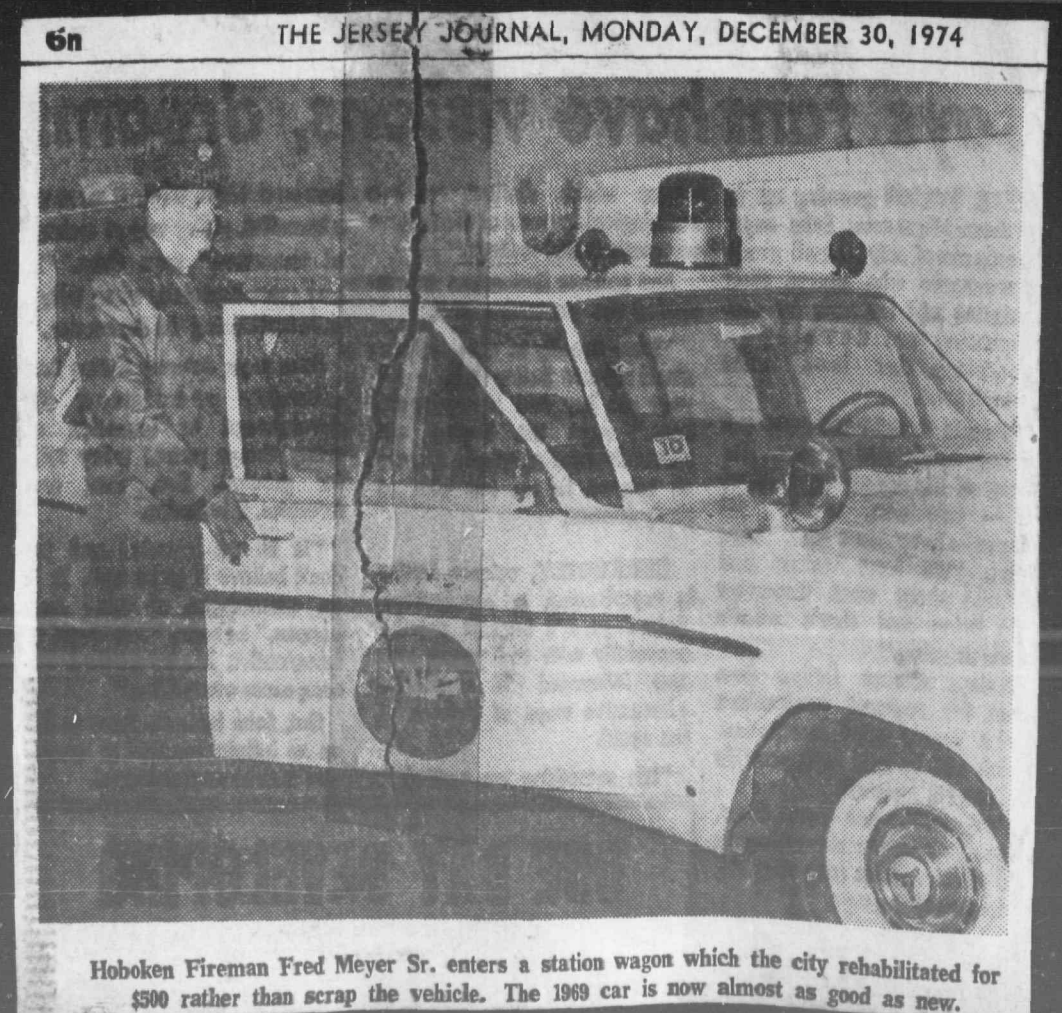
"The matter is over and forgotten," said the chief, "at least as far as it pertains to this particular situation. But the matter of some men forgetting that they serve the public, not the other way around, isn't

closed.

"I won't mention any names because no one is being charged with anything or reprimanded. But there have been a growing number of incidents and situations of late in which the attitude of the policemen involved has been questionable."

Crimmins said he felt the problem was not one that should be aired publicly but kept within the department. "Sometimes things like this happen and the men involved don't even realize it," he said.

"A lot of the job is routine and a man sometimes falls into a rut. But with a little advance notice hopefully we can do something about it."



Hoboken Fireman Fred Meyer Sr. enters a station wagon which the city rehabilitated for \$500 rather than scrap the vehicle. The 1969 car is now almost as good as new.

EPA tells Hoboken it's OK to chlorinate reservoir water

Federal environmental researchers have advised Hoboken officials that it is highly unlikely that the addition of chlorine to the city's water will produce possible cancer-causing chloroforms.

Henry Maier, the city's chemist, said that he has been in contact with representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), who have consented to test Hoboken's water anyway, and was told that conditions which did cause the

chloroforms to develop in the water supply of some southern states don't exist in the Jersey City-Hoboken water system.

"The chloroforms are formed when the chlorine reacts with certain industrial pollutants that haven't been filtered from the water," Maier said. "According to the EPA in all of the cases where they were found the water was taken from a river or source into which industrial waste was being dumped."

"Hoboken gets its water from

Jersey City. And Jersey City's water comes from the Boonton Reservoir. The water from the reservoir is from natural rain runoff. So what Jersey City and Hoboken is drawing on is fairly clean to start with, at least as far as industrial waste and pollutants are concerned."

Maier added that even though the EPA has little fear that the potential cancer-causing compounds won't be found in Hoboken's water, they do plan to test it.

"But it may take a while," continued Maier. "When the EPA report hit the news media about the compounds producing tumors in mice it was besieged with requests from communities across the country to test their water."

"There are many municipalities ahead of Hoboken on the request list and a good number of them have suspect water conditions," he added. "I assume that the EPA is going to test these first."

Maier said he was instructed by the EPA to take special action in the meantime and the chlorination of the water system should continue.

Hoboken Cites \$250,000 as Fair Rate 3 City Sewer Parley Set

By ELIZABETH PARKS

For Union City and Weehawken to avoid a court battle with Hoboken over the fee paid to use Hoboken's Sewerage Authority's two cities possibly have to agree to quadruple the \$60,000 a year they now pay for the service.

Hoboken officials scheduled one last meeting to discuss the fee before resorting to legal action. The meeting is set for next Wednesday in Union City mayor William Musto's city hall office.

For the first time since discussions on a new fee began, however, Hoboken officials cited a fee they thought fair.

According to Public Works Director Raphael Vitale, a \$250,000 fee represents 25 per cent of Hoboken's cost of running the authority. Since Union City and Weehawken use 25 per cent of the Authority's flow, Vitale said a fee reflecting 25 per cent of the expenses is fair and equitable.

Although stressing that the

ultimate figure was still "an area for speculation," Hoboken councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said he basically agreed with Vitale's estimate.

Ranieri, who has been researching the problem, points out that Hoboken residents pay for both water and sewerage rates while Union City and Weehawken residents only pay for water rates.

In effect, Ranieri said, Hoboken taxpayers are subsidizing Union City and Weehawken industries and homeowners.

To illustrate his point, Ranieri said if a Hoboken resident gets a \$30 water and sewerage bill, \$10 will be for water and \$20 for sewerage.

"Of the \$20 charge for sewerage," Ranieri said, "75 per cent or \$15 is for sewerage which that taxpayer has used and the other 25 per cent or \$5 is for sewerage processed for Union City and Weehawken residents."

Ranieri said Hoboken has a good chance of winning a lawsuit for compensation for \$1 million lost to the two communities through an unfair contract.

He said that if the two communities are fair with Hoboken, there would be no suit. "If not, however," he said, "Hoboken may sue to both raise the fee and collect back expenses."

Hoboken may save police-citizen unit

As of Jan. 1 the Hoboken Police Community Relations Bureau at 409 Jackson St. will be closed. But Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that the city hopes to keep the bureau operating.

According to the mayor, the main problem is finding funds to pay one social worker (Pamela Roland) employed by the program.

"We can find space for an office in the police department's area on the ground floor," he said. "The salaries for the other two employees — Lt. Joseph Periera and Patrolman Cecil Vincent — will have to be picked up by the city anyway. So what we are talking about is one salary."

The mayor said he believed there is a definite need for the program.

"The bureau serves as liaison

between the police department and the community," he continued. "I don't think the need for this kind of police activity aimed at building good will and understanding between the department and the community has been eliminated."

Cappiello said Chief George W. Crimmins has notified the three bureau workers that it will close Jan. 1. But he added that he will contact Miss Roland and ask her to hold off taking any other job until the city knows for sure whether or not it will have to end the service completely.

Local office sought for Hoboken jobless

Hoboken will be asking the state to re-establish an unemployment office in the city, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

"There is definitely a need for such an office in our city, a need which was satisfied up until a few years ago," the mayor continued. "Hoboken's unemployment rate is still climbing and unlikely to stop."

"The last time we checked the figures they indicated that we had around a 13 per cent figure. It's probably gone higher than

that in view of recent industry layoffs."

The mayor said Hoboken residents seeking unemployment checks must go to Jersey City. This, he asserted, meant spending money for transportation plus the loss of most of that day which could have been spent looking for work.

"It is unfair," he said.

The mayor disclosed he has asked State Sen. William V. Musto of Union City and Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo to champion the city's case.

Towing ends Jan. 2, Cappiello declares

Mayor Steve Cappiello has a New Year's present for Hoboken motorists, Beginning Jan. 2 towing in conjunction with the alternate side of the street sweeping program will come to an end — at least for a while.

And with the end of the towing will come an increase in the amount motorists will be paying for tickets issued to cars blocking the path of the sweeper — from \$2 to \$10.

The mayor said today the city could start the new system immediately but he preferred to wait until after the holidays were over because most people were "too busy with Christmas" to take notice of the end of the program.

He added that the week following Christmas Day was usually the heaviest rubbish-wise and he didn't want to stop the towing program and start the new one under those conditions.

"This is a trial, although it could wind up being a permanent thing," said the mayor. "But if the higher priced tickets don't

work I don't want to find out it wasn't a good idea at a time when we usually have the biggest problem with keeping the city and streets clean."

Cappiello said that if the higher fines don't encourage motorists to move their cars from the path of the sweepers, he may seek to have the fine increased.

Ranieri balks at paying bills that tell little

Bills submitted to the Hoboken City Council for payment may get bounced back to the departments that sent them unless the offices include more information on the purchase orders.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that he will ask the council to take such action because a review of purchase orders made last week showed that specific information such as what the item was needed for and where it could be found was omitted.

"The council has asked the directors several times to have their personnel include this information on the purchase orders so that the council knows where to look if it wants to check the

purchase out," Ranieri said. "But it isn't being done."

"Only a very small percentage of the claims and purchase order have included the information the council sought. The vast majority of the orders and claims follow the procedures of the past."

Ranieri said that one means of encouraging the directors to make sure their personnel did include the proper information was to send the claims back and not pay the bills.

"How much more work can it be to have the information included?" the councilman wondered. "A minute or two at most, I'd say."

Hoboken to Get Gal Health Aid

Hoboken, the city that successfully challenged the Little League's prohibition against girls in baseball, is now about to get the first female health officer to serve in a Hudson County community.

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale said yesterday that he has recommended to Mayor Steve Cappiello that the city fill the six-month vacant post with a 14-year veteran of the city's health department, Patricia Mitten.

Vitale described Miss Mitten, who has been head supervisor at the city's health center for many years, as "a dedicated expert who can handle all of the city's health needs capably and imaginatively."

Vitale said the mayor is expected to announce her appointment soon.

He said Miss Mitten was notified Christmas Eve that she has passed the state civil service examination for public health officer.

Miss Mitten has been acting health officer since the death of Dr. Milton Silon last July.

Vitale said he has full confidence in her ability "to carry on where Dr. Silon, a very capable man, left off."

She will be in charge of the health center on Ninth and Garden st., immunization programs, any medical emergencies that strike the city, and the innovation of new medical programs for the center.

Plan to Cut Utility Bills To Be Eyed

To save money in what Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has described as a "very tight and difficult money year," Hoboken officials may institute a strict and intensive energy campaign reminiscent of the fuel saving measures prompted by last year's energy crisis.

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri has asked Mayor Cappiello to implement a plan Ranieri thinks could save the city \$90,000 a year in utility bills.

Cappiello said yesterday he is waiting for Ranieri to submit more details in an expanded form. Ranieri, who said the general outline of the plan is based on an austere energy setup in effect at Steven Tech, intends to submit a fully developed proposal to Cappiello next Friday when the mayor returns from a League of Cities Conference in Houston, Tex.

Ranieri said if properly executed, an energy saving campaign could save Hoboken approximately \$3,000 of the estimated \$45,000 a month the city now pays in fuel, phone, electric, and gasoline bills.

Ranieri said the city presently spends \$16,900 a month for gas and electricity; \$6,400 for phone bills; \$6,000 for gasoline; \$3,500 "before the really cold weather hits" for fuel and about \$700 a month for copying.

Hoboken to Raze Aged Building, Now Crumbling

By MIMI DIAMOND

Hoboken will demolish an 80-year-old building that began to crumble after excavation for a new school next door.

Seven families have been evacuated from the 520 Park av. structure. The decision to tear down the 80-year-old building was made at a meeting last night between Mayor Steve Cappiello and members of the Hoboken Board of Education.

Although Hoboken officials have declined to blame the deterioration of the building to the school construction, the structure was declared unsafe Dec. 21 and all work at the school was ordered halted by Building Inspector James Caulfield.

According to Cappiello, the building is in such danger of collapsing that the city will not allow the tenants to enter to claim their possessions. Any furniture still inside will have to be removed by an expert in demolishing buildings.

The demolition is slated to begin today, Cappiello said, but the New Year's holiday may delay it until Thursday.

Immediate Action

The destruction of the building must be done as soon as possible because its con-

dition threatens adjacent properties.

The foundation of the school, on the site of the school board's former headquarters at 524 Park av., was being laid when the damage at 520 Park av. was discovered.

Lawrence DeCardia, son of the owner of the apartment building, said cracks began to appear in the foundation after the school contractors began digging under the cellar. The contractors replaced the dirt and nothing more happened until two weeks ago when the contractors began to drive pilings to support the new school.

Vibrations caused the cracks to worsen, DeCardia said, and the building showed a distinct tilt.

Cappiello said most of the tenants of the building have been told they cannot move back in. DeCardia has also accepted the decision, he said.

The mayor's office will do everything it can to help the homeless families, who are now living with relatives, the mayor said. But he did not know in what form the aid would come.

"Our first concern is the safety of the people," Cappiello said. "Obviously they have something coming to

them. There will be some assistance."

Cappiello said he does not know if the city or board of education will help defray the cost of relocation. He did say, however, that persons who have apartments available should contact his office.

Responsibility for the problem has not been determined. "I'm not going to fix fault," Cappiello said, and noted that engineers have been called in to examine the building and determine exactly what caused the damage.

Cappiello commented that the buildings on the block are "well-kept houses. They're not shacks." He also noted that Hoboken is built on marshlands and any disturbance of the land can lead to problems.

Bicentennial Plans Eyed For Hoboken

Members of Hoboken's Bicentennial Committee are hard at work formulating plans for the Mile Square City's participation in the nation's big doings come 1976.

Suggestions at a recent meeting in the public library included an "old fashioned" fife and drum muster and various displays to be set up possibly on the top floor of city hall,

which might become a permanent fixture.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, honorary chairman of the committee, was on hand for the meeting at which members also discussed a souvenir journal to include history along with ads which would help with the cost and provide people with a valuable keepsake and information guide to Hoboken.

Other members of the com-

mittee which will meet again after the holiday season include Dr. Silvio R. Lacetti of Stevens Tech, vice-chairman; Thomas F. McFeeley, superintendent of schools; Mrs. Mary Stack Gaspar, secretary; Mrs. Terry A. Sasso, treasurer; Miss Lucille Cunningham, librarian; coordinator; Mrs. Angela Ser-

vello, corresponding secretary; John J. Heaney, historian, and Mrs. Julie Reilly, publicity.

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Hoboken studies more layoffs

Hoboken is again facing the possibility of having to lay off city workers to balance the 1975 municipal budget. But who is to go and how the layoffs are to be worked out may be left up to the various unions representing city workers.

According to Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri the city's financial picture for 1975

isn't much better than it was for 1974—and more layoffs are a possibility.

"There are two possibilities," said Ranieri. "One is to figure out how much money we need to save and lay off as many people as we have to in order to meet that figure in salaries the city won't have to pay."

"The other is to have everyone voluntarily take from one to three weeks off without pay, depending on the salary ranges. Those in the upper income brackets would take three weeks. The middle income range people would take two weeks and those in the lower ranges would take one week."

council haven't reached any conclusive figures yet on the budget or how much has to be cut to keep taxes down. But it is likely that some people will have to go.

"With layoffs it is the employees with the least amount of seniority that go," he continued. "With payless paydays we all share the burden but at least everyone keeps his job and food on the table."

"I have talked with the mayor and the council about the situation and the general feeling is that if the situation comes to this, the city will let the unions decide what course they want to follow—layoffs or sharing the burden."

Ranieri said the mayor and



OPEN SENIOR CENTER—Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Julia Nelson, president, Hoboken Council of Elders, toast the success of the new Senior Citizen "SMILE" Center at opening ceremonies yesterday. The organization had lost their lease on its old quarters and had to wait two months for the new location to be rehabilitated.



Fencing them out 12/11/74
Hoboken workers install a white picket fence around the lawn at city hall to keep out dogs and, hopefully, children and preserve the sod and trees planted several weeks ago. From left they are Joseph Delia, Joseph Taglieri and Carmine Gallo.

Paproth first to file petition as education board candidate

George Paproth, payroll supervisor for the City of Hoboken, has become the first official candidate for the February Board of Education. He is the first of eight residents who picked up nominating petitions actually to file.

Paproth is active in several civic and fraternal organizations, including the Knights of Columbus.

Petitions also have been picked up by Anthony L. Romano, Roy Huelbig, Mrs. Roy Huelbig, Peter Boronio, Police Sgt. Michael Costello, Fireman Charles Roberts and Frank Sestey.

A minimum of five more candidates are expected to pick up

their petitions shortly — incumbent board members Anthony DeBari and Aurelio Lugo, and the three candidates picked by the Citizens for Better Education, the Rev. Edson Lewis, Leo Genese and Edith Duroy. Robert Reaney, currently on the board, is not expected to seek election to the board due to poor health.

Although school board elections are billed as non-political, the potential candidacy of Costello is making ripples on the city's political scene.

Costello, who works in the city's auto squad, is a close friend of First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano and served as an officer of Romano's Civic Association. Political observers

wonder what will happen if Mayor Steve Cappiello's organization backs school board candidates of its own.

In this year's election, the city's first school board contest, the administration did not publicly come out and endorse anyone running for the three board seats. But it was not secret that administration workers were giving their full support to Otto Hottendorf, James Farina and Fred Bado Sr.

Bado and Hottendorf were appointed board members seeking election to the board. Farina and Hottendorf were elected but Bado came in fourth, losing to Donald Singleton who was one of the Citizens for Better Education candidates.

Charge Cappiello lax public safety director

A Hoboken special education teacher who has been pushing for a school crossing guard at Fourth and Clinton street today criticized Mayor Steve Cappiello for not starting a survey of the locations although the mayor publicized it more than three weeks ago.

According to Anthony Russo, the survey to see if a crossing guard is needed at Fourth and Clinton still hasn't started and the special police officer the mayor said would be used at the crossing until the survey had been taken has yet to show up.

"I'd like to know what the mayor is doing," said Russo. "Headline hunting or playing at public safety director? We have a situation where the safety of

our school children may be in danger. Why does it have to take weeks to get someone to see if the seriousness of the matter warrants action?

"Where is the special patrolman the mayor said would be put at the crossing while the kids are going to and coming from school? Or was that just a way to lull the public into thinking quick action was being taken?"

Mayor Cappiello announced that the study was going to be taken Nov. 22 at the Clinton Street spot and also at Sixth and Hudson. The Sixth and Hudson Survey is being taken this week and a special patrolman is on duty, according to Police Chief George W. Crimmins.

The mayor was not available for comment. He is attending a leadership seminar in Manhattan sponsored by the National League of Cities during the day.

But according to Chief Crimmins, the survey at Fourth and Clinton streets will be taken next week and a special officer stationed there during the hours the children use the crossing.

"I have already studied the traffic situation at Sixth and Hudson and I feel that there isn't any need for a guard," said Crimmins. "I won't recommend a crossing guard for that spot." The chief added that he hasn't studied the problem at Fourth and Clinton but probably would do so next week.



CHRISTMAS CHEER — Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello enjoys some refreshments and Christmas cheer with Mrs. Catherine Lucey, left, treasurer of Hoboken's SMILE Senior Citizen Center, and Mrs. Evelyn Geerloff, Christmas party chairman, at annual Christmas party sponsored by the center and the Council of Elders.

Three join Hoboken school board slate

A minister, a Westwood school teacher and a woman staff member at Montclair State College will be supported for three seats on the Hoboken Board of Education by the Citizens for Better Education at the Feb. 11 election.

The citizens group, which met last night, announced that it has endorsed Edith Duroy of 1208 Garden St.; Leo Genese of 919 Washington St.; and the Rev. Edson (Bill) Lewis of 310 Hudson St.

Edwin Duroy, president of the group, said a meeting will take place at the Christian Reformed Church on Hudson Street next Wednesday to plan strategy for the campaign.

Miss Duroy, a lifelong Hoboken resident, is now assistant director of financial aid at Montclair State College. She holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in student personnel services. She has an extensive background in bilingual programs. She is the sister of Edwin Duroy.

The Rev. Mr. Lewis, pastor of the Christian Reformed Church, is a 10-year resident of Hoboken and is fluent in Spanish. He has five children, four of whom attend Hoboken public schools. Lewis holds a theological degree from New York Theological Seminary.

A Westwood teacher, Genese has three children attending Hoboken public schools. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Jersey City State College and a certificate in education administration.

The group said it wants to emphasize during its campaign that all voters of the city may participate in the school balloting on Feb. 11.

Hottendorf again heads rent board

The Hoboken Rent Leveling Board is about to have a regular chairman again and it will be the same one it started with more than a year ago — Joseph Hottendorf.

A special meeting of the board has been called by Patrick McNamara for Monday at 7:30 p.m. to nominate Hottendorf chairman, a position he refused when the board held its annual reorganization meeting earlier in the year.

Hottendorf said today that in view of the improved relationship between the board and the City Council, and the fact that the board now appears to be on the road to a steady and professional operation, he will accept the post.

"I refused to accept the position previously because I didn't see any point in being chairman of an agency that didn't have the wherewithal to do the job it was created for," he said. "But I now believe that most of the problems have been eliminated and the board can be a constructive part of the city's government."

The row started when, between the mayor and City Council, almost all of the money the board had requested for its 1974 operation was taken out of the city's budget. Hottendorf, who had been doing most of the legwork and paper work for the board while it waited for the council to fund it, went on strike, as he called it at the time.

He refused to do any work except formal duties and declined the chairmanship at the reorganizational meeting. The other six board members, in turn, also refused the post.

A series of alternate measures by the mayor and council, including the use of volunteer staff members, didn't work out. But the recent appointment of Mrs. Helen Buonarota as administrative assistant to the board appears to have finally brought peace.

Hoboken Plans Road Fixup

Hoboken officials, determined to salvage a badly bogged \$200,000 project for rehabilitating the city's Shore Road, have set aside \$500,000 in community development funds for acquiring title to the road.

A spokesman for the Model Cities Agency said yesterday that the allotment, at this stage, is a recommended priority and that not all the money is intended for acquiring title to spend to acquire the road, the spokesman said.

According to Fred Bado Jr., an attorney for Model Cities, negotiations with the road's owners, the Hoboken Shore Railroad, have proven fruitless basically because "they can't believe that a city with Hoboken's economic problems can be serious about going through the expense of acquiring the road."

The railroad, it was reported, has offered to turn over title to the road in exchange for the city relocating the approximately three-quarter mile of track that traverses it.

City officials have termed the offer "too expensive to even consider."

The city is now considering several options including condemning the property and then buying or reclaiming the road; making a large compensatory offer to the railroad which would supplement whatever expenses it has in relocating its tracks; buying the road from the railroad with the understanding that the trains could continue to use the tracks and the city would build its new road around the tracks.

Or finally, giving up the project altogether and letting the \$200,000 grant revert back to the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA).

According to Bado and Mayor Steve Cappelletto, however, that loss would be a severe blow to the city. The mayor envisions the rehabilitation of the road as the key to unlocking the city's unexploited waterfront.

Bado said that an accessible road would make it easier for the city to interest developers in building a long, the waterfront thereby beefing up the city's economy.

The city would also like to see the waterfront used for recreational and cultural activities. Bado said there is a possibility, taxpayers can fish, boat, picnic, and even swim along the banks of the Hudson.

A final decision using community development funds to acquire the road will be made this month after the city holds two public hearings on setting priorities for the funds.

The mayor and city council have already determined what projects they consider important and now the taxpayers are entitled to their say. The federal government has allotted Hoboken \$3.4 million in CDA funds for 1975.

Hoboken council limits talk

Potential candidates in Hoboken's ward elections next May cannot count on speaking out at city council meetings as a means of gaining publicity and taking their incumbent councilmanic opponents to task.

As of the Dec. 18 council meeting, all citizens addressing the council during the public portion of the meetings will be strictly limited to 10 minutes each. City Council President Martin J. Brennan announced the time limitation at yesterday's council meeting.

Brennan said the action was taken in the hope of forcing citizens to keep their talk centered on the main topic of discussion and to prevent the council meetings from becoming a sounding board for every would-be candidate.

Following the meeting, Brennan explained that the council didn't want to take anyone's right away from him. However, council meetings are where the city's business is conducted, not the place for political on-upmanship, he said.

"Many candidates have used the public portion of the council meetings as a sounding board and a means of getting their names in the newspapers," continued the council president.

"There isn't anything wrong with that, as long as the discussion is with city business and not personalities.

"If there are any candidates who plan to use the meetings for this purpose let them know now that they'll have only 10 minutes to achieve whatever they want to achieve."

Brennan said he may also be quicker to rule citizens out of order if they don't stick to their particular topic.

The 10-minute limitation on addressing the council is part of the official council rules. However, it usually isn't enforced unless one citizen takes too much time and others are waiting to talk.

Hoboken awarded \$25,000 city study

Hoboken has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the state Department of Community Affairs for an urban preservation study, it was announced today by Mayor Steve Cappelletto.

The study will analyze and examine in a scientific way the unique elements of architecture and community life in the city in order to establish future design standards for new development, the mayor said.

"We want Hoboken to grow and prosper, but not at the expense of destroying everything we have and driving out everyone who lives here," asserted the mayor. "We've got to remember that in addition to the people, some of the uniqueness of Hoboken is the result of the scale of our housing, its homogeneity, the carefully perpendicular street patterns and in some cases, the age and beauty of its buildings."

Cappelletto said that when the study is complete it will be evaluated by the city council and city planning board for consideration as possible requirements for future developers and contractors.

The total project will cost a total of \$37,600 with the Hoboken Model Cities program picking up the additional \$12,600 through in-kind services and administering the planning study through its Housing and Redevelopment department.

Cappelletto will honor 18 giving time to elderly

Mayor Steve Cappelletto of Hoboken will join next Thursday in paying tribute to 18 volunteer workers who have helped expand a senior citizen hot lunch project into a complete program that offers the seniors recreation, health care, pension advice and hobby classes.

"Instead of a senior citizen going home to a lonely life in a small room or apartment, we are offering a number of events that keep the seniors interested and happy," said Vincent Barbo, the director.

Barbo heads the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program which provides daily hot meals to 125 senior citizens in the community room of the Monroe Gardens, 221 Jackson St. In addition, a wholesome hot meal is sent each day to 14 shut-ins.

THE PROGRAM got under way several months ago when Cappelletto succeeded in obtaining federal funds through the North Hudson Council of Mayors.

Senior citizens in Hoboken 60 years and older may participate and Barbo estimates he has served 10,000 meals since the project got under way last April.

The program has been warmly received by the elder citizens, Barbo said, and Cappelletto drops in regularly to chat with them and get their reactions.

SHORTLY AFTER the program got started it became evident that the daily meal was also becoming a social event for the seniors, Barbo said, and he arranged to start expanding the visit by holding bingo games, flower-making classes and other events.

He arranged to have experts discuss Social Security problems with the seniors, and advise them on how to apply for food stamps with county food stamp personnel visiting the community room. Public Health nurses also make regular health checks.

Help was needed to handle the expanding program and Barbo said he received offers from volunteers. He now has 18 of them working daily — some eagerly starting at 7 a.m. One of the volunteers, a musician, offers piano music for the daily luncheon session.

BARBO SAID Cappelletto and the volunteers have played major roles in the success of the program. "If it wasn't for them, it would never be the success it is today," he said.

To show his appreciation, the volunteers and the mayor will be guests at the luncheon next Thursday. "We're going to have a real treat on the menu," said Barbo, — cornish game hen.

Teachers to back 3 for board

For the first time in its history the Hoboken Teachers Association (HTA) will be taking more than just a passing interest in who sits on the city's board of education.

A spokesman for the HTA disclosed today that it will be actively supporting three candidates in the upcoming Board of Education election — and that will include financial assistance and workers for the campaign.

Dennis O'Brien, chairman of the HTA's Political Action Committee, said all potential candidates for the three school board seats should contact the committee as soon as possible, so that a screening meeting can be set with the executive board of the HTA.

"Time is more important since candidates must file their petitions by Jan. 2," he said. "Persons interested in running for the board seats should contact me at my home, 730 Hudson St., or call me at 659-7313.

O'Brien said potential candidates must be residents of the city for at least two years but cannot be employees of the school board or do contractual business with it.

"We are looking for candidates who are sincerely concerned with the quality of the education being received by Hoboken's children," he continued. "Recent state testing has shown that the quality of education received by Hudson County children in general to be the worst in the state — and Hoboken was the worst in the county. The figures speak for themselves.

"The board of education undoubtedly will blame the teachers. We will not accept it. We will not be held responsible for a system which does not give its teachers the proper tools, encouragement and incentive to properly teach."

New Buying Plan Slated In Hoboken

Starting Thursday, the Hoboken City Council will institute a new purchasing plan designed to eliminate "confusion over expenditures and the duplication of purchased items."

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, who proposed refining the city's purchasing procedures two months ago, said yesterday that at the council's first meeting of the new year, on Thursday the council will implement a plan to enforce the refinements.

Ranieri said that the council will divide all its purchase orders sent down by department directors for payment approval into two piles.

Those orders in which all the purchases have been described and their intended uses detailed will be approved but those orders left incomplete or vaguely worded will be returned to the department director and payment postponed.

Ranieri said the new procedure will make it possible for each councilman to know exactly how the city is spending its money and where the purchased items wind up.

Ranieri has been personally spot checking the city's expenditures for months, but he called the job "impossible for one man to handle" and said that the new policy will give each councilman "more responsibility for each purchase approved."

Up to now, Ranieri said, too many of the city's invoices have been vaguely worded. "The council would receive an invoice reading \$1,500 of plumbing supplies bought from such and such a business and that would be it.

"There would be no specification of where the supplies went or how they were used."

Cappelletto seeks to renew talks with city fire, police unions

Negotiations between Hoboken and its fire fighters and fire officers may resume this week in spite of the Christmas holiday and several planned parties in various City Hall offices.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto said today that he hopes to meet with the City Council's public safety committee today and set a meeting with officials of the two unions before the end of the week.

The proposed meeting is the first movement on the part of the city in any of the contract negotiations with its employees in several weeks. No meetings have been scheduled between the Police Men's Benevolent Association and the Municipal Employees Association.

According to City Hall sources, it was learned that the meeting was asked for last week by Fireman Michael Bavorin, president of the Fire Fighters Association, and Capt. William Bergin, head of the fire officers because the unions felt the city was "dragging its feet."

The city has given the firemen and officer its proposal — \$300 across the board with no layoffs, or up to \$750 across the board with the additional \$450 realized through layoffs and it has been rejected by them as well as by the PBA and the Municipal Employees Association.

A counter offer was presented to the city by the firemen—details of their offer were not made public—but no action or comment has been made on it.

Bavorin and Bergin said the public safety committee was supposed to study the proposal and get back to them. That was several weeks ago and nothing further has been heard.

Some officials of the fire unions feel that the next meeting is going to be the key to whatever future action they may be contemplating.

Rumors of job actions, demonstrations, sick-ins and even the possibility of a strike have been common talk in the fire department since the city's \$300 offer was relayed back to the union memberships. But neither Bavorin nor Bergin have been willing to comment on the possibilities.

They said that no actions of any kind have been planned or authorized by their memberships—at least not at this time.

"The possibilities of what may happen if a settlement can't be reached eventually are numerous," said Bavorin. "But as of now we aren't considering any action other than continuing negotiations."

However, union members point out that next month the firemen and officers will have gone one full year without a contract with the city. Since negotiations haven't produced any results other actions may be required, they say.

Air Hoboken Aid For Red Cross

The Hoboken City Council last night held a first reading on an ordinance approving the furnishing of funds to the Hudson County Chapter of the American Red Cross to help maintain and expand the program.

The ordinance, which will have a public hearing and final reading two weeks from tonight, is contingent on the state Department of Community Affairs approving a joint grant for \$250,000 made by Hoboken and Jersey City several months ago.

The Red Cross chapter based in Jersey City provides emergency assistance to residents of both communities but officials claim that in the last few years the Red Cross's expenses have escalated to a perilous point.

To save the program from floundering, Jersey City and Hoboken officials are applying for the grant under the auspices of the Interlocal Service Act of 1973.

A city hall spokesman said the grant has been tentatively approved.

Other business

In other business, the council held a first reading on an ordinance to amend the city's minimum standards on rooming houses.

If approved, the amendments would change the date for the term of a license from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 to Mar. 1 and the last day of February.

It would also raise the fee for a status report from \$2 to \$5.

The Council postponed until its next meeting a final reading on an ordinance approving the vacating of a portion of Marshall St. to the southerly line of Paterson av.

The postponement is to give the planning board time to reach a decision on the request to vacate made by the Rohn Realty and Regional Trucking Co., 115 Paterson av.

Last week, the planning board rescinded an earlier decision to reject the application.

The council also awarded a \$6,000 a year consulting contract to Andrew Bennett for professional services in economics to be rendered to Model Cities Agency; a \$5,000 a year contract to Michael Ehrmann for services to be rendered to Model Cities' housing and Redevelopment Department; and a \$13,500 six month contract to Michael McCarthy.

Hoboken city councilmen to get two parking spaces

Members of the Hoboken City Council will be getting their own reserved parking space around the City Hall building — but not enough of them to fill the needs of all nine councilmen.

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale is having two new spaces marked off for city council parking — that's all he could squeeze in.

"We have reserved parking spaces for just about everyone else at City Hall, but not for any of the council members," the director explained. "It is an oversight."

But it was learned that several members of the council have complained recently they have been getting parking tickets while parking in and around the city hall area — even though they were on official city business.

Vitale said that he wasn't aware of any complaints, but he didn't blame the councilmen if they did complain.

"If we can't extend the courtesy of not giving councilmen parking tickets on their cars when they are at City Hall on city business the least we can do is make some kind of provisions for them to park their cars legally."

Authority will drop financial adviser, hire administrator

The Hoboken Parking Authority will be getting rid of its \$14,000-a-year part-time financial adviser and hire a full-time administrator, an authority spokesman said today.

According to John Muciaccia, the newest member of the authority, he and Edward Chius have been appointed to a special committee which will accept and screen applications for the new position.

"We are looking for someone with a high degree of financial and management experience," he said. "The salary hasn't been set but it is safe to say that it will be a minimum of \$15,000 since that's what our part-time financial adviser (Barry) Critides of West New York now gets. Since this will be a full-time job, the salary will in all probability be higher."

Critides has been the authority's financial adviser for several years. He has been responsible for the re-investment of the authority's parking garage bond money while it waited for construction on the three buildings to get started.

Muciaccia said the new post will include similar financial duties as well as being responsible to the authority for the operation and maintenance of its parking garages. He said the administrator will serve as liaison between the authority and the firm it selects to manage the parking garages.

"He or she also will be expected to devote a large part of the working day to the authority's future parking problems, be they on or off-street," he added.

Muciaccia said persons interested in the job should send their resumes and qualifications to him or Chius in care of the Parking Authority at Hoboken City Hall. He added that the authority should make the appointment no later than March. The Authority expects to name its management firm sometime next month.

Meanwhile, Chius and Muciaccia will tour a parking facility in New Rochelle, N.Y., sometime this week or next to get some ideas on how that authority operates its garages and copes with problems very similar to those experienced by the Hoboken authority.

Still Mulls 2 Proposals Academy Board Eyes Options

Two proposals for the use of the buildings of Stevens Academy in Hoboken which closed in June are "still under active consideration," it was announced last night following the annual meeting of the board of trustees.

Dr. H. Karl Springob, board president, asserted that, after a two-hour session at Stevens Center, at which the proposals were discussed, the panel has not made a final decision.

One proposal would lease the two connecting buildings, one at Fifth St. and Willow av. and the other on Park av., to the North Hudson Jointure Commission for use as a school for handicapped children from the area.

The other would involve the sale of the Park av. structure — which is the never of the two — to the Jehovah's Witnesses for use as a kingdom hall. An offer of \$60,000 has been made on the building by the Witnesses.

It had been hoped earlier to sell both buildings through a North Hudson Realty concern to an outside party who, in turn, would negotiate with the jointure commission.

However, that proposal did not work out.

If the academy board decides to move in the direction of the jointure commission it would have to make now a lease directly with that body, it was understood.

Scores New Program Education Charges Held Serious

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken Board of Education member Donald Singleton last night asked for a written report on the status of the board's new bilingual education program after a citizen complained the program wasn't being implemented properly and federal guidelines were being ignored.

Singleton called the complaints voiced by a local tavern owner, Thomas Vezetti, "serious charges," and said that Director Jacques Rendondo should have the chance to respond to them officially.

Vezetti said that Rendondo wasn't scheduling enough meetings for community input and wasn't inviting citizens to participate in those meetings that are scheduled.

Rendondo, who was appointed director approximately two months ago, said that he was having trouble with the board's new bilingual education program, so far has scheduled two meetings with scheduled citizens to attend.

Rendondo said he would submit a report on the program's status to Singleton at the board's next monthly meeting.

In other business, the board approved a \$70,000 contract with SWS Industries to repair all the windows at A. J. Demarest Junior High School and a \$39,000 contract with the United Contractors Assn. for repairing the Demarest roof.

Talk on Historic Hoboken

Historic Hoboken will be the subject of a talk by J. Owen Grundy, city historian of Jersey City, to members of the Hoboken Women's Club at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at the YMCA building, 13th and Washington streets.

The talk, which is open to the public, will begin with Col. John Stevens' purchase of the island of Hoboken for \$90,000 at auction when it was confiscated from William Bayard after the Revolutionary War. It will include the city's cultural heyday when novelist Christopher Morley leased the old Rialto Theater on Hudson Street and produced famous plays.

Grundy, who is secretary of Jersey City's Historic District Commission and bicentennial of the Jersey City Museum Association and secretary of the Historical Society of Hudson County. He will be introduced by Mae Rosecrans, program chairman.

Cappelletto to save police-citizen tie

Hoboken's police community relations bureau, which was to have closed Wednesday, stands a good chance of continuing for at least nine months more, Mayor Steve Cappelletto said today.

"I believe we have found the money to keep the program going for at least that long," the mayor said, "but the office on Jackson Street will have to close and the office relocate."

"Presently, we are considering the use of the new multi-service center at Second and Grand streets as a joint headquarters for both the police and fire community relations. However, that building won't be officially in use until sometime in February."

The mayor said that the immediate problem was finding some place for the bureau to work out of until the center is opened. He added that this space may be found within the ground floor police area.

"Community relations works primarily evening hours," continued Cappelletto. "So there is some space available which although used during the day is free at night. Possibly something can be worked out."

The mayor said he would take the matter up with the police chief.

Dudley Schlosser Dies

Hoboken City Attorney Dudley Schlosser, 58, of 1022 Garden st., Hoboken, who since July, 1973, was director of the city's law department, died unexpectedly yesterday morning in Christ Hospital, Jersey City.



Dudley A. Schlosser

Schlosser's death came suddenly, apparently as the result of a massive heart attack suffered in the hospital, where he was recuperating from a serious virus. He had been admitted to the hospital Dec. 6 and was scheduled to go home within the next few days.

Born in Weehawken, Schlosser lived his entire life in Hoboken. His family had lived in the city for more than 100 years.

He was employed by the city without interruption from August of 1953 until the time of his death, during which time he also engaged in a private family law practice. Schlosser became city attorney in 1974 following the inauguration of Mayor Steve Cappiello's administration.

In fact, Cappiello last night said Schlosser's death "certainly is a great loss for the city of Hoboken, and for me personally."

A Democrat who was active in local politics, Schlosser was described by a member of his family as also very much involved in civic affairs.

Schlosser attended both St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City, and Demarest High School. Hoboken. He went to John Marshall College and graduated from the law school there in 1933.

Following receipt of his diploma and admission to the New Jersey State Bar Assn., which followed shortly after, Schlosser served as a clerk in the law office of his late brother, Frank. Two years later, he became a counselor and continued at the firm with his other late brother, William.

Great Loss

Frank Schlosser was a state deputy attorney general in 1944 and, until June of 1945, was chief enforcement attorney for the Office of Price Administration in Northern New Jersey. William Schlosser was president of the Bergen County Lawyers' Association during Harrison A. Williams' first race for the U.S. Senate.

Served During War

During the Second World War, Schlosser served in the Army Air Corps in England and France. Following the cessation of hostilities in the European theater, he transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Office as a lieutenant.

The Schlosser family, which has lived in Hoboken since the time of the Civil War, had interests other than the legal profession. His late father, Frank, was superintendent of the press room at the old New York World newspaper, while his father's brother, Alexander, was the political affairs editor at that publication.

Schlosser is survived by his wife, Clarissa (nee Marlinich); two sons, Baline Francis William and Elliott John, and a daughter, Leta Claire. Miss Schlosser is in her first year at Rutgers University Law School. Bosworth Funeral Home, Hoboken, is handling the arrangements.

Many Grieve Schlosser

Laid to Rest

As nearly 100 mourners looked on, Hoboken City Attorney and Director of Law Dudley Schlosser was laid to rest in a quiet and rustic grave in Crest Haven Memorial Cemetery in Clifton yesterday.

Schlosser, who died Sunday of a massive heart attack suffered while he was recuperating from a virus at Christ Hospital, Jersey City, was eulogized by those close to him as an "honest, hardworking man whose guiding faith was in humanity."

The traditional church services were replaced by a reading at the Bosworth Funeral Home of a selection of verses, speeches and personal recollections delivered by members of his immediate family.

At 58, Schlosser had been city attorney for less than 18 months. He was the first important appointment of Mayor Steve Cappiello's new administration in 1973.

Cappiello, who attended the funeral, called Schlosser's death "a great loss, personally and for Hoboken."

His casket was borne to its final resting place by Municipal Court Judge Rudolph Naddo, attorneys Carl Schaeffer, Joseph Perillo, Thomas Marquet, George Pappas, and Gerald Fally. Public Works Director Raphael Vitale spoke a final prayer of farewell at the graveside.

Those attending the funeral included Schlosser's wife, Clarissa (nee Marlinich); two sons, Blaine Francis and Elliott John, and daughter, Leta Claire.

Also, Councilmen Martin Brennan, Robert Ranieri, Edward McLaughlin and Anthony Francione; Freeholder Vincent James Fusilli, Business Administrator Herman Bier, Acting City Attorney Julia Hanrahan, County Undersheriff Joseph Iervolino, and the mayor's confidential aide William Van Wie.

Cappiello Is Hit On Police Pledge

A Hoboken teacher and administration critic yesterday accused Mayor and Public Safety Director Steve Cappiello of reneging on his promise to put special police officers on school corners where traffic was a problem and school crossing guards were not assigned.

Anthony Russo, a special education teacher and standard bearer of the Anthony Russo Civic Assn., yesterday accused Cappiello of not fulfilling a personal pledge to provide the officers.

Russo said the mayor had promised an officer for 4th and Clinton sts. and 6th and Hudson sts. two months ago. Cappiello was not available for comment, but Police Chief George Crimmins said that the mayor had promised to assign men to study the traffic problems but not to direct traffic.

"The studies," Crimmins said, "are being carried out." Crimmins said that a tactical officer has been spending an hour or so a day since Monday studying the traffic situation at 6th and Hudson.

Crimmins said he expects the survey to be finished by the end of the week. The officer would then submit a report on his observations.

Crimmins said a similar study will be done at 4th and Clinton sts. next week if the mayor still wants it.

"As far as I'm concerned," the chief said, "...extra guards are not necessary and I probably won't recommend them."

Firemen set Jan. 14 deadline for action on Hoboken pact

Hoboken firemen and fire officers have set Jan. 14 as the last day for the city to give them some "firm commitments" on a contract for 1974-75, it was learned today.

Annoyed by the fact that Mayor Steve Cappiello has been unable to set up another negotiating meeting between the firemen and the city council's public safety committee before the end of the year, the heads

of the two unions said today that they will undertake "other action" if some progress hasn't been made by that date.

"As of Jan. 14 we will have been without a contract for one full year," said Michael Bavaro, president of the fire fighters' union. "That's long enough. It has become fairly obvious to us that we are being stalled. And that if we don't take some action the stall will go on indefinitely."

Capt. William Bergin, president of the fire officers association, said he couldn't understand what was so hard about getting the public safety committee together for a meeting.

"If the mayor calls a meeting, as he indicated to us two weeks ago would be done, the committee will attend," Bergin said. "It appears that the mayor isn't trying and only wants to string us along as long as possible."

Bergin and Bavaro met with the mayor on Dec. 19 to request more meetings with the committee. At that time they were told that at least one more couldn't be held until the end of the year.

Cappiello explained today that he hasn't been able to get a date that is mutually agreeable to all members of the public safety committee. He said that most of the councilmen on the committee had conflicting commitments and it appeared that a meeting couldn't be held until after the new year.

According to the two fire fighters, the unions have already decided on what their "other action" is going to be, but they declined to comment on it.

"We will not make idle threats in order to force the mayor and council to negotiate," they said. "But to sit back and do nothing would set back the collective bargaining process and indirectly condone the city's approach."

"When the time for action arrives, it will be taken. But until then, there is no need to comment on what it will be."

Florio Seen As Hoboken Legal Chief

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has decided to appoint Larry Florio, a 16-year veteran of the city's law department, as law director to replace Dudley Schlosser, who died of a heart attack Dec. 15, top city hall sources said yesterday.

Cappiello did not deny the report, but declined to comment on the appointment "at this time."

A close friend of Schlosser, Cappiello has said several times that he prefers to wait until after the new year to announce

the appointment of Schlosser's replacement.

Florio, however, was said to be the mayor's first and automatic choice for the job. With 16 years in the department, Florio has seniority over the other four members of the department who have all worked for the city for less than two years.

In earlier remarks, Cappiello had characterized the 55-year old Florio as "a competent lawyer who handles himself with great skill." A source said he would be "an asset to the city."

Florio joined the city's law department in 1960. Initially he handled rent control matters, then went on to specialize in trial cases, particularly those involving negligence and suits against the city. He has also handled disputed contracts.

He has been a member of the private law firm of Florio, Dunn and Marciano since 1956. In 1950, he was a member of the last graduating class of John Marshall Law School. (The school later merged with Seton Hall.)

Florio was born in Hoboken and now lives at 314 Bloomfield st. He is married to the former Mary Cahill and has three children.

His oldest daughter, Patricia, teaches at North Huntington High School; his youngest, Lorraine, is a student at Fairfield University in Connecticut and his son, Edward, is a teacher at South Windsor, Conn. High School.

During World War 2, Florio served in the United States Army in Europe.

Yesterday, Florio declined to comment on his reported appointment, saying "it is not up to me to comment on any appointments; it is up to the mayor."

He was, however, frequently congratulated by friends and fellow workers at City Hall. A source said he will probably be sworn into the post early in January.

300 Seniors Open Center

More than 300 senior citizens of Hoboken turned out yesterday for the grand opening of the senior SMILE center at 60 Sixth st.

Mayor Steve Cappiello was on hand to cut the ribbon for the opening and to congratulate the Council of Elders, the operating agency of SMILES, "Seniors Make It Look Easy" for their skill in renovating the new center at no cost to either the city or the federal Model Cities program.

The approximately \$5,000 in renovations was done by the landlords, Benetti and Aquaviva, a local contracting firm. Cappiello praised the council for their "excellent rapport" with the landlord and wished them many happy productive years in the new center.

SMILE Director Lou Taglieri said the center would continue servicing the needs of the city's seniors exactly as it had in the past when it was located at 511 Washington st.

Taglieri said that through a \$500 grant recently received from the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., SMILE would implement a new "hotline for needy seniors program."

Four of the center's 1,900 members will now volunteer several hours a day manning a special phone service between the center and senior shut-ins throughout the city.

Taglieri said the volunteers will call shut-ins daily to make certain that they are well and not in need of any assistance.

Taglieri said the center will also continue handling referrals for various problems for seniors. "If a senior needs medical, legal or nutritional assistance," Taglieri said, "all he has to do is contact us and we'll refer him to those agencies set up to help."

The center will also serve as an intake agency for the soon to be opened senior citizen centralized agency in the downtown Multi Service Building. The building, still under construction, is scheduled to be opened in January.

Rent board may drop price index

The Hoboken Rent Leveling Board may have to revise the system it uses to determine whether landlords may increase rents and by how much, Joseph Hotendorff, board chairman, said today.

"Our prime tool used in figuring how much of an increase can be granted is becoming obsolete," asserted Hotendorff. "Like most rent control boards we use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to compute rent increases. But it is no longer practical and in some cases outright unfair to tenants."

"For instance, the rising cost of sugar managed to drive up the CPI one full point all by itself. The one point had no cost involved to building owners, since sugar has no bearing on the operation of their properties. But they get the benefit of the one point increase in computing rent increases."

"For the tenants it winds up being a double penalty. Besides having to pay higher costs for sugar, they wind up paying higher rents as a result of the CPI sugar based increase."

Hotendorff added that the cost of electricity and heating oil were also part of the CPI. This was unfair for tenants who paid for their own heat and electricity.

He said that a profit percentage system may have to be adopted.

"There may be other formulas that are more practical and accurate, but it costs money to develop them," he continued. "Since the city doesn't have this kind of money to spend, the easiest solution is a system based on a fixed percentage of profit, whatever that may be."

Hotendorff said that he planned to get together with local realtors, some of whom have been critical of the city's rent leveling procedures, and tenants' groups in the hope of finding a formula acceptable to all.

Cappiello Reports On Conference

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday outlined in broad and general terms the various conferences and seminars he attended at the National Conferences of Cities in Houston earlier in the week.

Cappiello declined to go into detail on most of the conferences explaining he preferred to save the details until the time to deal with the particular items they are associated with.

He did say, however, that based on several conferences on Community Development programs, he has decided that Hoboken's incoming Community Development should be an agency and not a department.

Cappiello said he would recommend the agency alternative to the city council now in the process of deciding the program's structure. Community Development is a \$4 million federally funded program that will be implemented in Hoboken sometime between Jan. and March 1.

Cappiello said he favored the agency format because it gives the city "more flexibility" in dealing with CDA personnel.

"Agency people," Cappiello explained, "work on a year to year basis. Since CDA will be a short term program, ranging from 3 to 6 years, creating an agency rather than a department makes it easier to dispose of personnel once the program is ended."

"It also," he said, "give us greater freedom in disposing of unproductive people."

Cappiello said that at the conference, he also attended numerous meetings on labor-management relations, public safety problems and the problems of solid waste disposal.

Based on his reaction to the lectures and discussions, Cappiello said he favors referring some contractual demands made by city employees to the voters for their ultimate approval.

"If contract demands are reasonable," Cappiello said, "then I think they can be worked out between city officials and workers through arbitration. If they're what can be called excessive, then I think the taxpayers who will foot the bill should have the final say."

Hoboken May Switch Over See Centrex Savings

Hoboken officials are checking into the possibility of converting the city's departmental phone system into a centralized operation that one councilman says could save as much as \$20,000 a year.

The Bell Telephone Company has sent the city copies of a report outlining the benefits and savings of the new system called Centrex and Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city council and city directors are presently studying it.

Cappiello reportedly requested the study several months ago.

Although Cappiello has not commented on the report, councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said yesterday that he was very impressed with the system and was recommending that the mayor and council give it "very serious consideration."

Ranieri said Centrex would fit perfectly into his recently proposed economy plan designed to cut 25 per cent off city phone bills and save 10 to 15 per cent in total expenditures for utilities and fuel.

Adopting Centrex would eliminate the five switchboards and operators the city now maintains for city hall, police headquarters, fire department, housing authority and the board of education.

Most of the heavy equipment would be centrally located at Bell phone headquarters freeing space the city now uses for switchboards to other uses.

The city would only need one operator who Ranieri says could also be used to perform other duties like filing and typing since "she'd probably only have to handle one call an hour."

Phone calls to any municipal agency would go directly to the department involved instead of going through a switchboard.

The city would keep one central prefix like the 792 presently used for city hall, but the four following digits would go directly to the department.

For example, 792-6677 might central prefix like the 792 public works. Ranieri said each department would be able to transfer any wrong calls simply.

Ranieri said there would be no charge for the conversion and depending on the Centrex system chosen, savings would range from \$3,000 a year to \$20,000.

Ranieri said he could not say how soon officials may make a decision on the conversion, but he said he hoped a favorable one might be made soon.

Crosstown bus hired by Hoboken

Service has been resumed on Hoboken's crosstown bus route by the hiring of a private company to run a bus on the route. But the situation will be reviewed Monday after the city learns more on the condition of its own bus, Business Administrator Herman Bier said today.

Hoboken's own bus, a 16 passenger vehicle, was knocked out of service Thursday by an inspector from the state Public Utility Commission (PUC) after it failed its annual inspection.

According to Bier, the inspector found various lights broken, the exhaust system leaks and is smoking, the steering is defective and there is excessive play in the front wheels. He ordered the bus out of service until repairs were made and the vehicle re-inspected.

As a result there was no bus service most of Thursday and part of yesterday morning.

Service was restored shortly before noon after Bier hired a bus from the Hoboken Transportation Co., one of the companies that operates buses along Washington Street.

"The bus was hired for part of Friday, all of today, and Monday," the director said. "There won't be any bus service Sunday. Monday morning we hope to have a better idea of whether or not we can take care of the repairs on the city bus. If we can't, we'll have to send it out."

Hoboken Weighs Rent Plan Shift

The chairman of Hoboken's Rent Control Board is considering recommending to the city council the removal of the consumer price index as the formula for deciding rent increases in the city's rent ordinance.

Joseph Hotendorff, board chairman, said yesterday he has been studying various alternatives to the CPI, which he describes as "grossly unfair to tenants," and hopes to have a new formula in mind for the council's first January meeting on Jan. 15.

Hotendorff said he also wants to see the city's hardship increase clause removed from the ordinance. In its place, he is considering adopting a clause on increases similar to one now in effect in Jersey City.

The proposed formula would permit landlords to make a profit on their buildings 6 per cent above the highest

passbook percentages of local banks.

According to Hotendorff, both the CPI and the hardship increase clause are "unfair and inaccurate barometers of landlord expenses."

He said the CPI formula reflects expenses unrelated to housing such as sugar, medicine, food, and the like. "If the price of sugar soars and the CPI goes higher because of it," Hotendorff says, "tenants suffer twice; they pay the higher price for sugar and they pay higher rents caused by the general inflation."

Hotendorff said the same situation exists for tenants who provide their own fuel in cold water flats. "Landlords can raise their rents because of inflated fuel prices without providing heat or not. They can pay for the fuel and they pay for the increase in rents reflected in the CPI index because of inflated fuel prices."

Hotendorff stressed that he is not searching for an alternative that will hurt landlords. "We want, hope and expect they'll make a profit," he said, "otherwise there's no reason for them to continue as landlords. But we want to prevent tenant harassment and rent gouging and the formula we have now is inadequate."

Hoboken, Bell, in accord

Hoboken officials and representatives of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. have reached an informal agreement on what procedures will be followed by the company when it is installing new lines or underground cable bunks.

Public Works Director Raphael

P. Vitale said today following a meeting with Stanley Miller of the company's engineering department and J. J. Bundschuh, a line foreman, that the city is going to have to bear some of the responsibility for making sure the procedures are followed, as well as the company.

The city's complaint was that the company was laying cable and installing the underground vaults too close to city water lines, making it difficult to get at the lines when they needed repairs. Another was the filling in and resurfacing of street openings which the city felt were sometimes shoddily done.

"The company is willing to cooperate 100 per cent," said Vitale. "But one of the problems is that some of this work is done by outside contractors hired by Bell. This is where the city will come in. It will be up to Hoboken to keep a tight check on the work being done by the company's contractors. If something isn't being done the right way we are to notify Bell and they'll get after the contractor."

Vitale said that the only thing the company wouldn't agree to was the asphalt of repair jobs when finished during the winter time.

Hoboken to lend video tape of breast cancer seminar

The recent three-hour seminar conducted in Hoboken on the detection of breast cancer is going to have lasting benefits for residents of the city and the North Hudson area, according to Hoboken First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano, who coordinated the seminar.

Romano said today that through the courtesy of the Hoboken Board of Education a video tape of the seminar is going to be available to women's groups in Hoboken and North Hudson on a first come, first served basis.

Groups borrowing the tape will also get the equipment on which to show it and an operator to run it, the councilman added.

"The entire discussion lasted a little over three hours and all of it was taken down on video tape," he said. "We are now editing the tape, removing everything except for the presentations made by the five doctors who were there."

The councilman said that he has been told that when the editing is completed the tape will run about an hour and a half.

"Persons or groups wishing to arrange a showing should contact me at the Hoboken Board of Education," he added. "Our only requirement will be that the showing be for a group of at least 20 women and that several alternate dates be given by the group requesting the tape."

2 Hobokens may swap their students

The mayor of Hoboken, Belgium, has expressed interest in a proposed student exchange program with Hoboken, U.S.A., and will have one of that country's senators meet with local officials for further discussions, it was learned today.

The proposal was made several months ago by John Vervordt of 632 Bloomfield St., who wrote to Mayor Victor DeBruyne, of the European city.

In his reply, Mayor DeBruyne said he had checked with the inspector for the board of education in his city and the prefect of the Royal Antheum, and found that there weren't any candidates at the moment for the program.

But Senator Wyninckx is due to be in Washington D.C. during the early part of next year for conferences on the shipping industry and will meet with Vervordt and Hoboken officials for further talks on the subject.

Vervordt has interested several local service organizations in the project along with members of the Hoboken board of education.

And in Hoboken

By PETER HALLAM

Money — or the lack of it — must rate as the most continuously discouraging item Mayor Steve Cappelio and his new administration had to contend with.

As 1974 started, with the mayor and council busy trying to cut more than \$1.5 million from the budget and avoid a tax increase of anything more than \$5 per \$1,000, so does it end, only more so.

Negotiations with the city's police and firemen began in January after their old contract had expired. But there was no money to offer. Still, the talks went on and on.

As spring approached and few terms of a new contract had been agreed to, the attention of the city's firemen was attracted to something else. Their ranks were slowly being depleted—and the mayor was not appointing any new men to keep the department strength up to what the men considered acceptable levels.

In spite of the warning from the firemen that the summer vacation period would seriously diminish whatever manpower was left, Mayor Cappelio refused to appoint any new men and argued that the city had too many firemen anyway. Manpower was not negotiable. The firemen said it was — and eventually the battle wound up in the courts with Francis Hayes, a Jersey City labor attorney, representing the city and David Solomon taking the firemen's part.

The court ruled that the city had no right to negotiate manpower with the union, since it was strictly a management decision. But the decision was a complete reversal of a previous court decision handed down in Camden. The matter is now under appeal by the firemen.

However, the damage had been done. The relations between the firemen, fire officers and the mayor had reached an all-time low. Added to this was the fact that almost 20 policemen were promoted during the year compared to two firemen, and close to 40 new cops were added to the department while only three new firemen were appointed.

The firemen did win one concession from the mayor. He agreed to set a minimum number of men and officers who would be on duty at all times — 22 firemen and five officers. But as the end of the year closes in, neither they nor the

Police Department nor the city's non-uniformed employees have a contract.

THE CITY held its first school board election in February and it turned out to be the first political defeat for the mayor's organization.

Otto Hottendorf, the appointed president at that time, James Farina and Fred Bado Sr. got strong backing from the city administration during the campaign which saw more than 20 candidates vying for three seats on the board. Hottendorf and Farina came in first and second when the votes were counted. But Bado, who had been an appointed member of the board for more than 25 years, lost out to Donald Singleton. He was one of three independents being backed by Citizens for Better Education.

Shortly thereafter relations between the city and the school board started going downhill.

The board asked the city for \$1.5 million so that it could pay its teachers their summer vacation checks. The city refused.

IN MID-YEAR, four of the Hoboken Parking Authority's five commissioners resigned. Three of the four — Nicholas J. Caruso, John Raslowsky and Daniel Manobianco — cited personal reasons and outside pressures for their resignations.

But the fourth, Anthony Corea, went to great lengths to make it known that he — and the other three — had packed it in because of continued "harassment" on the part of the City Council. The council wanted the authority to sue the Franklin National Bank of New York in order to get the release of several hundred thousand dollars in interest money so that money could be used to pay the authority's annual debt from its \$3.5 million parking garage bond issue. The authority refused. The council kept the pressure on.

The new authority members were more cooperative and agreed to be party to a suit against the bank. But before it could be filed the bank failed and was taken over by the European-American Bank and Trust Co. The parking authority's trustee agreement with Franklin National was assigned to the Bradford Trust Co.

MEANWHILE, construction on the authority's three parking garages in the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project continued on schedule. The first parking garage, the most northerly of the three, is scheduled to open in February.

The middle garage should open the following month, and the last, the biggest of the three, the month after that.

Equally impressive progress was made on the construction of the first two 25-story apartment buildings in the Plaza, but it ended at that. Mortgage money for the other two buildings still hasn't been committed by the state Housing Finance Agency, and the developer of the commercial building in the complex is still without his mortgage.

Tenants join to find work for jobless

A large group of Hoboken tenants is working to insure that its members will be prepared in case economic times get any worse.

About 250 families of Willow View Estates, Bloomfield Manor and Washington Estates have formed tenant associations with a common objective.

"We're a self-help group," said Mrs. Rose Perry, one of the 10 leaders of the organization, "in case people find themselves out of work."

An employment committee has been formed to help obtain jobs for those who may need them and for tenants who are seeking better positions.

The committee leaders have made a roster of all families living in the three housing projects, all owned by Applied Housing Associates, which is also aiding in the committee.

The employment history of each tenant has been recorded, along with skills, annual income, employment needs and ambitions.

"If employers have jobs available," declared Harry T. Johnson, director of management for Applied Housing Associates, "we hope they'll come to us and we'll supply a qualified person."

Johnson explained that each prospective tenant is carefully screened by his firm before being permitted to rent an apartment in one of the housing projects.

"If you just hire anybody," he said, "you are taking a chance. Here you are going to get qualified, stable, responsible working class people."

The tenants at the three projects are basically low to moderate income families.

"Times are very bad," stated Johnson, "and if there are job layoffs, these people will be among the first to go. They are concerned that in the future, it may be hard for them to find jobs."

The committee already has approached numerous prospective employers to inform them of the group's existence and to urge them to consider hiring the tenants in the event job openings do occur.

According to Mrs. Perry, the president of one Hoboken bank has promised to consider hiring the tenants to positions in a new branch which is now being constructed.

The committee also has approached William McDowell, executive director of the Hackensack Meadows Development Commission, who has stated that there may be as many as 1,000 job openings in the near future as the result of the construction of the sports complex in the Meadowlands.

"We're hoping that the problems which have developed in other inner-city projects won't develop here," stated Johnson.

The tenants meet once a week to discuss whom they can contact and what other steps they can take, said Mrs. Perry.

Cappelio pushing for merged garage

A consolidated Public Safety and Public Works garage will again be one of the prime goals of the Hoboken city council and Mayor Steve Cappelio for 1975.

And a good case for such a consolidation sits in the garage at fire headquarters. It's a 1969 station wagon that has been given a second chance at providing transportation for the city's fire chief and deputy chiefs.

According to the mayor, the city was going to junk the car and buy a new one for the chief. But at the urging of Councilman Robert A. Ranieri it was decided to give Sgt. Frank Garrick a chance to salvage it. Garrick heads the Public Safety Department repair shop and garage.

"I consider it a saving of \$4,000," said Ranieri. "That's

approximately how much it would have cost the city to buy a new wagon. A lot of credit should go to Sgt. Garrick and his assistants — Bill Metcalf and Walter Devine."

Ranieri said that the total job of repairing the wagon, including a new lime green paint job, was around \$500.

Another successful repair job was on the truck used by the Public Safety Department's traffic and signal division to repair traffic lights. Called a cherry picker, the truck was out of service for several months because the hydraulic system which operated the work bucket didn't function properly.

The city had an estimate for \$1,000 to repair the system. Sgt. Garrick did it for approximately \$50. Although the hydraulic system has been repaired the truck won't be put back into service until it too is repainted.

Both the mayor and Ranieri said that a consolidation of the public works garage and the public safety garage could save the city a great deal of money by having city employees do most of the needed repair work on all city vehicles.

Mayor Cappelio said that the original plan of moving the public safety garage at Second and Jefferson Streets into the public works garage at Observer Highway and Willow Avenue hasn't changed.

"We have the qualified personnel and most of the equipment we need," he continued. "All that is needed is to merge the two. It will be up to the council and myself to see that we find the wherewithal to make the move this coming year."

Hoboken's Bus Given Added Life

Hoboken officials have talked the state's Public Utility Commission into allowing the dilapidated cross-town bus to continue in operation until a new vehicle can be purchased in the near future.

The agreement worked out by Mayor Steve Cappelio and Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri over the weekend saves the bus's regular passengers

from facing a whole winter without cross-town service.

According to Cappelio, the PUC agreed to let Hoboken resume operating the bus on the condition that minor repairs are made and the bus is discontinued as soon as a new one can be purchased and delivered.

On Thursday, the PUC stopped service after the bus failed to pass a motor vehicle inspection.

At that time Ranieri said it would cost the city \$1,000 to repair the 15 violations cited. Because the city is already in the process of advertising for a new bus, Ranieri said it would be impractical to spend an additional \$1,000 in repairs for a worn out bus which would only last a few more months.

If the PUC had not sanctioned the minor repairs, which Ranieri says will cost less than \$50,

the city would have done without the bus for the rest of the winter.

Cappelio said the city council will now do everything in its power to speed up the normal purchasing time. At the last council meeting, the council voted to approve specifications for a new bus.

Cappelio said that if the specifications can be picked up and bids returned by the next

meeting, Jan. 2, the council will recess and make a decision on accepting the bids.

Normally the council receives the bids and sends them to the department heads involved to get their recommendations.

The mayor hopes that by acting quickly the council can cut the waiting time for delivery from four months to less than two.

Hoboken has \$3,450,000 repair plan

Fourteen run-down tenement houses on Clinton Street and 11th Street, Hoboken, are on the verge of undergoing \$3,450,000 in rehabilitation, it was learned today.

Applied Housing Associates of Hoboken expects to get back a favorable report this week from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on the feasibility of rehabilitating the buildings, according to Walter Barry, president of the firm.

Seven of the five-story tenement houses are on the north side of 11th Street, between Willow Avenue and Park Avenue, the other seven on the east side of Clinton Street, between Ninth and 10th Streets.

Barry said that Applied Housing plans for the buildings call for 138 dwelling units, 40 in the 11th Street buildings and 90 in the Clinton Street apartments (911-923 Clinton St.).

"As soon as we have the approval of HUD we can move to finalize the purchase of the properties," Barry added. "We already have options to buy on all of them."

Barry estimated that the cost of each dwelling unit will be about \$25,000.

Hoboken police direct emergencies

Hoboken residents today were advised not to call the city's Volunteer Ambulance Corps but the Hoboken Police Department if they need an ambulance.

William Matthews, corps president, said many residents have developed the habit of calling the squad direct rather than going through the police department.

"In an emergency, this could be a fatal mistake," said Matthews.

"The corps works directly with the police department. When the squad is out on a call and another emergency comes in the police will handle it. But if the call for assistance is made to the squad, the caller may not get an answer — and that delay could make the difference in a life and death situation."

Matthews said that in some situations the squad doesn't have

anyone manning its telephone at the headquarters, 707 Clinton St. Usually these occur in the daytime when most people are at their jobs. The ambulance is manned around the clock, but if it is out on a call there isn't

anyone at squad headquarters to answer the phones.

According to Matthews, the calls direct to the ambulance squad is the result of a recent political campaign.

He said that as a public service one of the candidates had distributed little pads with the telephone numbers most often needed in emergency situations. One of those numbers was the squad's.

"It was always our intention to have the ambulance service come through the police department and we set it up that way," he said. "But people are still calling the squad direct."

No Hoboken Strike Plans Due

A threatened strike reported to be brewing among Hoboken public works employees dissatisfied with the vehicles they drive was reported yesterday to be "just an exaggerated misunderstanding" by union leaders and Public Works Director Raphael Vitale.

Vitale said that he had talked with the men, eight drivers who man the city's five-year-

old dump trucks, and that there are no plans for them to conduct a reported "sitdown strike" Thursday.

A source at the city's public works garage who asked not to be identified also said there was "no basis for the rumor."

Frank Lally, president of the Municipal Employees Assn., said he had no knowledge of a planned strike. "If the men were as dissatisfied as reports said," Lally explained, "they would have come to the union first with grievances. It makes no sense to threaten a strike when no problem has been officially acknowledged and no steps taken to remedy it."

On Saturday, an area newspaper said that the drivers were dissatisfied with their old and reportedly unsafe vehicles and were going to strike to force the city to purchase new ones.

Equipment Old
Both Vitale and Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri, who inspected the city's public works garage and equipment at the men's request, said that there is no doubt that the equipment is old and the city needs new trucks.

But, both men said, the city has been given a \$60,000 grant from the state Safe and Clean Streets program and expects to buy the equipment this year. Specifications for two of the trucks have already gone out. "The men know," Ranieri said, "that the city is buying the trucks and that we'll take every precaution to keep the ones we're now using in safe operating shape."

The city presently has five

1970 dump trucks and one 1969. The city is also planning to buy two trucks for the sewerage authority and one pay loader for general use.

Last week, Ranieri annoyed Vitale by convincing the council in should reject a single \$18,000 bid for two dump trucks. Yesterday, however, Vitale said that he was hopeful the council would not postpone the purchase again but would act on the bids received at its next meeting.

PennC is selling parcel in Hoboken

A marine repair facility owned by the Penn Central Railroad which has been of great concern to the Hoboken Fire Department because of the many fires that have occurred at it over the last six months, is going to be sold.

Mayor Steve Cappelio said today he has been notified by the railroad that it plans to sell the property, located just north of the Stevens Institute of Technology floating dormitory on the Hudson River, and has six companies interested in buying it.

The mayor said the city was notified because it too had expressed interest in buying the property from the railroad in conjunction with some of its waterfront redevelopment plans.

"Hoboken is still interested but I don't think we'll be too worried if it is purchased by someone else," he said. "At least it will be in use, eliminating the fire hazards, and back on the tax rolls."

Cappelio said the railroad has not used the facility for several years. It has been leasing it out to other companies to use. But there hasn't been any activity at the site in almost a year.

"I don't have the official figures for the last six months from the fire department but there must have been at least 20

fires, some of them serious, all of them of suspicious nature," continued the mayor. "The railroad did close up and fence in the area and remove debris and old equipment, but this still didn't prevent kids from getting in and setting more fires."

"If the new owner plans to make use of the property rather than just hold it for speculation purposes, the city will probably get rid of a fair-sized headache."

Hoboken's \$4 Million Plan

Hoboken residents who want to contribute ideas to the structuring of the proposed \$4 million federal community development program will have their chance at two public hearings scheduled for Jan. 8 and Jan. 22.

The Hoboken Model Cities Agency is preparing an

agenda for the two meetings based on a list of priorities set by the city council, the mayor and Model Cities personnel at a day long meeting Saturday.

Model Cities Director Michael Coleman said the list will be revised after the public hearings, tentatively set for the Hoboken High School Auditorium.

A full outline of the more than 30 projects involved is

being prepared, but Coleman said yesterday the highest priority has been assigned to housing and rehabilitation projects in the city.

A approximately \$1,750,000 has been allotted to develop and carry on home improvement loans, tenement rehabilitation and major projects.

According to Coleman, another \$300,000 to \$400,000 has been allotted to capital improvement projects such as improving the city's deteriorated water distribution system.

An additional \$100,000 is to be set aside to renovating City Hall on the condition that the Hall is designated a historical

And the rest of the money will probably go to carry on and institute various social service programs like the rat and rodent control program, family planning, and similar projects.

Model Cities is also preparing an ordinance setting up the new program under a new agency. The council is expected to review and approve the ordinance sometime in January. It will probably be on the council agenda in late January or early February.

Community Development will carry on where Model Cities, presently phasing out, leaves off. Michael Coleman is expected to continue as director.

That price was approximately 45 per cent higher than any of the estimates the council was able to obtain," he asserted. However, the council approved payment anyway, vowing it would be the last time.

Director Bier said that he would go along with the council's new policies but he wasn't optimistic about its success.

"I will do everything in my power to get at least three estimates on the purchase of items costing between \$500 and \$2,500 and as many bidders as possible on the purchase of items over \$2,500," Bier said. "But the council must remember that there is no way I can force a private company to do business with the city if it doesn't want to."

"I can contact companies and business dealing in the items the city seeks to buy and encourage them to give prices and bid. But my influence ends there. The final decision on whether or not that or any company wants to do business with us is the companies', not mine."

Bier added that the city had to be extremely careful in reaching out for business and companies and encouraging them to deal with the city. He said that he could advise companies that the city was in the market for whatever item it was looking for and that bid specifications could be picked up from the city clerk. But going any further than that might be a violation of the state bidding procedures.

Bier expressed concern that, should the council stick strictly to its new procedures, the city might find itself facing various shortages of supplies.

"A good price is a good price, regardless of whether or not there are several other or no other higher bids," he pointed out. "I hope the council will be flexible enough to accept good offers when they are made and not stand pat on procedure because there was only one bid or two."

Hoboken Promulgates New Program of Safety

By ELIZABETH PARKS
Hoboken is initiating an experimental public safety officer program starting today according to Mayor Steve Cappelio.

Cappelio said eight men, each paid \$7,500 a year out of federal Community Employment Training Program funds (CETA) will begin a dual police and fire training program.

Police and firemen who in the past have criticized the proposed program refused to comment publicly on the announcement. One official for the fire department said there would be no official reaction until after contract talks scheduled for Jan. 13.

The official, however, said he feels there is no way that men being paid \$7,500 a year

will perform with the same dedication and initiative as police and firemen making over \$10,000 a year.

Another official called the mayor's idea "frightening." He said the men making the lesser salaries would tend to hide, in dangerous moments, behind the men making higher salaries.

Cappelio called the new program "strictly experimental in nature." He said that each of the new men would undergo training for both police and fire duties.

Up to Judgements

He said the length of their training would be up to the judgements of the respective police and fire chiefs. "No man will be put on active duty," he said, "until he is qualified to handle himself under all emergency conditions."

Cappelio said that when the training period is over, the men will either be admitted to the police or fire departments depending on their choice or continued indefinitely

as public safety officers performing both duties.

Cappelio said he expected the program would save Hoboken thousands of dollars in salaries. He said the eventual adaptation of a public safety force would eliminate the current expense of maintaining two separate forces.

Cappelio said there are no immediate plans to expand the program beyond the eight men currently enrolled, but he said that, if the program succeeds, he will consider hiring all future public safety workers under the program's new banner.

Cappiello asks for budget surgery

Hoboken's department directors may get their preliminary 1975 budgets back next week along with a note from Mayor Steve Cappiello telling them to chop out up to 25 per cent of what they had originally asked for.

The mayor has a formal meeting with Comptroller John Erbeck early in the week to find out how the overall city budget is shaping up for next year. What Erbeck has to say will determine whether or not the mayor bounces the department budgets back to the directors.

"If cuts have to be made, and in all probability there will have to be some, I would rather have the directors figure out where they would like to make them," said Cappiello.

"In the past the practice has been for the mayor and/or the council to cut the department budgets wherever they wanted to until the total amount was in line with what we wanted."

"But I feel it is more realistic to tell the directors that they've got to meet a certain figure and then allow them to decide where they want to make the necessary reductions."

Although the mayor has had several informal discussions with Erbeck on the status of the budget since the department estimates were submitted last month, he is still reluctant to make public any figures that would give some idea of how next year's tax rate is shaping up.

"We still have more than three months in which to finalize the 1975 budget," said the mayor, "and a lot of things can happen in that time to change any figures we might banter about now. I can say that he council, the directors and myself will be doing everything we can to keep any increase as low as possible, and I mean everything."

Florio Sworn Hoboken Law Head

Hoboken attorney Larry Florio was sworn in as the new Director of Law yesterday less than an hour after the city council unanimously confirmed his appointment.

Florio, a 16-year veteran of the city's law department, took the oath of office before city clerk Anthony Amoroso in the mayor's City Hall office.

He will replace Dudley Schlosser who died last month of a heart attack.

In confirming his appointment during the morning council meeting, the council praised Florio as a "capable, experienced and qualified legal expert."

Cappiello said he had complete faith in Florio's long tenure and knowledge accumulated from his years on the job.

Florio also has a private law practice, Florio, Dunn and Marciano at 84 Washington St.

Florio's appointment is effective Jan. 1 and will continue through the mayor's tenure in office.

Florio's wife, Mary and his mother, Mrs. Edward Florio, attended the swearing-in.

Amoroso also administered the oath of office to Julia Hanrahan as first assistant attorney and to Thomas Calligy, a local attorney appointed to replace Florio in the Law Department.

Superior Court Judge Joseph Hanrahan, Mrs. Hanrahan's husband, and their son, Joseph Jr., also attended.

Earlier in the day, Amoroso sworn in Joseph Calligore, the former director of management at the Hoboken Housing Authority, as executive director.

Calligore was appointed two months ago to replace Director Edward DeFazio who resigned Jan. 1 after 25 years.

Safety Officers Draw Fire

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello's new experimental public safety officer program got off to a controversial start yesterday as several members of the city council and leaders of the city's fire associations challenged it as "sudden, ambiguous and impractical for the city."

Councilman at large Francis Leahy called it "wrong" of the mayor to implement the program without consulting the council and without doing a study to determine its appropriateness for Hoboken.

Leahy's criticisms came less than five hours after eight new tentative public safety officers reported to fire headquarters to begin the first half of their dual training for police and fire duties.

Of the nine councilmen present at yesterday's meeting, only councilman at large Robert Ranieri knew enough about the program to answer questions from the floor.

Ranieri described the new program as a "training session." He said the new men would be trained first as firemen and then as policemen and would not begin assuming any duties for several months.

None of the councilmen could say, however, how long the training process would last, what sort of duties the men would perform either while training or after training, if their duties would be limited or if they would be expected to function as police and firemen while taking half the pay of police and firemen.

The new officers are paid \$7,500 a year from the federal concentrated employment program.

A fire official said after the meeting that the eight new men were sent to fire headquarters yesterday morning, unannounced, and with only a letter of introduction to qualify them for admittance.

The firemen said it was a mistake for the city to "take in men off the streets, with unknown backgrounds and put them into sensitive public safety positions."

Mayor Cappiello later defended his program as "necessary to the economic stability of Hoboken."

Cappiello said the men would not replace police or firemen, but would supplement them.

He said that with Hoboken's tax rate diminishing at a rapid rate, the city has to find ways of cutting back on essential services.

Asked if he intends to let the two departments reduce their manpower requirements through attrition and to bolster the loss with supplementary public safety officers, the mayor was non-committal.

He said his first priority was to the taxpayers of Hoboken and that he will do what he must to insure their survival.

Hoboken Eyes Development Plan

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken officials are in the process of compiling a 40-page agenda detailing proposed projects and recommended priorities for a forthcoming \$4 million federal community development project.

The agenda will be passed to all citizens attending the first of two public hearings on the program Jan. 8 in the Hoboken High School auditorium.

Citizens will be encouraged to participate in the public hearings by offering their own recommendations and suggestions.

Mayor Steve Cappiello will chair the meeting. He will open talks with remarks explaining community development.

Model Cities Director Michael Coleman, who is expected to head the Hoboken Community Development Agency when it is formed in March, will describe the intent of CDA legislation and list eligible activities.

For the past few months, the city council, representatives of Model Cities and members of a citizens advisory group have been meeting regularly to discuss the program and to set and list priorities.

During the public hearing, Martin Brennan, a council president will describe priorities selected by the council; Gene Drayton, a policeman and chairman of the citizens group, will describe those priorities assigned by the advisory group and Robert Armstrong, Fred Bado Jr., and Joel Freiser will explain the proposed projects.

Coleman said yesterday that there are approximately 33 projects under consideration in three areas, housing and redevelopment, community service and municipal operations.

Some will be continuations of projects begun under Model Cities, like family planning center and insect and rodent control.

Other projects include rehabilitating the city's water distribution system, renovating city hall, and constructing a consolidated garage for all our owned vehicles.

Crews begin fixing Hoboken firehouse

A crew of carpenters and laborers today will begin remodeling Hoboken's firehouse at Second and Jefferson Streets to convert it into a new Fire Department headquarters.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said the job will take about a month and will be done entirely by city workers.

The existing fire headquarters, at 124 Hudson St., has been sold by the city to a private firm which owns property on either side of the building. It has already started clearing away other buildings in the area, reportedly for the construction of a bank.

The sale by the city was conditional, however. The buyer doesn't get title until the city has the new fire headquarters ready and can move in.

That may take more than a month.

Although the new headquarters may be ready in February some of the main equipment — a new central fire alarm system — probably will not be installed and ready for use.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said that the firm hired by the city to make and install the system is putting it together but is having some problems getting all of the parts and supplies it needs. However, this was anticipated by the time included in its estimate of when the system would be ready for installation.

"It will probably be another two months," the mayor said.

Director Vitale said his men will begin their work by cleaning out the second floor of the building. They will then make new quarters for the firemen, a new chief's office and an office for his administrative assistant and clerk. Most of the old windows in the building will be replaced.

Welfare head called before city council

The head of Hoboken's welfare department will be called before the city council to give it a detailed briefing on how the welfare department operates and how it spends its money.

A letter is being prepared by the city clerk for Edward Roeder, welfare director, asking him to appear before the council tentatively at the Jan. 13 caucus.

The meeting was asked for by Councilman Robert A. Ranieri at last Wednesday's council meeting and agreed to by the rest of the council.

Ranieri said that he was interested in getting an accounting from Roeder on how the city's welfare money is being spent, but added that he didn't have any specific areas that he wanted to look into.

However, several of the other councilmen have expressed interest in how the welfare office treats its clients, and whether or not they are getting the services they are entitled to — when they need them.

One councilman said that a case has been brought to his attention of a middle-aged woman who was treated rudely, refused vouchers for her rent and food which were due her, and got them only after the mayor had someone intercede in her behalf.

He said the woman went to the welfare office last Monday to get her rent and food vouchers. The accepted procedure has been for them to be issued the last day of the month. But since the last day of December was New Year's Eve, and the following day a holiday she was told she couldn't get them until Thursday.

"The woman had no money of her own, no food and her rent was due," he said. "But she couldn't get any help. She was told that she couldn't get her check until Jan. 2 because the man who makes them out wasn't in and nobody else could issue them."

End of towing gets first test on Washington Street today

The elimination of towing in Hoboken in conjunction with the city's alternate side of the street sweeping program started yesterday but gets its first real test today along Washington Street, the city's main thoroughfare.

Each side of Washington Street gets swept twice each week but Thursday is the one day of the week when no sweeping takes place on that street. Most of the city's side streets did get swept yesterday and no problems were reported.

A spokesman for the police department said approximately 10 tickets were issued to illegally parked cars during the day. The tickets now carry a \$10 fine instead of the old \$2 fine when the cars were towed.

Both police and public works personnel involved in the sweeping program express doubt that the program is going to be successful unless they get some additional help.

One problem that may be encountered is too many illegally parked cars for one police officer to handle.

"We only have one hour to sweep Washington Street," said one patrolman. "If there are more than a dozen illegally parked cars the patrolman accompanying the sweeper may not be able to get to all of them before the hour expires."

A possible solution to this, he said, would be for the radio cars on duty between 8 and 9 a.m., the hours for sweeping Washington Street, to check that portion of the street in their sectors for illegally parked cars, and ticket them.

Some city officials also have expressed doubt that the new fine of \$10 instead of \$2 will really serve as a deterrent since overall the new fine is still \$7.50 less than what it was costing motorists when the towing program was in effect.



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A KISS FOR NEW DIRECTOR—Joseph Calligore, newly sworn executive director of the Hoboken housing authority, gets a kiss from his wife Rita at swearing-in ceremonies yesterday in city hall, Hoboken. Looking on are Mayor Steve Cappiello (left), and Andrew Sherer, housing authority chairman who officiated.

\$2.8 million job aid put right to work

Applications for jobs under a \$2.8 million Federal Manpower grant received by the Hudson County Board of Freeholders, who plan to use the money for several projects, including sprucing up of the old county courthouse, may be made immediately to four regional Outreach Centers.

The program to help combat unemployment will provide as many as 350 jobs and is expected to last one year, according to a county spokesman. Approximately 100 of the jobs involve cleaning up and maintaining the old courthouse.

The Outreach Center where applications can now be made during regular business hours are at 71 Adams St., Hoboken; 554 Broadway, Bayonne; 600 North Fourth St., Harrison; and Bergenline Avenue and 63rd Street, West New York. The program is for residents of Hudson County, excluding Jersey City, which has its own program.

The old courthouse project is the beneficiary of part of the program, according to Freeholder Joseph Simonovich, the board's finance chairman, who said the freeholders jointly agreed to use some of the funds to establish a task force of workers for that building, which was declared a national landmark by the federal government several years ago.

County officials said they are studying other possible projects under which the unemployed will be hired. Pending further conferences, they did not pinpoint them.

The move was hailed by Freeholder Morris T. Longo, chairman of the newly formed advisory committee for preservation of the courthouse, as "a giant stride toward our ultimate goal — a full-scale restoration to preserve the art, architecture and historic value of the building."

The committee was appointed last month to recommend all possible public uses of the old courthouse, which was built in 1910 but vacated in 1966 when all courts and several county government offices there were relocated in the adjacent modernistic county administration building. The old courthouse, with its marble rotunda and historic murals, has been hailed as one of the finest examples of Beaux Arts architecture.

Other functions of the committee were to report to the freeholders on all private and public sources of funds for the preservation work and ascertain what areas should be restored to original condition in time for the nation's bicentennial year.

Repairs were made to the courthouse roof last year under a contract awarded by the freeholders.

Freeholder-Director Anne H. O'Malley said the Manpower grant program will save the county's taxpayers as much as \$1 million in shaping-up the courthouse, create at least 100 sorely-needed jobs for the unemployed at no cost to the county and prevent further deterioration of the magnificent structure.

Edward Farrelly, county Manpower director, said the "work experience" basis of the program will provide skills to the persons being employed that ultimately may enable them to find regular, permanent employment in the private sector at the program's end. Larry Campagna, county planning director, will work with Farrelly in the planning stages.

Farrelly said he will talk with labor union leaders to see if unemployed, skilled tradesmen might be dovetailed into the program to lend their expertise to enhance the learning experience for the unskilled.

County officials said this will, of necessity, be a crash program in that the federal government has mandated that at least 30 per cent of the work force allotted under the grant be hired as of Jan. 31.

County Supervisor Edward F. Clark Jr. said the freeholders, Farrelly and himself are studying plans to get the most value for the county from the remainder of the funds. He explained the two major concerns are to provide jobs for Hudson residents out of work and simultaneously to save money for the taxpayers.

Hoboken one of 10 urban test centers

Hoboken has been named as one of 10 U.S. municipalities that will participate in an urban observatory program funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the National League of Municipalities, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

Locally, the three-year, \$175,000 program will be operated jointly by the city and Stevens Institute of Technology. Its goal is to find the answer to some of the more pressing problems that face the older urban areas.

Some of the projects that will be studied are computer technology as applied to municipal management, street damage prevention and waterfront redevelopment.

A total of 42 municipalities had applied for the program and designation as an urban observatory center.

Calligy fills Schlosser vacancy

Hoboken's law department is back at full strength.

Thomas Calligy has been appointed to the city's legal staff to fill the vacancy created by the death of former director Dudley A. Schlosser and the promotion of Lawrence Florio to director.

Calligy, a close friend of City Council President Martin J. Brennan, joins Carl Schaeffer, Walter Beronio and Mrs. Julia Hanrahan as the city's legal advisors. Mrs. Hanrahan is the new first assistant attorney, the post formally held by Florio.

The city's new law director started his first day in that position by doing almost the same thing he has been doing all along, prosecuting criminal cases in municipal court. Florio served as prosecutor in court yesterday, but it will be the last time unless he has to fill in for one of the other lawyers.

The appointment of Calligy leaves the city short one public defender. He, along with Maurice Gottlieb and Andrew Batistich, had been taking turns representing indigents in Hoboken Municipal Court.

Towing is stronger than \$10 tickets

Hoboken's new \$10 tickets for blocking the path of the city's street sweeping machine aren't as strong a deterrent as towing, at least not according to the first figures for this week.

Eighty-eight parking tickets were given out Monday by police to cars blocking the sweeper's path. Of that number 63 were issued to vehicles in the section of the city east of Willow Avenue and 25 to vehicles in the west section.

It is the largest one day total of tickets for alternate side of the street parking ever issued by the police department, according to a department spokesman.

Preliminary figures from yesterday showed that 25 tickets had been issued on Washington Street alone in the morning. The final figures for the day won't be known until the tickets are counted this morning.

The \$10 tickets replaced a \$2 ticket which was issued to vehicles just before they were towed away from blocking the sweeper's way. The towing stopped on Jan. 2 and the ticket price was jacked up to \$10, a figure that many city officials felt wasn't realistic because it was costing motorists almost \$18 in fines and towing charges before.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said he wasn't surprised that the \$10 tickets weren't much of a deterrent but he would wait another week or two before making any recommendations to the mayor on increasing the fine.

"The figures might improve after a week or two," he said. "We have to give it some time so that if there is a trend it will be fairly visible and appropriate action can be taken."

Vitale said he personally felt the fine should be no less than \$15 but would probably serve as more of a deterrent if it was set at \$20 or \$25.

Hoboken residents to review proposals

Project proposals for Hoboken's \$3.8 million Community Development program will be presented to city residents tomorrow night at 7:30 in the first of two public hearings in the Hoboken High School auditorium.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who will chair the meeting, said citizens will have an opportunity to review the proposed program and give their viewpoints and suggestions.

The Model Cities staff today is completing an agenda to be distributed during the hearings detailing approximately 33 project proposals in three categories: housing and physical redevelopment, community services and municipal operations.

Cappiello said most of the projects in the program, funded under the federal Community Development Act, will involve housing and redevelopment.

The proposals for a funding application were developed in a series of meetings since September with the City Council, an 18-member citizens advisory group and Model Cities representatives, the mayor said.

Cappiello said he expects the application to be submitted early next month and the program to begin about April 1.

The program proposals will be described in the hearings by Model Cities Director Michael Coleman, City Council President Martin Brennan and members of the advisory group.

"We will list our priorities, listen to the citizens' thoughts and gather information," Brennan said.

"We have an open mind and can change our priorities based on what citizens feel are the needs of the city," he added.

"If the program meets with the approval of both the advisory group and the citizens in general, then the council will adopt it," Brennan said.

However, a Model Cities representative said the hearings — a second meeting is scheduled for Jan. 22 — are required by the federal community development legislation and are primarily intended to be informational.

"The public's views will be taken into consideration," said Joel Freiser, Model Cities' management and budget director, "but in documents as complex and far reaching (as the proposals) the general shape and thrust of the program is consistent with problems as seen by the council, our staff and the advisory group."

Hoboken school budget rising by \$900,000 to \$10.7 million

The proposed Hoboken Board of Education budget for the 1975-76 school year is going up more than \$900,000, but no one at the school board or City Hall knows yet how it will affect local taxpayers.

From a budget of \$9.8 million for the 1974-75 school year, the board estimates that the cost of running the educational system for the 1975-76 school year will be near the \$10.7 million mark, and has so notified the state.

According to Mayor Steve Cappiello, based on the existing system used to determine state school aid, Hoboken would have to increase its tax rate about \$10 per \$1,000 of assessed value to cover the additional costs.

"I don't expect we will have to add to the tax rate because of the school budget," he said. "If the state comes up with a new method of financing the educational costs, it should mean more funds for Hoboken and hopefully a reduction in the amount local taxpayers will have to pay."

overcome. I don't know what is going to happen if a new state aid system isn't worked out. School board elections have been pushed back one month because the state hadn't come up with a financing plan. That delay has a bearing on the preparation of the city budget as well as the school board budget."

The mayor said that common sense dictates that the state cannot keep on postponing action on a new financing plan ordered by the courts last year. To do so would result in fiscal chaos.

"I suspect that if something isn't worked out, and soon, the entire matter may wind up getting postponed until the end of this year and local municipalities and school boards told to figure out their budget based on the existing state aid formula," he said. "Then we are in trouble."

"We have had a decrease in the number of students enrolled in the schools (120 less than last year, according to the superintendent of schools), and that is the figure which determines how much aid we get and an increase in the overall school budget."

"So under the old formula we would get less state aid because of the student decrease, plus having to pay the increased costs."

In Hoboken Office for consumer gripes

Bought any lemons lately?

Mrs. Audrey Borg, Hoboken's CALA officer, short for Consumer Affairs Local Assistance, is more than willing to help Hoboken residents get satisfaction when they feel their latest purchase is something less than what they were promised.

Mrs. Borg is available to take complaints every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Hoboken City Hall. If an unsatisfied consumer can't visit her during those hours, he can call 792-3000, and make an appointment for some other time.

Firemen demand Cappiello release study

Officials of Hoboken's fire unions today asked that Mayor Steve Cappiello make public the results of a \$2,500 fire department survey performed by a retired New York City deputy fire chief at the city's request.

"We would like the residents of Hoboken to know what an expert, hired by the city, had to say about the operation of the fire department, consolidation and public safety officers," said Capt. William Bergin, president of the Fire Officers Association.

"The survey was completed last year at the request of the mayor but it has never been made public. The reason for this is that it more or less substantiates what the Fire Fighters and Fire Officers have been saying all along. Why else would the mayor keep the results a secret for so long?"

Cappiello said he would make public the survey results but because of their technical nature he would like to discuss them in full with the firemen, fire chief and police chief first.

Hoboken's two fire unions and the mayor have been engaged in a running battle over the conversion of the department to public safety officers and the training of eight men hired through the Public Employment Program (PEP) as public safety officers.

The trainees were to start training this week on actual fire rigs but all city fire companies that have been on duty during the day tours have refused to train the men. Cappiello and Chief Patrick J. Carmody have been discussing the course of action the city will take in response to the firemen's action but haven't announced a plan yet.

Yesterday, Deputy Chief James Houn took over the training program when Deputy Chief Leo Guider, the department's training officer, called in sick. However, the change in training officers didn't alter the situation. The men still refused to train the eight PEP employees claiming that they haven't been tested by Civil Service and working with them might endanger the firemen and officers.

In response to Cappiello's expressed desire to continue talking with the firemen and officers to explain better what he planned to do about the public safety officer concept, Bergin said the unions would be willing to listen but were doubtful anything would come of such talks.

"The mayor is welcome to attend any open meeting of the firemen and fire officers," he said. "But we won't call a special meeting for the purpose of letting the mayor talk. We did that once and it didn't accomplish anything," he said, referring to a meeting held last year in Hoboken High School.

"There were supposed to be monthly meetings between the city and the firemen in the hope of working things out, but they never came off either."

Meanwhile, Sixth Ward Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin said he will ask the city council to enter into the talks with the firemen, as well as the other city employees, in the hope of resolving some of the problems that have been stalling negotiations.

McLaughlin said a main topic will be the proposed creation of the public safety officers and the effect on the job security, safety and performance of the present members of the public safety department.

Citing a lack of complete information on the subject, the councilman said that both the city and the unions should move slowly and deliberately, and not make any rash decisions.

He added he has proposed the full council be brought in on negotiations with the various city unions and they have agreed that it would be beneficial.

"I will ask Council President (Martin J.) Brennan to arrange meetings with each union on succeeding Saturdays so that we can devote as much time as is necessary to discuss and hopefully resolve our mutual problems," he said.

Federal Hiring May Affect Hoboken Safety Trainees

The question of governmental jurisdiction may invalidate a complaint lodged with the state Civil Service Commission by the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Assn. charging city officials with trying to circumvent Civil Service regulations by hiring public safety officer trainees without testing.

The men were hired under a federal program.

Civil Service officials themselves seem to differ on what they regard as proper procedures for employing federal workers funded by the Concentrated Employment Training Agency, CETA.

But the general consensus is that the federal program is new and Civil Service is still working out regulations for it.

Two Civil Service officials, one from the Newark office who asked to remain anonymous, and Donald McCabe, director of public relations in the Trenton office, said that Civil Service is presently meeting with federal officials to work out guidelines for cities employing CETA workers.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who implemented the new training program in Hoboken Jan. 2, said he has been told by Civil Service officials that the guidelines are still being worked on and municipalities, meanwhile, have the right to use their own discretion in deploying the federal workers.

Cappiello assigned eight men, whose salaries are paid by CETA, to a public safety officer training program in which they will be taught how to perform some duties of police and firemen.

The Police and Firemen's Benevolent Assns. oppose the program and on Monday, the PBA lodged its complaint with Civil Service.

Morris Farinello, supervising principal personnel technician for the Newark Division of Civil Service, said, however, that the complaint did not specify that the men were CETA employees.

Farinello said the complaint would still be studied. He rejected the word investigated, but said it would be of finding out what duties the men will have.

Farinello said the city was responsible for notifying Civil Service of all related appointments, but other officials, including McCabe, said that was still being determined.

In any case, Cappiello said he is fairly sure that the regular forms were sent to Civil Service as a courtesy, informing them of the appointment.

Cappiello to ask scavengers to do all contract calls for

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"If we don't reach an agreement within that two or three-week period I can't say what might happen. I know the men are pretty fed up with the situation. They've been without a contract for more than a year and they felt that what the city has offered them in the way of a new contract is more of an insult than an offer."

Both the fire officers and the fire fighters unions were expected to take some kind of action beginning Tuesday. That was the day they celebrated one full year without a contract.

According to Bergen, that date was set before the city threw in its unannounced public safety officer training program.

"When the mayor started those eight men training in the fire department it threw all of our plans off track," he said. "All of a sudden we weren't just trying to negotiate a contract, we were in a fight to prevent the city from doing something that won't work in Hoboken, something that could seriously affect the fire fighting capabilities of the fire department."

The city had hired eight men through the Public Employment Program and planned to train them in fire and police duties as public safety officers.

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The North Hudson Jointure Commission, which had been expected to turn down a proposed leasing arrangement for the use of two buildings of Stevens Academy, Hoboken, at Monday's meeting, is now expected to drop the plan entirely after the announcement one building has been sold.

The academy's trustee announced they have entered into the sale of the newer building on Park Avenue, near Fifth Street, with a Hoboken group of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Although no sale price was mentioned, it had been previously reported that the religious group had offered \$80,000 for the building which it will use as a Kingdom Hall meeting place.

Dr. H. Karl Springob, president of the trustees, said the board had explored the interest expressed by the Jointure Commission to lease the buildings. "But since we received no response to our proposal and we do not anticipate that the commission will have the funds needed, we have proceeded on our present course."

Norris Coyle of Weehawken, commission chairman, said the board felt the Stevens' leasing plan was too steep. The Secaucus, North Bergen and Weehawken school boards, all with representatives on the commission, had rejected the Stevens' leasing offer.

The commission educates nearly 100 children at leased space at the Anna L. Klein School, Guttenberg, in special education classes. The classes are on split sessions, however, and the commission has been looking for larger quarters.

Dr. Springob said the sale of the one building will permit the Academy to reduce some, but not all, of its obligations to parents and creditors.

"The disposal of the school building will now be a major concentration so as to permit the earliest possible elimination of all financial obligations," he said. The remaining building is at Fifth Street and Willow Avenue and is the larger of the two. The academy, which had been in existence 114 years, graduated its last class in June.

Hoboken CDA Plan Explained

Approximately 175 Hoboken taxpayers spent two and a half hours at the Hoboken High School last night listening to city officials explain the incoming \$4 million community development program and offering their own recommendations for implementing some of the proposed projects.

Recommendations ranged from limiting most of the 80 new jobs that will be created to Hoboken residents to reducing as much as possible the amount of money that will be spent on administrative salaries.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who conducted the meeting, opened with a short speech explaining the community development program which will bring \$10 million into the city in a three year period.

The money will be used, in part, to convert the present Model Cities program into a Community Development Agency, probably by Apr. 1.

Seven Objectives in Plan

Model Cities Director Michael Coleman is expected to continue as the CDA director. Coleman said the program has seven major objectives:

To eliminate slums and their causes; to eliminate conditions harmful to health, safety and public welfare; to conserve and expand housing; to expand and improve community services; to develop land and other natural resources; particularly the waterfront; to reduce the isolation of income groups; and to restore and preserve historic properties.

Fifty per cent, or \$1.7 million of the \$3.8 million the city will receive in 1975, has been allotted for housing and redevelopment projects. The money will be used to try to rehabilitate the 25 per cent of housing which Coleman said is substandard in the city.

Specific projects include, in part, the continuation of the Hoboken municipal home improvement project, a new tenement rehabilitation project, instituting a home ownership assistance fund, and acquiring and rehabilitating Shore Road.

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The Hoboken Public Library last month ordered 684 books. Among the new titles are:

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Hoboken to Eye Industrial Tax

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelino has asked the state tax attorney, Herbert Fine, and the city's appraisal consultants to write for a study of a recent superior court decision that may give the city power to increase assessments on certain local industries.

Cappelino said yesterday that once the study is received, he will meet with appraisal consultants to determine if any further action is warranted.

Cappelino said it was very early to tell if Councilman Robert Ranieri was right when he suggested that the decision could yield another \$20 million in rates and taxes from the current tax rates down \$20 from \$108 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Cappelino said it would be premature to tell industries they'll have to give up more money when the study is even sure it is affected by the court's decision.

On Wednesday, the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey upheld the borough of Sayreville's right to tax certain equipment belonging to one of its industries, the National Lead Co., as real estate rather than personal property.

A similar determination for Hoboken could mean that the

city could collect \$10 for every \$100 of machinery assessed as real estate instead of 10 to 30 cents it now collects.

The state currently taxes industries \$1 for every \$100 of machines listed as personal property and reimburses a percentage to cities.

The distinction between machinery qualifying as real estate and personal property, however, is vague. City tax assessors say the recent court decision should define the problem.

In rendering its decision, the superior court said according to state statutes equipment which is solidly affixed to real estate must be taxed according to local property taxes.

Edward Rosenblum, a member of the Jersey City law firm which successfully argued the case for Sayreville, said the definition includes presses, mills, elevators, and general heavy industrial equipment.

He said he felt the decision will apply to most industrial communities in the state.

Ranieri suggested the decision might apply to Hoboken's Bethlehem Steel, Standard Chemical Co., Maxwell House, Alco Gravure, and the Cosmopolitan Terminal which is contemplating oil tanks construction in Hoboken.

Singleton seeks allies to fight wine, dine board meetings

At least one member of the Hoboken school board does not care to wine and dine before or after meetings — but says his protests won't amount to much unless somebody else protests too.

Board member Donald Singleton cast the only negative vote on payment of \$58 in bills from two restaurants for "pre-meeting conferences" between October 9 and Dec. 29 of last year.

The Union Club submitted a bill for \$549 for sessions attended by board members to discuss board business while Leo's restaurant sent in a bill for \$62.

Singleton has long protested the sessions, many of which he said take place after the meetings rather than before, and he

does not attend. But he said he's getting tired of being the lone protestor.

"It seems the people are not interested in this," he said. "I think it's a waste of money but no one from the audience ever backs me up. This money could be put to better use but it won't be until somebody else complains."

In business at the board meeting, the trustees approved the appointment of Mrs. Encarnacion De La Cruz as bilingual guidance counselor at A.J. Demarest High School and appointed James McGavin, a teacher, to the administration office at \$9,000 annually.

The board authorized secretary Thomas Gallo to purchase school lunches from

Villa Romano on a temporary basis until the board accepts new bids at an upcoming meeting.

The panel authorized the purchase of a new 16-passenger school bus, appointed John Sivo as career education program job placement counselor, and changed the date of the school election from Feb. 11 to March

Cappelino may stop being safety director

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelino may be on the verge of stepping down as the city's Public Safety Director, it was learned today from a high city source.

The mayor would neither confirm nor deny the reports but did say he was putting in between 15 and 17 hours a day because of his dual duties, and that was more time than he expected.

According to sources close to the mayor, the long hours seven days a week have taken their

toll. They say he is not feeling up to par and hasn't since he experienced his hearing problem last year.

The mayor spent almost a week in a New York hospital during the early part of the year for testing due to a complete loss of hearing in his left ear. No cause was found but doctors speculated that the hearing loss was psychosomatic brought on the stress and strain of the job.

Cappelino still cannot hear well with the one ear although there has been some minor improvement since his discharge from the hospital.

The mayor became public safety director shortly after he was sworn into office in July 1972. The department of Public Safety was at that time under the direction of the law director.

2 key points noted in future fire talks

The elimination of Hoboken's attempts to start a public safety officer system and a pay increase larger than what the city has already offered will be the two key points in any future contract negotiations with Hoboken's fire unions.

Capt. William Bergin, president of the fire officers association, said that no further meetings are scheduled with the mayor and city council public safety committee but the fire unions hoped to resume talks with them by next week.

"We would like to set up at least one meeting with the mayor and full committee for next week," he said, "and at that meeting schedule as many sessions as necessary to wrap the negotiations up within two or three weeks."

"If we don't reach an agreement within that two or three week period I can't say what might happen. I know the men are pretty fed up with the situation. They've been without a contract for more than a year

and they feel that what the city has offered them in the way of a new contract is more of an insult than an offer."

Both the fire officers and the fire fighters unions were expected to take some kind of action beginning Tuesday. That was the day they celebrated one full year without a contract.

According to Bergen, that date was set before the city threw in its unannounced public safety officer training program.

"When the mayor started those eight men training in the fire department it threw all of our plans off track," he said. "All of a sudden we weren't just trying to negotiate a contract, we were in a fight to prevent the city from doing something that won't work in Hoboken, something that could seriously affect the fire fighting capabilities of the fire department."

The city had hired eight men through the Public Employment Program and planned to train them in fire and police duties as public safety officers.

Meanwhile, an informal meeting was held with representatives of the Policemen's Benevolent Association, the mayor and council public safety committee but no noteworthy progress in settling the PBA's contract was announced.

Sale of 1 Stevens building dampens interest in other

The North Hudson Jointure Commission, which had been expected to turn down a proposed leasing arrangement for the use of two buildings of Stevens Academy, Hoboken, at Monday's meeting, is now expected to drop the plan entirely after the announcement one building has been sold.

The academy's trustee announced they have entered into the sale of the newer building on Park Avenue, near Fifth Street, with a Hoboken group of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Although no sale price was mentioned, it had been previously reported that the religious group had offered \$80,000 for the building which it will use as a Kingdom Hall meeting place.

Dr. H. Karl Springob, president of the trustees, said the board had explored the interest expressed by the Jointure Commission to lease the buildings. "But since we received no response to our proposal and we do not anticipate that the com-

mission will have the funds needed, we have proceeded on our present course."

Norris Coyle of Weehawken, commission chairman, said the board felt the Stevens' leasing plan was too steep. The Secaucus, North Bergen and Weehawken school boards, all with representatives on the commission, had rejected the Stevens' leasing offer.

The commission educates nearly 100 children at leased space at the Anna L. Klein School, Guttenberg, in special education classes. The classes are on split sessions, however, and the commission has been looking for larger quarters.

Dr. Springob said the sale of the one building will permit the Academy to reduce some, but not all, of its obligations to parents and creditors.

"The disposal of the school building will now be a major concentration so as to permit the earliest possible elimination of all financial obligations," he said. The remaining building is at Fifth Street and Willow Avenue and is the larger of the two. The academy, which had been in existence 114 years, graduated its last class in June.

Explained

Approximately 175 Hoboken taxpayers spent two and a half hours at the Hoboken High School last night listening to city officials explain the incoming \$4 million community development program and offering their own recommendations for implementing some of the proposed projects.

Recommendations ranged from limiting most of the 80 new jobs that will be created to Hoboken residents to reducing as much as possible the amount of money that will be spent on administrative salaries.

Mayor Steve Cappelino, who conducted the meeting, opened with a short speech explaining the community development program which will bring \$10 million into the city in a three year period.

The money will be used, in part, to convert the present Model Cities program into a Community Development Agency, probably by Apr. 1.

Seven Objectives in Plan

Model Cities Director Michael Coleman is expected to continue as the CDA director. Coleman said the program has seven major objectives:

To eliminate slums and their causes; to eliminate conditions harmful to health, safety and public welfare; to conserve and expand housing; to expand and improve community services; to develop land and other natural resources, particularly the waterfront; to reduce the isolation of income groups; and to restore and preserve historic properties.

Fifty per cent, or \$1.7 million of the \$3.8 million the city will receive in 1975, has been allotted for housing and redevelopment projects. The money will be used to try to rehabilitate the 25 per cent of housing which Coleman said is substandard in the city.

Specific projects include, in part, the continuation of the Hoboken municipal home improvement project, a new tenement rehabilitation project, instituting a home ownership assistance fund, and acquiring and rehabilitating Shore Road.

Library adds 684 books in Hoboken

The Hoboken Public Library last month ordered 684 books. Among the new titles are:

Glory and the Lightning by Taylor Caldwell; In Their Wisdom by C. P. Snow; Streets of Gold by Evan Hunter; Milton Berle: An Autobiography by Milton Berle with Haskel Frankel; Heller: An Unauthorized Biography by Frank Bruni; Memoirs by Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty; William Penn by Harry Emerson Wildes; Lions and Foxes: Min and Ideas of the Italian Renaissance by Sidney Alexander; Historical Atlas of the Religions of the World by Isma'il Ragal Faruqi; The New World of Dreams: An Anthology by Ralph L. Woods and Herbert B. Greenhouse; Aftermath: Martin Bormann and the Fourth Reich by Ladislav Farago; Some Are Born Great: Lively and Controversial Tales of Some of Our Time by Adela Rodgers St. Johns; The Abbess of Crewe: A Modern Morality Tale by Muriel Spark; Don Juan McQueen: A Historical Novel by Eugenia Price; Ah-One, Ah-Two! Life With My Musical Family by Lawrence Welk; House of Ideas: Creative Interior Designs by Bill Baker; How To Solve Crossword Puzzles by Norman Hall; The White Dacot: A Novel of India by Berkely Mather; Black September: Its Short, Violent History by Christopher Dobson; The Ladies of Seneca Falls: The Birth of the Woman's Rights Movement by Miriam Gurko; How Much For Health? by Senator Warren G. Magnuson and Elliot A. Segal; War and Presidential Power: A Chronicle of Congressional Surrender by Thomas F. Eagleton; The Milagro Beanfield War by John Nichols; Dog Soldiers by Robert Stone; The Old Woman by Gail Godwin; Face Me When You Walk Away by Brian Freeman; I Give You My Word: France's Newly Appointed Minister For Women by Francoise Giroud; China In The Twentieth Century by Jules Archer; Postscript With A Chinese Accent: Memoirs and Diaries, 1972-1973 by C. L. Sulzberger; The Golden Age of Pro Football: A Remembrance of Pro Football in the 1950's by Mickey Herskowitz; New Haven, New Earth: The Visionary Experience In Literature by Joyce Carol Oates; The General by Stephen Longstreet; Great Maria by Cecelia Holland, Something I've Been Meaning To Tell You: Thirteen Stories by Alice Munro; The Bitter Years: The Invasion and Occupation Of Denmark and Norway, April 1940-May 1945 by Richard Petrow.

Hoboken PBA files complaint with state on safety trainees

The Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) has filed a complaint with the state's Civil Service Commission against the city on the grounds it is trying to circumvent the commission's rules and regulations by hiring eight public safety officer trainees without appropriate testing.

Detective Mario Mercado, PBA president, and David Solomon, the association's attorney, filed the complaint Monday with A.R. Mangione, director of local government services, at Civil Service's Newark office.

Mercado said that the PBA also contends that the training of the men by either the fire department or police department would be illegal under Civil Service regulations.

"Mr. Mangione assured us the Civil Service would look into the matter as quickly as possible," Mercado added. "He also told us that the hiring of the eight public

safety officer trainees had not been brought to the attention of Civil Service either."

The city hired the eight men at \$7,500 a year Jan. 2 and started their training in the fire department the same day with Deputy Chief Leo Guider. However, the practical training on the fire rigs never got started.

All of the fire companies on duty Monday and again yesterday refused to train the men stating that to do so would endanger their own safety because none of them had passed comprehensive mental and physical examinations such as those administered by Civil Service.

Mayor Steve Cappiello expressed surprise that the PBA would file a complaint with Civil Service, adding that he felt Civil Service wouldn't find anything wrong.

"It seems odd that the PBA would make an issue of this at this particular point," he continued. "We have had special and temporary police officers working with the police as well as auxiliary policemen and they never complained about that."

"These were men in almost the same situation. They didn't have any tests to establish their mental or physical ability and qualifications either. Yet they were trained by the police and worked side-by-side with them without a single complaint."

Cappiello said that he will not take action against all of the firemen who refused to train the men nor will it entirely be brushed aside.

"It would be ludicrous to file charges against the entire department," continued the mayor. "The fire chief and I will discuss the situation at length and set responsibility for what happened, and appropriate action will then be taken."

Meanwhile, the mayor admitted that his efforts to establish the public safety officer concept in Hoboken may have made some police and firemen feel he was trying to "ram it down their throats."

"Maybe my approach has been wrong because that's not what I wanted to do," he said. "I would like them (the police and firemen) to cooperate with me on this, not fight me."

Officer training of concern to Daniels?

The controversy over Mayor Steve Cappiello's efforts to use Public Employment Program (PEP) workers to start a public safety officer training program in Hoboken and the refusal of city firemen to cooperate may wind up getting the direct attention of Rep. Dominick V. Daniels.

According to sources within the Hoboken fire fighter unions, telegrams were sent to the congressman advising him of what had happened and Daniels expressed concern with the way the mayor was using the funds obtained through the Emergency Employment Act (EEA).

Union officials would neither confirm nor deny the report. However, they said they have been contacted by officials of the International Association of Fire Fighters in Washington and advised that Daniels is looking into the situation.

The PEP, funded through the EEA, is designed to provide jobs for people who are out of work. Using the funds for a training program even if the trainees meet the eligibility requirements for PEP, may exceed the federal guidelines for the program.

Meanwhile, the city has started getting letters from fire fighting unions in neighboring municipalities saying they will not honor the mutual aid pact with Hoboken if their members have to fight fires alongside unqualified trainees.

However, city officials thought none of the eight men in training with the PEP will perform any actual firefighting duties and the letters were a "put-up job, probably initiated at the request of officials of the Hoboken fire unions."

Hoboken has agreements with Weehawken, Union City, Jersey City and North Bergen to provide fire coverage when any of the communities need additional assistance in fighting a fire.

It was learned that a proposal by Sixth Ward Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin for the entire city council to take over contract negotiations between the city and all unions representing city workers was rejected by the rest of the council.

McLaughlin made the proposal at Monday night's council caucus. He felt that the individual negotiating council committees had become bogged down in the contract talks and the full council was needed to get them going again.

While the proposal was rejected, the council agreed that any member could sit in on any of the negotiating sessions. But the negotiations would remain in the hands of the mayor and the committees.

Reweigh Hoboken Plan - Ranieri

Dual-Job Exam Bid

Opposition by Hoboken police and firemen to the city's proposed public safety officer program was described yesterday as based "on a gross misunderstanding of the invited key members of both departments to join in an intensive investigation of the program's fate in other communities."

Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri, a staunch advocate of both the economical and practical values of a public safety officer program, said yesterday that the idea of the program had been "badly" distorted and misunderstood by police and firemen who are fighting a monster of their own creation.

Ranieri, who has been to Clifton to evaluate its public safety program and who has

acquired extensive literature on the subject, invited the chiefs, union leaders, rank and file members to either travel or write to other cities with the program.

Ranieri said the investigation should be undertaken on both sides with open minds. He said that if evidence indicates that the program would be bad for Hoboken, he would withdraw his support.

If the investigation should prove otherwise, he added, he was confident the police and fire departments would soften their opposition.

In a study submitted to the city council by members of the fire department a few months ago, articles were quoted attacking the program's success in other communities.

Ranieri said, however, that the study did not present adequate evidence for making an evaluation. The study was a biased accumulation of arguments against public safety officers, he said, and not an objective accumulation of facts.

"Both sides can't continue to go around the city presenting

their own closed view of the subject," he said. "We have to make a joint and open investigation of all the aspects of the program."

Firemen's feeling against the program has been so strong that last week members of the entire department refused to train eight new public safety officer trainees hired by the mayor Jan. 2.

Policemen's Benevolent Assn. filed a complaint with Civil Service accusing the city of "circumventing civil service regulations by employing the men."

Ranieri said the program's chances of succeeding without the cooperation of the men "is nil."

"If they kill a program that promises to be of great economic and practical use to the city," he said, "then they owe it to themselves and to the taxpayers to be absolutely certain they're on the right course."

Ranieri said the program could ultimately reduce the city's high tax rate by cutting expenses in the public safety department which presently has a \$4.5 million a year budget for salaries alone.

Hoboken to double parking meter fee

The ordinance that will double the parking meter fee in Hoboken from five cents to 10 cents and add several new metered parking areas along Hudson Street will be introduced to the City Council at tomorrow night's meeting.

As the proposed ordinance now stands, all penny parking meters will be eliminated and replaced with 10 cent meters. For their dime, motorists will be entitled to park for either one hour or half an hour, depending on where they are parking. Some meters will be only half-hour meters, others will be hour meters and still some others will be two-hour meters.

However, the fee will be a standard 10 cents.

The meters on the west side of Hudson Street, from Observer Highway to Second Street, will all become half-hour meters with a charge of 10 cents per half-hour.

There are no meters on the west side of Hudson Street, from Second to Fourth Streets. But the Parking Authority, which operates the meters, plans to have them installed. They will all be hour meters with a charge of 10 cents an hour.

New meters are also planned for the east side of Hudson Street, from Fourth to Fifth Street. They too will be hour meters with a 10-cent charge.

A public hearing on the proposed changes in the meter fees and locations is expected to be held at the council's Feb. 5 meeting.

Bids are to be received by the council for the furnishing of one 10 passenger bus and two new dump trucks. The council rejected a previous bid on the trucks because there was only one bidder.

The council will also receive bids for the demolition of buildings at 212-214 Second St., 236 Monroe St., 514 Monroe St., 600 Adams St. and 1005-1014 Clinton St.

The council was also expected to take action on the bids it received at the Jan. 2 council meeting for installing new water lines in the southern third of the city. The formal resolution awarding the contract hasn't been included on the agenda for the meeting but is expected to be included before the start of the 7 p.m. session.

Hoboken Mulls City Discounts

By ELIZABETH PARKS

The Hoboken City Council is considering restricting the city's purchases to merchants who will give the city a two percent discount for cash payments.

Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri said yesterday that adopting such a procedure could save the city thousands of dollars a year and improve the efficiency of the purchasing department.

For the past few months, Ranieri has been spending long hours in the purchasing department of Business Administrator Herman Bier's trying to perfect methods of streamlining the purchasing operations.

He said Bier and the council as a whole are leaning favorably toward the change, and a resolution might be passed implementing it within the next few weeks.

The council is also considering making Bier responsible for all future Model Cities purchases after that agency converts into community development in April.

Ranieri said the city could correlate the start of its cash payment plan with the change of Model Cities into Community Development.

Eye Hoboken Bike Path By Early Spring

Hoboken residents with bicycles but no place to ride them can look forward to having a temporary bike path set up by early spring along downtown River st.

Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri has asked Public Works Director Raphael Vitale to fill in potholes along River st. so the area can be restricted on Sundays to bicyclists.

Ranieri said yesterday he hopes the program can begin around Mar. 1, "after the worst of the winter is over."

Vitale said he would send his crews out to fix the holes "on a temporary basis" within the month. He said that hopefully within the near future the entire street can be repaved.

The proposed bike path would extend from Newark st. along River st. to either Fourth or Fifth st. Ranieri said that the path might be able to wind down toward the river and the Fourth and Fifth st. piers and back up again in a sort of horseshoe.

Ranieri said that Mayor Steve Cappiello has given the project his blessing. Hoboken, he pointed out, has a limited program as far as recreational activities go and the bike path would give youngsters and adults some opportunity to enjoy both fresh air and exercise.

'Witnesses' Buy School Building

By MIMI DIAMOND

Education Writer

Stevens Academy Board of Trustees has sold one of the school's two buildings in Hoboken to a Spanish-speaking group of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The religious group bought the newer Park av. structure of the defunct school for an undisclosed figure. Dr. Karl Springob, president of the Stevens board of trustees, refused to reveal the selling price, saying he feels it is "nobody's business."

The academy was closed in June after 114 years because of rising costs and a drop in enrollment and the board has been trying to dispose of the two buildings since then.

The announcement of the sale to the Jehovah's Witnesses came three days before the North Hudson Jointure Commission was set to vote on a lease proposal by the trustees for both buildings.

The jointure commission was expected to reject the proposal at its meeting Monday. That proposal called for the jointure commission to pay \$60,000 a year in rent plus \$70,000 for renovation.

The jointure commission originally wanted to buy the Stevens Academy property, but discovered that the expenditure would have to be approved by the public in five of its six districts.

Springob said the Stevens trustees pursued the jointure commission's interest in the buildings but "since we received no response to our proposal and do not anticipate that the jointure commission will have the funds needed, we have proceeded on our present course so as to avoid further delays in meeting some of the academy's obligations."

He said the sale of the Park av. structure will allow the school to reduce some but not all of its obligations to parents and creditors and noted that the disposal of the older Willow av. building is now a major consideration for the trustees.

State may use Hoboken lab

Hoboken's modern laboratory at the city's sewage treatment plant may turn out to be a money making proposition for the city, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

According to the director, the state has asked the city if it would be interested in performing testing for the state-wide Solid Waste Program.

"The city has been asked to draw up a schedule of fees it would charge for the various tests required by the state," he said. "If the schedule is agreeable our lab which is certified by the state could wind up performing daily tests for the state — and make a few dollars for the city at the same time."

Vitale said that he has asked the city's chemist, Henry Maier, to prepare the rate schedule as

State probed for more aid to Hoboken

There are three ways the state department of labor can help entice new businesses into Hoboken and overcome the city's high tax rate, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

"The state can make funds available to them for moving expenses, financing of buildings and extensions, and the purchase of machinery and equipment," said the mayor, "all at low interest rates. However, the funds are not available for the general operation of a company, or the purchase of supplies needed to run a business."

Cappiello has met with representatives of the state labor department and said that the state is willing to help Hoboken attract new concerns with money as a means of off-setting the high tax rate, now at more than \$108 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

"There is no lack of companies interested in locating in Hoboken, at least not until they hear what the city's tax rate is," Cappiello asserted. "With the help of state loans at low interest rates we may be able to provide some of these concerns with advantages they couldn't get elsewhere, even with our high tax rate."

Cappiello added that state funds might also be available to companies already in Hoboken but thinking about moving out because of the high taxes. He said he wasn't sure of this but would look into it further.

"Offhand I'd say they would be," he continued. "It wouldn't make much sense to make funds available to new concerns and bring them into the city only to lose established companies because of the same problems we are trying to overcome."

The mayor said that his main concern in getting new industry into the city was the jobs they would bring rather than any additional tax revenues they would generate.

"Our unemployment figure has to be at least 15 per cent," he continued, "and getting larger daily. So from the practical standpoint jobs have to be the city's prime concern. If our residents aren't working they can't pay their rent or taxes."

Fire headquarters ahead in Hoboken, Cappiello says

By the end of next month Hoboken's new fire headquarters at Second and Jefferson streets should be in operation, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

The mayor said there are two phases involved in moving the fire headquarters from 124 Hudson St. to the new site and both are underway.

"The first is remodeling the second floor of the building so the chief and his staff have proper office space," the mayor said. "The other is the installation of a new fire alarm system."

According to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale whose city workers are doing the remodeling job, they should be finished in three to four weeks.

"The office partitions are going up and the new windows are almost all in," the director said. "Between painting and plastering and the final cleanup, it shouldn't take more than another three weeks, four at most."

Mayor Cappiello, who is also public safety director, said that the J.W. Signal Co. started putting in the cables for the new alarm system a week ago and is still on that aspect of the job.

"The company's run into a few problems with underground ducts that have collapsed," he said. "But the estimate is that the job will still be finished by the end of February."

Poor Family Housing

In the face of government's progress and good intentions, there still exists for many in Hoboken, a grinding poverty and poor living conditions that suffocate their hope that one day things will be better.

Arrelo Montalvo, a tenant on 11th st. near Willow av., looks at the conditions he lives in and can't understand why nothing is done. "Many areas of the city are being rehabilitated, but there are those who continue to live with rats, roaches and the cold," he says.

Some of the worst housing, which graphically depicts what Montalvo complains about is on Willow av., the same street that houses some of the Model Cities Agency's successful rehabilitation projects, on Madison st., and on 11th st. between Hudson and Washington sts.

Some of the most bitter and cynical tenants live in a row of houses at 50, 52, 54, and 56 11th st.

One woman, who asked not to be identified, said gas continually escaped from a pipe in the kitchen at 50 11th st., endangering her family. "I used to pay \$174.13 in rent and then in October it went up to \$193.13," she said, "even though nothing has been done to eliminate the gas leak."

A lack of heat, inadequate electrical and plumbing service, crumbling ceilings, which fall on tenants and their children, combined with continual rent increases dim the hopes of tenants and makes them cynical about government's progress, which seems to bypass them.

"What happens in those buildings is a crime," Eduardo Santiago, another tenant says, "we lack adequate heat, the electricity is a disaster, that ceiling is falling down. They fumigated once and afterwards there were more roaches and mice."

One tenant, Rosa Suarez, brought these complaints to court and Buddy Hoff, the landlord, was warned on Dec. 2 by the city's rent control board that if he did not fix up the buildings they would reopen their file.

But as the government moves forward, the tenants see the same things they saw before regarding the promises of decent housing. "I think there's a lot of investigating to be done in the buildings where poor people live in Hoboken," Montalvo says.

—RICHARD VEZZA

Hoboken to compact trash, end trucking

The Hoboken Public Works Department started a three-day test today to see if it can eliminate sending its rubbish laden trucks to the Kearny dumps. It will try to dispose of the rubbish in Hoboken.

Through a temporary agreement worked out by Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, Councilman-at-Large Robert A. Ranieri and the Allegro Sanitation Corp., the city will take all rubbish it collects to the company's compactor located behind the Hoboken sewage treatment plant. There, it will be compacted and hauled away by the company instead of the city.

According to Ranieri, Hoboken has a contract with Allegro, awarded by bid last October. At the time, the city sought the service for a limited use.

"What we are trying to find out is how much additional money it will cost us to have the company handle all of the rubbish rather than just some," he said. "This will be determined by the number of containers that are filled during the three-day period."

"Three days should be enough to give us some idea on how many containers will be used daily and allow the company to figure a price for the expanded service, one lower than it is now charging."

Vitale explained that the city is trying to get away from making the daily runs to the Kearny dumps because conditions there are poor and have taken their toll of city trucks and their tires. The city spent more than \$10,000 last year on repairing flats and buying new tires for its trucks alone.

"Each run takes between 45 minutes and an hour round trip," he continued. "And every truck on duty makes at least two or three runs a day. By eliminating the need to dump in Kearny, we can save several hours each day and increase the efficiency of our rubbish collections."

15 candidates wait Hoboken ballot drawing

Some 15 candidates for the Hoboken school board will be on hand tonight at the Wallace School when Secretary Thomas A. Gallo draws ballot positions for the March 11 election.

As of this morning there were 13 official candidates — those whose nominating petitions had been checked and approved by the Hudson County Board of Elections — and two others who had met yesterday's 4 p.m. filing deadline but whose petitions hadn't been checked.

The last candidate to file was Hoboken Fire Capt. Ray M. Falco. His nominating petitions will be checked out today in time for tonight's drawing.

The other still unofficial candidate is Joseph Natalicchio. He filed his petitions a few days ago, according to a school board spokesman, but four of the required 10 signatures were ruled invalid by the board of elections.

He was advised of this and given some additional petitions. Shortly before 4 p.m. yesterday, Natalicchio brought in 20 more signatures which, like Falco's are now being checked by the board of elections.

The independent candidates running individually are Fireman Alan Brause, Leo McLaughlin, Joseph Salinardi, George Paproth, Fireman Charles Roberts, Archange Calderaro, and Police Sgt. Michael Costello.

Running as a possible ticket are Detective Leo Lugo and Anthony DeBari, both incumbents, and Mrs. Mary Stack Gaspar. Lugo and DeBari are assured of the backing of Mayor

Steve Cappiello and his administration. But the third spot on the ticket remains in doubt.

The mayor and some of his supporters want Mrs. Gaspar. But others want Sgt. Costello and have publicly endorsed him — along with Lugo and DeBari. Mayor Cappiello hasn't publicly taken a stand on the ticket but in the last few days has not made it a secret that he is going with the two incumbents and Mrs. Gaspar.

A last minute attempt to bring unity to the warring factions didn't work out, according to administration sources. A compromise involving the withdrawal from the election of both Costello and Mrs. Gaspar in favor of George Paproth was rejected by the mayor.

The disunity among the administration forces has not gone unnoticed by Citizens for Better Education (CBE), which is fielding a slate of three candidates of its own — the Rev. Edson Lewis, Edith Duroy and Leo Genese.

CBE ran a ticket in last year's school board election, the city's first, and was successful in getting one of its three candidates elected to the board — Donald Singleton. Genese also ran on the ticket and finished fifth in a field of 18.

According to Gallo, although the candidates may campaign as a ticket they will go on the ballot as individuals. He said there will be no bracketing of candidates so that members of one ticket will have different positions on the ballot.

Hoboken seeks OK for bluecoat range

Every Hoboken policeman carries a gun, both on and off duty. But a very, very small percentage of them are officially qualified to use them, it was learned today. But that may change shortly if the state approves the use of Safe and Clean Streets funds to build a city practice firing range.

A check of department members shows that with the exception of a few men who completed their preliminary training at the State Police Academy in Sea Girt within the last six months, almost none of the policemen has seen a pistol range in years.

Accepted procedure in most police departments is to have members qualify with their pistols at least once every six months. According to some Hoboken police officers, they have not been to a pistol range to practice shooting in five years.

Chief George W. Crimmins said that the reason for the lack of a small arms training program is that there isn't a suitable facility available which can be incorporated into a regular training program.

"There are ranges available but they aren't ours," he explained. "They are used by other departments or agencies. While they may be available to us for our use it is usually on the condition that our utilization won't interfere with the agencies who

have the primary use. This prevents us from setting up any regular training program."

Hoboken has applied to the state Safe and Clean Streets program for permission to use some of the \$20,000 in surplus salary funds from the 1973-74 contract to install a small arms range in the armory at City Hall. The application was prepared by Capt. Russell Sweeten.

According to Edwin Chius, who is directing the Clean and Safe Streets program for Hoboken, the state hasn't formally approved the application, but the city expects that it will shortly.

Chief Crimmins said that the city has two men qualified as firearms training officers, Sgts. Paul Tewes and James Turmarino, who completed an Army firearms training course last summer in Ohio.

Crimmins added that while the city doesn't have a regular training program, it doesn't mean that its police officers can't shoot straight or aren't proficient.

"Many of the men take it upon themselves to practice shooting at regular intervals," he continued. "But it is on their own time, with their own ammunition and the results are not official. With our own range, a regular program could be established where the men will have to qualify at regular intervals."

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Mayors Request Budget Filing Reprieve



Mayor Steve Cappiello
Hoboken

By JACK HASBROUCK
Special to The Dispatch
TRENTON — New Jersey municipalities, hard hit with the nationwide economic crunch, are expected to get a month's reprieve in filing their budgets with the State Division of Local Government. Request for the extension from the March deadline to the end of April was made by nine members of the Legislative Action Committee of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors who braved icy roads and a near-blizzard in Trenton to speak with the legislative leadership yesterday.

The leadership indicated that it had no objections and felt that legislation could be drafted to allow it. School boards have already received such a delay.

The head of the state's municipalities, in the third session of their group on mutual financial crisis also asked the senate and assembly leadership to double present state aid from \$36 million to \$72 million.

Among those attending the session were Mayors Paul Jordan of Jersey City, Steve Cappiello of Hoboken and Dennis Collins of Bayonne.

Jordan said that rather than trying to filter money through a complicated education district formula, there should be a 50 per cent urban aid increase which would have the effect of shooting more state funds into local school

systems — decreasing local property taxes.

The Jersey City mayor noted the session as highly productive giving the mayors a chance to present their problems directly to the leadership.

He said he was particularly pleased that the legislative leaders were receptive to the idea of the mayors forming a committee to work with the senate and assembly leadership on the city problems.

"I have a great sense of hope from this meeting. We are part of the dialogue now," Jordan said adding that this was the first meeting with the leadership in 12 months.

Democratic Majority leader

Matthew Feldman of Teaneck said that the cities problems are the state's problems in microcosm and felt the meeting was an informative one.

On the subject of school funding to meet the Botter decision, Feldman said that the graduated income tax proposal was definitely out. The 5 per cent surcharge on the federal income tax plan is not dead and "the climate is receptive in the senate at this time," he said.

All mayors present stated that they were still in favor of a graduated state wide income tax embracing the Byrne formula which was scuttled by the senate last summer.

Sen. President Frank J. Dodd of Essex also turned

down his thumb at the mention of resurrecting the income tax.

Sen. Thomas Dunn, also mayor of a big city, Elizabeth, called the meeting "constructive but a rehash of everything that has been talked about for the past seven months." He said, however, he felt it served as a facet to emphasize the need for more money to the big cities.

Dunn called for a new bill from the governor in the form of a graduated state income tax, and a cap on municipal, county and state spending and a special clamp on the State Board of Education.

Mayor Dennis Collins of Bayonne asked that there be no action on money bills in the

legislature until the urban money situation is relieved.

Assembly Majority Leader Joseph LeFante of that city said he would cooperate towards this end.

The next move appears to be up to the State Supreme Court which is expected to provide preliminary indications of what it intends to do before the end of the week.

The Court ordered the legislature to develop a new system of financing public schools that would shift the financial burden away from local property taxes. But the lawmakers were unable to agree upon a tax program to meet the court's last Dec. 31 deadline.



Mayor Paul T. Jordan
Jersey City

Hoboken Eyes New System for Street Garbage Disposal

1/20/75

Hoboken is currently experimenting with a new system for disposing of street garbage, but Public Works Director Raphael Vitale said

yesterday that it is too early to tell if it is successful. Vitale said the city will

continue the experiment once or twice a week for the next couple of weeks.

City workers are taking street pickups of garbage to the Allegro Compacting Co. in Secaucus instead of a dump in the Hackensack Meadowlands in Kearny.

Vitale says the procedure allows the men at least two more extra hours a day to circulate through the city picking up garbage, but the

expense is \$300 more a day than the city has been paying.

The plan has some good points and some drawbacks, Vitale said, particularly in expense, but it's too early to say if it's better, he said.

Ranieri Urges System
The new system was recommended by Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri last

week after he discovered an \$3,000 a year repair bill for fixing flats suffered when drivers traversed the rough terrain of the dumps.

The city had been using Allegro to handle approximately one third of its garbage needs and Ranieri suggested it might be more efficient and more practical to have the company dispose

all the city's garbage.

Vitale said that in two days of the experiment, Allegro has handled the equivalent of 19 trucksloads of garbage daily for an additional \$200 a day.

"It absolutely saves the men driving time," Vitale said.

Whether the city would be better off spending the extra money is another

Vitale said it costs each of the city's 23 trucks approximately \$1 a day to operate. "Balance \$200 against \$23 and the choice becomes a little difficult," he said.

Vitale said he would not submit a report on the experiment to the council until a few more weeks have gone by and he has more thoroughly evaluated it.

A Coordinated Effort

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That program which has just started through which Stevens Tech is cooperating with Hoboken in studying and researching five major fields for municipal betterment is a prime example of a city and an academic facility working together.

This is not so and the new program, supported by a \$75,000 federal grant for the first year as well as funds from the city and the know-how of the college, is a demonstration of working together. The aim, of course, is a better Hoboken.

An important aspect of this project is that in the second year it is anticipated that it will also study problems of the North Hudson communities. Already Stevens is studying the operation of the section's fire departments and whether they can be consolidated.

Stevens is a vital resource center for the entire region in the field of engineering. This is significant since it can study and then implement, through its knowledge, the various programs that it has evaluated. It is a good concept and a thoroughly valid one.

Too often, as we have said before, residents of Hoboken have been critical of Stevens, which is one of the nation's top engineering schools. They feel that the college is taking up valuable land and, in turn, contributing very little to the community.

Meet to assess vocational program

1/22/75

Members of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee of the Hoboken public schools are meeting at the high school today to assess the program and inspect vocational training facilities.

The group, which meets regularly to discuss changes or improvements in vocational training methods, is the link between the school system and the business and industrial world.

The committee is lunching at the school cafeteria and is holding a conference with school officials and teachers before inspecting various vocational facilities in the high school.

The committee members, welcomed by Thomas F. Gaynor, assistant superintendent of schools, included Richard Carroll, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce; William Leahy of the Allied Food Workers Union; Marvin Lubow of the Geismar store; James Lucy, plant manager of Maxwell House Coffee Co.; Thomas McDermott, personnel director of Bethlehem Steel Shipyard; Alex McIntosh, of Hudson United Bank; Paul Rotondi, of Dandee Belt Co.; Thomas Tracy

of Public Service Electric and Gas Co., and Howard Winkemier of New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.

Joining in the conference with them are Arthur Colabro, director of student personnel services; Patrick Caulfield, industrial arts supervisor; Joseph Colaneri, coordinator of the Governor's Career Program; Martin Conlon, vice president of

the Kealey School; Mrs. Johanna Fugazzi, supervisor of home economics, and Mrs. Betsy Langley, director of a work study program.

The vocational program is introduced in the elementary grades when youngsters are made aware of the business and industrial world in which they live. More emphasis is placed on vocations in the junior high

school while at the high school level there is an actual work-study program where a student spends part of the day in the classroom and part in the business or industrial field in which he or she has expressed an interest. The vocational program augments the regular academic course that is also available to all students.

Volunteer Ambulance Service Held Hoboken's "Best Bargain"

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In its annual report to the mayor and city council, the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps has reported that it responded to 3,876 calls in 1974, of which 2,601 were emergencies.

Corps president William Mathews called the volunteer service "the best bargain in Hoboken today" and pointed out that the 47 volunteers work

a total of 27,503 duty hours a year and give the city 24-hour a day, seven-day a week service.

Mathews said that if that service were paid for, it would cost the city \$104,000 in salaries a year or \$8,000 for each of 13 men.

Presently the corps is composed of 29 men, six women and 12 junior corps members.

Each member is trained in first aid assistance, with most of the members also exposed to advanced first aid training cardio pulmonary resuscitation, emergency childbirth, light extrication techniques, and defensive motor vehicle driving.

Mathews said that 50 per cent of the membership have also completed emergency medical technician training which is equivalent to a master's degree in first aid training.

Ambulances
The corps uses equipment consisting of the latest machines available. They have three fully equipped ambulances, including a disaster wagon capable of carrying six victims.

Mathews said the disaster wagon is used when the other two vehicles are in operation or in those situations when an emergency of a large magnitude exists.

The corps is planning on buying another ambulance in the spring.

The corps spends \$30,563 a year in operating expenses. This includes a \$277 monthly mortgage payment on its headquarters at 707 Clinton st. and monthly payments of more than \$470 on two ambulances.

Other expenses include maintaining the headquarters, the ambulances, purchasing uniforms and first aid supplies and buying additional equipment.

Mathews said that since May, 1971, when the corps was first implemented, a total of 10,000 calls have been answered.

He pointed out that if the city had to pay for all the services, it would have cost approximately \$134,563 for the three years the corps has existed.

Presently the corps receives a \$10,000 year grant from the mayor and city council, and an additional \$20,000 from industry, commerce, residents, labor organizations and a police and firemen yearly benefit game.

Hoboken Sets Crime Class

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Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello disclosed yesterday that in a day or so, the city's public service officer trainees will begin receiving police department instruction in crime fighting techniques.

So far the past week or so the trainees have been attending fire department lectures which merely brief them on what to expect in an actual fire.

Police rookies usually take four tests: medical, intelligence, physical and psychological, before beginning training. The public service officer trainees are expected to patrol with regular policemen beginning this week. They will be unarmed.

Since Jan. 2 the trainees have been receiving classroom training in firefighting. However, firemen have flatly refused to help train the men, who Cappiello had promised would not fight fires until they achieve Civil Service certification.

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Cappiello dismissed the criticism as politically motivated and reiterated that the program represents "one way the city is trying to save money and stabilize its tax budget."

School board race shaping in Hoboken

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Hoboken School Board incumbents Anthony DeBari and Aurelio Lugo, with Mrs. Mary Stack Gaspar a probable third, have become the three school board candidates who will get the official support of Mayor Steve Cappiello and his administration, it was learned today.

According to administration sources, the decision was reached yesterday morning but may not be announced for another week.

The move leaves the administration united on two of the candidates — Lugo and DeBari — but divided on the third. The mayor will be supporting Mrs. Gaspar but three councilmen have publicly come out for Det. Sgt. Michael Costello for the third spot.

The mayor met yesterday morning with First Ward Councilman Anthony R. Romano, who, along with Councilman Louis Francione and Edward A. McLaughlin, announced support for Costello several weeks ago. It is reported that Romano

Hoboken Will Fight Sardine Can Living

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By ELIZABETH PARKS
Hoboken is about to launch a concentrated attack on landlords who overcrowd their buildings with tenants, mostly welfare recipients, and endanger their lives by overlooking substandard and potentially hazardous building violations.

The amendment is based on a Jersey City ordinance which, Curcio says, has been tested in the courts and "found solid."

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri has asked for a conference between the mayor, Curcio, Capt. Ray Falco, code enforcement director, and himself to discuss strategy for implementing the ordinance.

According to Ranieri, the ordinance can help the city protect welfare recipients and people with limited incomes from "exploitation, overcrowding and other substandard living conditions."

Ranieri said the city is peppered with landlords who own small frame buildings, some only one or two family structures, and rent their rooms to as many as 15 persons at a time.

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Hoboken to spend \$810,000 to preserve neighborhood

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Hoboken is proposing the spending of \$810,000 in neighborhood preservation programs for the first year of its new Community Development Program, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

The mayor, in discussing some of the comments he plans to make at tonight's public hearing on the program, said

"Neighborhood preservation will be the theme of the program's first year of operation."

He said he proposes to commit \$170,000 to the Home Improvement Project and anticipates it will attract \$375,000 in bank loans through the Federal Housing Administration's Title I.

"We will start a new program with an additional \$170,000 from the city and \$170,000 from the state Department of Community Affairs for the rehabilitation of five-story tenements in the central city," he continued.

"I am looking for another \$1 million from local banks to round out this program," he added.

He said the city was also committing \$80,000 to which the state will add \$30,000 for a program designed to encourage home-ownership by existing residents who now rent but want to buy their own homes.

"I will also make intensive efforts to encourage the development of new one, two, three and four-family homes for sale and rent in all areas of the city," the mayor said. "New parks will be recommended for the area behind the new multi-service center and on Madison Street between Fifth and Sixth streets at a total cost of \$240,000."

The mayor said he also was proposing \$150,000 be committed to building a public plaza with street landscaping and beautification efforts between City Hall, Grogan Towers and the Erie Lackawanna Railroad terminal.

Hoboken to extend rent control unit

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J.G.

There won't be any break in the operation of Hoboken's Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board.

City Council President Martin J. Brennan said today that he has asked the city's Law Department to prepare a resolution which will continue the operation of the board for another 12 months and to have it ready for the Feb. 5 council meeting.

The city created the board by ordinance last year for a one

year period. Brennan said that only a resolution is required to continue its operation for another year.

However, the council won't act immediately on the amendments to the original ordinance proposed by board chairman Joseph Hottendorf, Brennan said. According to the City Council president, the council agrees for the most part with the proposal but would like to discuss them further with Hottendorf and the

Law Department before acting on them.

"We should be able to do this within a week or two," he continued. "That would allow the changes to be submitted to the council in time for the Feb. 19 meeting."

Hottendorf proposes several changes in the ordinance but the most important is to do away with the Consumer Price Index as the basis for figuring out how

much of an increase a landlord is entitled to.

He claims it is unfair to tenants because the CPI is based on various price increases not all of which are directly related to the cost of operating housing. Instead he is proposing straight percentage profits for all landlords ranging from five per cent for those who do not supply their tenants with heat and electricity as part of the rent, to eight per cent for those landlords who do.

June also will be the primary month for the new freeholder-county executive form of government. Those who are picked to represent their respective political parties will square off in the November general election.

Nominating petitions for the May ward elections — six council seats are at stake — were made available to prospective candidates yesterday by City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso.

— Anthony H. Romano, Walter S. Cramer, Salvatore Cernelli, Louis Francione, Martin J. P. Romano and Edward A. McLaughlin — will be seeking re-election. However, none raced to pick up their petitions yesterday and aren't expected to do so for a few weeks.

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elections due
in Hoboken

As politically minded as most Hoboken residents are, by the end of this year there may be many of them who become dazed at the mention of the word "election."

Hoboken residents have four certain elections this year and a possible fifth.

The first will be the board of education election on March 11 for three school board seats. This will be followed by the city election for ward councilmen on May 13 — with a possible run-off election the next month if any of the candidates fail to get a 50 per cent majority plus one of the votes cast.

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Hoboken Center to Debut Next Month

By ELIZABETH PARKS
Hoboken's \$1.5 million Multi Service Center, intended as a base for most of the city's community service programs, should have an unofficial opening the first or second week of February, with a grand opening projected for early March.

Fred Bado Jr., an attorney for Model Cities and coordinator for the city's 16 planned community service programs for 1975, said yesterday that work at the center was 99 per cent complete.

Bado said the center's heating system, which could not be turned on until parts were delivered, is now operational and final touches are being made to the building itself.

In February, Bado said, he expects four of the eight programs which will be using the center to start moving into the building.

The first program to move in should be the city's three-year-old Family Planning

program which processes approximately 2,400 women a year.

Family Planning is now located on Newark st. across from Police Headquarters. It has been set up to provide information, counseling, social services referrals, transportation and nutrition information to local women.

Moving in shortly thereafter should be a pre-school program for children 3½ to five; a comprehensive program for the elderly, and a geriatric preventive health services unit.

The comprehensive program

for the elderly will emphasize health and welfare assistance, legal advice, consumer advice and recreation. There will be a nutrition room with dining facilities and a gym.

The geriatric unit will provide preventive health and medical assistance to elderly Hoboken residents.

The center is later slated to house a social services unit, a youth service bureau, a community theater and cultural center and a police and fire community relations bureau.

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Why is the cost so high? Hottendorf said it was because the upkeep of the schools and routine maintenance have been neglected in recent years.

"It wasn't a question of the school board not wanting to make the repairs or maintaining the buildings," he continued. "It was a matter of money. When there is a limited amount to spend and a decision has to be made on whether it is to be spent on educating the children and trying to provide them with the best education possible or building repairs and upkeep, the decision has to be made in favor of the children."

Is the repair work going to be done? Hottendorf said he didn't know.

"The board has been thinking about a three-year capital improvement program," he said. "but there is still a great deal of doubt over whether we will have the money. The state still hasn't resolved the problem it is having with funding a method of financing education, and what we do or don't do will hinge on the eventual solution."

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Teacher workshops set to grade reading program

Day-long teacher workshops to be held in the Hoboken public schools next Wednesday to assess the state student testing results and evaluate the "Right to Read" program will be videotaped to make them available for future use.

School Superintendent Thomas F. McFeely said representatives of the State Department of Education will participate in the discussions. Since the entire day will be devoted to teacher workshops, there will be no school for students on Wednesday, he said.

Speakers at the workshops will be Dr. Gordon Ascher and Mary Ann Wilmer of the state staff and Dr. Glenn Tecker of the New Jersey School Boards Association.

The discussions will be taped by a student crew from the school system's Media Center, directed by Joseph Colaneri, and will be used later for training and reference work, school officials said.

Participating in the discussions will be members of the Title VII staff, which is handling the bilingual program in the schools. More than 50 per cent of the city's public school children come from homes where Spanish is the primary language.

While workshops are being held in each of the city's schools, 60 teachers, supervisors and principals from each school will take part in the centralized workshops at the Wallace School at which the state representatives will speak.

The morning session will be devoted to an assessment and evaluation of the state student testing program. In the afternoon sessions, the "Right to Read" program will be examined. The speaker will be Judy Rock, a reading consultant with the state department.

Superintendent McFeely will welcome the group at the Wallace School and introduce the speakers. Board of Education members also are expected to attend. John T. Sepp is in charge of the assessment program and Nicholas J. Spina is coordinating the reading workshops.

Subjects such as the metric system, consumer education, audio-visual programming, Spanish culture and the forthcoming bicentennial program of the nation will be discussed at the individual elementary school workshops. These will be in addition to

reading, science and mathematics.

At the junior high school the faculties will study the curriculum in preparation for next year's visit by an evaluation committee. Departmental meetings will be conducted at the high school during which the recent evaluation of the Middle Atlantic States Committee on Secondary Schools will be discussed.

In addition to the "Right to Read" program, McFeely said the system's own reading projects will be discussed and studied as Hoboken continues to stress the value of reading in everyday classroom work.

Hoboken was recently praised by Fred Burke, state education commissioner, on the quality of its interpretive report on the 1973-74 state testing program. He cited the "extreme thoroughness and care" with which the Hoboken district completed its report.

Hoboken set to sue firm on razing job

The Hoboken Housing Authority is preparing to file suit against the company that demolished buildings on the site for the planned Mt. Carmel Guild senior citizen housing project because it failed to complete the work to the authority's satisfaction.

Joseph Caliguire, executive director of the authority, said the authority is waiting for permission from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to hire a special attorney to represent it in the suit.

The demolition work was performed by the Carl Trucking Corp. of East Orange and involved almost an entire city block located between First and Second streets, from Grand to Adams streets. The company was the low bidder on the job with a price of \$33,600.

"As part of the work, the company was supposed to remove all existing fuel oil tanks, clear away all rubble and debris, and level and fill in the area," said Caliguire. "This has not been done."

Caliguire added that the housing authority is holding up final payment to the company. It amounts to \$6,634.

Although the demolition work hasn't been completed to the authority's satisfaction, Caliguire said the construction of the senior citizen apartment house on the site is unlikely to be delayed as a result.

He explained that there is still some paper work that must be done before the construction will start and that should take a while. In the meantime, the authority felt it could resolve the matter with the contractor.

But that may not be the end of the contractor's problems. According to Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city may ask the authority to continue holding up the final payment until the contractor clears debris from the city streets around the demolition area.

"If he doesn't do it, the city will have to," the mayor said. "And if this is the case, we are going to bill him for the work or deduct what we feel is a reasonable cost from that final payment."

The demolition site consisted of approximately two-thirds of the block. The remaining third is the location of the city's new multi-service facility — another problem for the contractor.

During the demolition work one of the company's bulldozers backed into the building and broke down a part of one of the walls. Several other less severe incidents involving damage to the building from the demolition were also reported. The engineering firm supervising the construction of the now almost completed center — Mayo, Lynch and Associates — is trying to get the contractor to pay for the damage.

Breast cancer detection unit will open soon

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today said he will commit space in the city's new multi-service facility for the proposed

Hoboken-North Hudson Breast Cancer Detection Center.

The center, located at Second and Grand streets, is almost completed and is expected to be in operation within a few weeks although the formal dedication ceremonies won't be held until early spring.

According to First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano, who is spearheading the effort to set up the cancer detection center and obtain federal funds to finance it, discussions are under way with St. Mary Hospital to have it operate the detection clinic as a satellite health service.

"One of the major problems has been finding the space to operate the center," Romano said. "With the mayor committing space at the multi-service center to the program that problem of space has been resolved."

Romano said the clinic could still wind up being in the hospital itself but if practical space couldn't be found there for it, the multi-service center was available and a long, drawn-out search for adequate facilities could be avoided.

"We have another meeting with hospital officials Monday morning," he continued. "Hopefully, we can firm up our proposals at that time into some kind of formal agreements."

Hoboken is seeking more than \$250,000 in federal funds with which to finance the detection center. Through Rep. Dominick V. Daniels and U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams the city has received word that the prospect of obtaining the funds is good.

Meanwhile, Romano said at the request of Mayor Anthony DeFino of West New York a special presentation of the breast cancer detection seminar held in Hoboken two months ago will be held at St. Joseph's Church Community Center on Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

A video tape of the Hoboken seminar, filmed by local high school students, will be shown, he said. Efforts also will be made to bring doctors from St. Mary and the Newark Cancer Detection Center to answer any questions those attending may have.

Stevens Begins Research Job on Hoboken Projects

With the start of the new semester yesterday, work by research teams began at Stevens Tech in Hoboken on the implementation of the joint study program of the engineering college and the city funded with a \$75,000 Federal Housing and Urban Development grant.

While the program slated for this winter and spring will concentrate on Hoboken, Dr. David N. Barus of Stevens asserted that subsequent projects in the second year could be aimed at problems in the North Hudson area. The overall program will extend for three years.

The center for Municipal Studies and Services — the name under which the projects will be analyzed and worked out — has listed as potential projects for the North Hudson section the following:

Study of the potential of consolidated or coordinated municipal services in the areas of police protection and public works; study of the consolidation of purchasing functions.

Study of alternatives and improvements for the solid waste disposal systems; development of a system to monitor the air pollution levels; study of the use of hydrofoils for new water transportation.

The center will have a 15-member policy board, with five persons representing Hoboken, five persons the college and another five outside organizational Development, and Regional Plan Assn., North Hudson Council of Mayors and Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce.

Serving for Hoboken will be Mayor Steve Cappiello, Council President Martin J. Brennan; Councilman Robert Ranieri; Michael J. Coleman, director of Office of Community Development, and Robert C. Armstrong, director of housing and development of the municipal development office.

To Seek Top Aide

Serving from Stevens are President Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, Dr. Barus; Dr. I. Robert Ehrlich, dean of research; Dr. Luigi Z. Pollara, dean of graduate and professional studies, and Dr. Edward A. Friedman, dean of the college.

The policy board will name a director to be paid in the salary range of \$35,000 per year and indications are that the person will be someone who has had both academic and governmental experience.

A major part of the program will be a research program involving the Hoboken waterfront extending from Fourth st. north to 11th st. but covering later possibly the Port Authority piers south of Fourth st.

It was asserted that, in addition to Hoboken, "a substantial part of the findings (in connection with the waterfront) is expected to be useful to other riverfront municipalities in the North Hudson area which have similar conditions."

It is felt that redevelopment of the riverfront will prove of direct benefit to the city. The research project will try to analyze and evaluate the various factors which influence the future course of waterfront development.

Development of a long-range plan for the full utilization of Hoboken's water supply will also be a segment of the project. It is hoped that the results will be used and "perhaps serve as a model for the metropolitan area."

To Check Taxes

Municipal management techniques with computer applications is another area to be studied, with emphasis on the city's tax collection system and development of methods to lower the incidence of tax delinquency.

Causes, prevention and correction of street damage, with emphasis in winter months on the numerous potholes in the city is another area for study. It is felt that the results of this survey will be noted first by the residents of the city.

A fifth area will involve the environmental impact on the city with a review to be made of the "regulations and the basis for a legally secure system of environmental review." It is hoped to complete this project by June.

Hoboken Warned No Aid in Fires To Trainee Units

Fire departments from surrounding municipalities have warned Hoboken that if newly hired public safety trainees ride the trucks or are actively used in fighting fires, the men will not respond to any alarm for backup support at a fire in Hoboken.

William Bergin, president of the International Assn. of Fire Officers, Local 1076, said Hoboken has been told by members of the Union City, Weehawken, Jersey City, North Bergen and West New York departments that they will not jeopardize the safety of their men by sending them to fight fires alongside half-trained men.

Union City, Weehawken and Jersey City are members of a mutual aid pact with Hoboken.

When members of one department need assistance in fighting fires, members of the remaining departments respond.

Hoboken Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri confirmed that the city has received such a warning, but Ranieri said the firemen's alarm over Hoboken's trainees is "unwarranted."

Ranieri said that the trainees, hired with federal funds by the mayor Jan. 2, have "no responsibilities as firemen, no rights, no prerogatives, no duties. They will not ride trucks, will not handle equipment, will not fight fires; they will only participate in a training program which may ultimately result in their taking Civil Service tests and becoming public safety officers if the city creates such a job."

\$100,000 in Arrears Firm Owing Taxes Bids Hoboken Take Complex

By ELIZABETH PARKS
A corporation that cannot handle the tax burden on three old buildings has asked Hoboken to take over its deed and assume the related \$40,000 expense for demolishing the structures and making the area safe.

The company owes Hoboken approximately \$100,000 in back taxes and has told the city it cannot cope with the expense of maintaining the property any longer.

The offer was made to Mayor Steve Cappiello in a letter from the Vapor Corp. of Chicago.

Cappiello has turned the offer over to the city's law department, saying that the city will sue to have Vapor demolish the structures rather than saddle taxpayers with the additional expense.

Vapor took over the old Condenser Service Building at 150 Observer hwy. about six months ago.

Condenser has been paying

the city approximately \$20,000 a year in taxes, but the last payment was in 1970 and since then taxes have gone up another \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year.

A total of \$94,000 in taxes for a four-year period, plus 12 per cent in interest, is owed.

In its letter, Vapor says expenses are too much and asks the city to take over the deed.

A source in the law department said the matter is being studied, but pointed out that a request to assume the deed doesn't obligate the city to accept.

The source said that while the city may not be able to collect the back taxes, it possibly can legally force Vapor to demolish the three old buildings which constitute the Condenser complex.

The firm used to manufacture and repair condensing units for machinery. It moved out of the city approximately three years ago. The complex of buildings has been deteriorating steadily.

Cappiello asks rise in county park aid

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he will appeal to the Hudson County Park Commission to spend more money than currently planned on Columbus Park, the only county park in the city.

"Neither I nor the city council feel that the \$13,600 the park commission proposes to spend on Columbus Park this year is in proportion to Hoboken's density of population or the amount of use the park gets from local residents," said the mayor.

"When it comes to Hoboken, it seems that everyone is content to allow it to just exist. I believe we deserve a little better than that."

The mayor said that the would like the park commission to install additional lighting in the park and to create an ice skating rink that could be used by local children. Columbus Park is located on Clinton Street, between Ninth and 10th.

"With additional lighting the night use of the park would be increased," he continued. "The lighting now is poor and most residents are afraid to use the park after it gets dark. There is space in the park that could be used for an ice skating rink and provide some additional recreation facilities for local children."

The commission proposes to spend \$9,000 to resurface two playground areas; \$2,900 to resurface the paths and \$1,700 for lights outside the pavilion in the center of the park.

Cappiello said he didn't want the commission to divert any of the funds it already has earmarked for the Hoboken park to the projects he proposed. He wants additional money for them.

"The lights for the pavilion will do only half the job," he said. "There should be good lighting throughout the park."

Hoboken officers stall on trainees

Hoboken's eight public safety officer trainees have completed the classroom portion of their fire-fighting training and have started a similar instruction program with the police department.

The eight men, all hired by the city through the Public Employment Program (PEP), have been assigned to Capt. Daniel Kiely for their classroom training.

According to Chief George W. Crimmins, this will be all their training will consist of for the time being.

"The trainees will not be assigned to work with regular police officers," he said. "That may come later when all the controversy over the start of the program has been eliminated. But for the time being, they won't be doing any actual police work."

Actually, the fire fighting training for the men hasn't been completed either. They received all of the classroom work but never got a chance to put it into practical use.

None of the men and officers in the various engine and truck companies were willing to work side by side with the trainees, claiming that their qualifications had not been ascertained through formal examinations into physical and mental capabilities.

Although officials of the Police Men's Benevolent Association haven't formally warned the mayor, who is also the city's public safety director, that the police will be taking the same approach to the training as the fire department did, PBA sources say this is the case.

The PBA is also challenging the legality of using the federal funds for a training program instead of for actual jobs.

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Really a Good BET

With unemployment in the Hudson area running in the 10 per cent range, every effort possible to put the breadwinners back into meaningful jobs is essential. Hence, we are encouraged particularly with the program being undertaken by the section's chambers of commerce.

BET is the acronym for Business Employment Training, the program being pushed by the Jersey City, Hoboken-North Hudson, Meadowlands and Bayonne chambers. It's a search for qualified manpower through which to match up the worker and the job through testing and training.

It's part of the overall Comprehensive Employment Training Program, a project designed to apply business solutions to manpower

problems. Of course its success depends upon the participation of business concerns in the hiring part of the project.

Participating businesses are reimbursed by the program at a rate equal to 50 per cent of the new employee's wages during the on-site job training period. Here's the incentive to hire, the opening wedge, perhaps, to a job for someone who wants to work but lacks certain skills.

Some of the county's largest firms are already committed to the program and others will certainly join the growing list. It's a cooperative effort, between the chambers of commerce, the firms and the people who need the jobs. It's a good BET for everyone involved.

Hoboken first Woman new health officer

The former supervisor of the Public Health Nursing Service in Hoboken has been named the city's new Public Health Officer and becomes the first woman in the county, possibly the state, to hold such a position.

Director Raphael P. Vitale announced today he has appointed Patricia Mitten, a registered nurse, to the post which has been vacant since the death of Dr. Milton Silon last year. The job pays \$18,500 a year.

Miss Mitten, 46, has been working for the city since July 1, 1961, in the public health nursing service.

Vitale said he is fairly sure Miss Mitten is the only female health officer in the county and maybe the only one in the state.

"There may be a few in some of the small suburban communities but I'm pretty sure that Miss Mitten is the only woman health officer in the state with the kind of responsibilities she has here in Hoboken," he said.

Double-duty men hired in Hoboken

After months of talks and planning, Hoboken is finally appointing eight public safety officers who will be performing both police and fire duties, but not exactly as originally planned.

Seven young men began training today at Hoboken Fire Headquarters in the first stage of the new program, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello. They were hired through the Public Employment Program and will get \$7,500 a year.

"The city's plan is to use the PEP program as a training vehicle for the men," he said. "They will undergo both police and fire training until they become proficient enough to pass the Civil Service examination for Public Safety Officer when it is called."

Starting their training today are Dominick Pisciotta, 20; Bernard Giletti, 21; Jose Lima, 19; Lorenzo Cuocci, 22; Frank Prester, 28; Thomas Bruno, 20; and Edward Meehan, 21.

Bruno and Meehan are already special police officers on the PEP program. They had been assigned to traffic detail along the city's main thoroughfares, issuing tickets for overtime meter parking, double parking and other parking violations.

An eighth man will be named today, according to George

Crimmins Jr., director of the PEP program.

Mayor Cappiello said that his plan is to establish the public safety officer as a supplemental force to both the police and fire departments. The men could be assigned to inside police or fire duties, or outside details.

The proposal has not been well received by either the

Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) or the International Association of Fire Fighters and Fire Officers (IAFF and IAFO).

They have cited a number of situations where they feel the Public Safety Officer will be at a disadvantage because of his dual responsibilities.

One such situation could be when a public safety officer is on patrol and is called to a fire scene for fire duty, and a second police incident develops elsewhere. Does he remain at the scene of the fire? Or is he called off and sent on the police matter, leaving the other men fighting the fire short-handed?

The mayor says that these are deployment problems and not insurmountable.

"No new system is completely without problems and I don't think this one is going to be an exception," he said. "But with the cooperation of the police and fire departments it can work."

Latin Pupils Getting Help

Hoboken school system is putting together the finishing touches on its bilingual educational program recently introduced in five of the city's elementary schools.

Twenty Hoboken High School seniors yesterday completed the first phase of a training program at St. Peter's College, Jersey City, which will qualify them as part-time teachers' aides.

And on Tuesday, three more teachers will be assigned, raising to eight the number of bilingual teachers available for duty in the city's 14 schools.

Money for the program comes from Title VII and is currently in operation in kindergarten through the third grade at Rue, Kelly, Wallace, Connors and St. Joseph Schools.

Each class under the program calls for a regular English-speaking teacher, a bilingual Spanish teacher, and an aide who will work only part-time.

Color-keyed nutrition gets discounts

By PETER HALLAM
Beginning Feb. 3 a new lunch program will start at Hoboken High School aimed at providing more nutritious lunches at reduced rates for students, it was announced today by Walter Fine, principal.

Entitled the "Rainbow Lunch Program," it divides foods into four categories — red, yellow, green and blue — based on their nutritional value.

Mrs. Johanna Fugazzi, head of the home economics department

in the high school, said that red covers meats, fish, poultry, eggs and cheese, all good sources of iron and protein. The yellow category covers fruits and vegetables which supply vitamin C; green covers fruits and vegetables supplying vitamin A; blue covers milk.

She said that youngsters who select their lunches in the school cafeteria from these four categories will get reduced prices. An average nutritional lunch picked from the four categories would cost approximately 45 cents as compared to 75 for a lunch selected from items not included in the rainbow program.

The home economics department is sponsoring the project with the assistance of students who have formed their own committees to promote and operate it, Mrs. Fugazzi added.

"Letters to the parents are now being prepared alerting them to the lunch program and the reduced costs," she said. "A poster contest promoting it will also be held."

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Clifton police-fire plan works, but FMBA cooperated there

By PETER HALLAM

The Clifton Fire-Police Patrol Program, where firemen ride in fire patrol cars backing up policemen, works.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and several city councilmen will find that out today when they visit that city for a first hand look at the 6-year-old Clifton program. But they are very likely to return to Hoboken without the answer to their main question — will it work in Hoboken?

Clifton officials feel their program or something similar could work anywhere. But they are quick to point out that because it does work in their municipality there's no guarantee it will work somewhere else.

Six years ago, Clifton phased

out its fire department as it is commonly visualized and gave to the police the title of Public Safety Officers (PSOs). They have their fire duties but perform supplemental duties, patrolling the city's streets and assisting the police department as a back-up force, primarily at night and during the early morning hours.

The change over did not come about overnight. It took almost two years to work out the program.

And here in lies the major problem that Hoboken will have to overcome.

According to Harold Kutner, president of the Clifton Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA), the city had the cooperation of the FMBA in the preparation of the program. Hoboken does not enjoy that same position.

Officials of the International Association of Fire Fighters and Fire Officers, the two unions representing Hoboken's firemen, have not cooperated with the city's efforts to draw up a similar program, nor has their cooperation been strongly sought by city officials.

"There was an incentive for us (the Clifton firemen) to work with the city on the program," said Kutner. "We were working a 56-hour week and were looking for a 42-hour week. It was a bargaining point, and it still is."

William Holster, Clifton's veteran city manager, agrees.

"Without the cooperation of the FMBA it would have taken years to get the program working as well as it is now," he asserted. "The city has the right to make the assignments and could have assigned the men to the patrols. But no doubt there would have been some resentment."

The fact that the FMBA did cooperate with the city in formulating the program still resulted in resentment but not from within. The state FMBA kicked Clifton out of the association, a situation that was only corrected a year ago. It is again a member in good standing.

What is a public safety officer and what does he do that makes him different from a fireman or a policeman?

In Clifton, he is still basically a fireman who does part-time police work when he isn't fighting a fire. He carries a gun and is just as well trained to use it as a fire hose.

Clifton selects its public safety officers from the Civil Service list of men eligible for appointment to the fire department. The candidates are given 180 days of police training, usually at the

State Police Academy in Sea Girt, followed by six weeks of intensive fire training within the department.

If the training is completed to the satisfaction of department superiors the city requests Civil Service to call an examination for Public Safety Officer, but waives the requirement for an actual test.

Chief Stephen J. Lendl, Clifton's chief Public Safety Officer, explained that since the man has already successfully taken the Civil Service examination for firemen and passed all of his training courses the city feels that he is ready for appointment and a second examination isn't really needed. So the actual test is waived.

During this initial period, the man is listed as a fireman. If he fails to qualify for the promotion to public safety officer within one year of his original appointment he is terminated, the chief said.

"Essentially, the program places members on patrol during those periods when they are not directly involved in their prime function of fire protection," he continued. "This means that there is a full schedule of daytime in-service inspections, fire fighting training, related police patrol training and building and equipment maintenance. Patrol duties are scheduled primarily during the nighttime hours."

Clifton is broken down into six patrol areas for the public safety officers — seven for the police department. The work for both police and fire patrols is almost identical with one exception. At a police incident such as an accident or robbery, the public safety officers take their

direction from the police superior at the scene — even if he is outranked by the PSO.

According to Holster, the main purpose of the program was to make better use of the "passive time" of the firemen, the time when they aren't actually performing fire-related duties.

"It is an excellent program and has been a boon to our taxpayers," he continued. "And it costs us only about \$10,000 more a year than what the city would be paying for separate police and fire departments as in the past, a very small sum to pay considering the added protection the city gets."

"The benefits have been great. For the first few years there was a marked reduction in our crime rate. It has started going up again but in relationship to our neighboring cities the increase is minor."

The PSO program cost the city's police department some additional manpower, said Police Chief Joseph A. Nee, but the help received from the PSOs was welcomed.

"We were finding that our policemen were doing more service work than actual police work," he continued. "Now the public safety officer are picking up much of that service work."

Cappiello Wants Force In Physical Shape

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello wants to start a physical development program for the city's police and firemen in the next few months and to eventually coordinate the program with a new pistol range so police can keep their shooting skills sharp.

Cappiello said yesterday that the physical program looks like it can get underway

within the next few months, but the city must get formal approval for the firing range from the state before work can begin on that.

Cappiello said a state representative of the Safe and Clean Streets Program has given tentative verbal approval to the idea of a range, but final approval, he said, "will not be forthcoming until we can tell the state what it will cost to build."

The mayor is thinking of

setting up the range on the third floor of City Hall in what is now known as an armory. There would have to be extensive repairs including soundproofing, Cappiello said he cannot estimate the ultimate cost.

Edwin Chius, coordinator of the city's part of the \$1 million a year Safe and Clean Streets Program is presently helping the Police Department compile an expense estimate.

Half of the money is put up by the state and half by the city.

Meanwhile, Cappiello is arranging with Model Cities Director Michael Coleman for police and firemen to use the new gym at the city's Multi-Service Center at 2nd and Adams sts.

The center will not be opened until next month and the gym will have to be shared with other city residents including senior citizens and pre-school children, but Cappiello said he was hopeful there will be enough free time to let police and firemen schedule weekly or bi-weekly workout sessions.

Cappiello said the city badly needs such a program to keep its public safety personnel in shape.

The pistol range also has a high priority, since some policemen complain they haven't fired a gun in years and are too rusty to know how to use it.

The city wants to do what it can to keep the men functioning at their best, Cappiello said.

WPA-Like Jobs Set in Hoboken

Hoboken, with the federal government's assistance, yesterday started an emergency job program very similar to the Work Projects Administration (WPA) program implemented by Franklin Delano Roosevelt during the depression of the 1930's.

About 20 of what is to be a force of 50 workers began working in the city's public works department as street cleaners, garbage collectors, and repairmen.

Eventually, the men and women employed in the program will be put to work painting fire hydrants, street markings, helping with the painting and renovation of city hall and various firehouses, working as clerk typists, health aides and other positions where they can be useful. Public Works Director Raphael Vitale said they will work in crews of eight.

George Crimmins Jr., director of the city's public employment program, said the workers are paid with federal funds, in an effort to relieve two of Hoboken's severest problems: unemployment and the physical deterioration of public property.

Crimmins described the

program as basically a replica of the WPA project started during the depression years of the 30's.

Then, as now, people were getting laid off their jobs because of the dying economy. Today's program is officially titled the Emergency Jobs and Unemployment Assistance Act of 1974. It is a component of the federal government's Comprehensive Employment Training Act.

Crimmins said Hoboken has been given \$317,357 to spend on 50 jobs which will be guaranteed for 12 months or until February of next year.

Those hired in the program will work on projects and jobs that desperately need to be done but the city can't afford without the federal funds.

The maximum salary is \$10,000, but Crimmins said the average salary will be around \$7,800. He said the first workers hired are people who have exhausted their unemployment benefits, persons who have been unemployed for 15 or more weeks and Vietnam veterans.

A few of the jobs are still available. Applications can be made at the CETA office at Willow av. and Observer hwy.

Hoboken Eyes Aid to Handicapped

Hoboken's approximately 300 physically and mentally handicapped children, described as virtual prisoners of their homes and schools, may be liberated shortly if federal funds can be made available for a cultural and recreational program proposed for the city's new Multi-Service Center.

Sixth Ward Councilman Edward McLaughlin, father of a mentally handicapped seven year old, has asked that the city revise its proposed budget for a new federal community development agency to include funds for the city's handicapped.

McLaughlin would like the city to offer classes in arts and crafts, photography, sewing, home economics, dancing, etc., at the new Multi-Service Center which will open next month.

In an initial proposal for spending the \$3.8 million, prepared by city officials and citizens over the last two months, no provisions at all

were made for the handicapped, an oversight McLaughlin called a "failure in perception and sensitivity."

McLaughlin said it is "imperative" that the city do what it can to help its physically and mentally handicapped particularly because of their restricted contact with the outside world.

"In most cases," McLaughlin said, "these children return home from school and that ends their relations with the outside world until the following school day."

"They're cut off from mind-developing activities and severely limited in their potential to expand on a social and cultural level."

McLaughlin said initial discussions on the program with Coleman have brought favorable response. He will ask the entire council for support at a meeting to be scheduled for next week.

Community Development officials have tentatively

scheduled \$496,000 for 18 community service projects that will either begin this year or continue from earlier programs established initially by Model Cities. Ten of these programs are scheduled for the Multi-Service Center which will unofficially open in February. A grand opening is scheduled for March.

—ELIZABETH PARKS

Welfare housing check snags; Hoboken can't get addresses

Efforts by Hoboken to make sure welfare recipients are getting adequate housing which meets state and city housing codes has suffered its first setback.

Before the city can start checking out buildings it first has to know if there are persons on welfare living in them, but the city's Welfare Department isn't telling, at least not for the time being.

According to Jerry Forman, who is temporarily running the welfare office while Director Edward Roeder recovers from a reported heart attack, the records of welfare recipients are not open documents like most public records and he isn't sure he has the right to give out the information.

Forman said he was approached by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri concerning a specific case or two but had to refuse permission to look at the files.

"I suggested to the councilman that he write to Richard Earle, the chief of local welfare operations for the state Department of Institutions and Agencies, explain what the city wants to do and get permission from him to look at the files," Forman continued.

"If Mr. Earle says it is permissible the councilman will have my full cooperation."

Forman added that he recommended that Earle be contacted because most of the welfare money the city spends comes from the state.

The city plans to crack down on property owners who overcrowd their buildings, mostly with persons on welfare, and endanger their lives by ignoring state and city health and safety codes. The crackdown will be carried out by the Fire Prevention Bureau, Code Enforcement Bureau, and the Housing Squad using an amendment to the city's rooming house ordinance passed last month by the city council.

By having the names and addresses of welfare recipients the various enforcement agencies could go directly to those buildings and start checking them for violations of the codes and the new conditions of the rooming house ordinance.

But without them enforcement would become more difficult, especially in cases where rooming house conditions exist but the building was never registered as such with the city.

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Set Sewerage Talks

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello will meet with the mayors of Union City and Weehawken this week to set a date for what is to be the last amicable meeting on a new contract for the Hoboken Sewerage Authority before Hoboken institutes suit to break the existing contract.

Cappiello said that during this week's North Hudson Council of Mayors meeting, he will ask Union City Mayor William Muslo and Weehawken Mayor Charles Miller to schedule what is to be Hoboken's last attempt at a negotiated settlement.

Cappiello said that if the three communities fail to agree on a new contract this time around, Hoboken will instantly institute suit to break the old contract.

Cappiello said the city is losing too much in revenues to justify any further delay. According to councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, Hoboken loses

\$500 for each day the matter remains unsettled.

Under the terms of a 35-year contract, Union City and Weehawken pay Hoboken a combined \$60,000 a year to treat one third of all the sewerage needs of the two communities.

Ranieri said Hoboken residents pay a total of \$720,000 for the same service. If that amount is divided into three, Hoboken pays \$240,000 for what Union City get for \$40,000 and Weehawken for \$20,000.

Hoboken officials have called the contract "extremely unfair to the city" and have met several times with Union City and Weehawken in an attempt to readjust it.

Although both communities have expressed sympathy for Hoboken, they have steadfastly refused to renegotiate the contract which they call "iron-clad."

Hoboken wants to raise the charge to \$240,000 to equalize the expense. Union City would

pay \$160,000 and Weehawken \$80,000.

Hoboken is also planning to level an additional \$1.2 million surcharge on the two communities to pay for part of the cost of a \$32 million secondary sewerage plant which the federal government has ordered built for 1977. That also will be discussed at the meeting.

Firemen Take Hard Line On Shifting of Trainees

Hoboken firemen are prepared to engage in job actions, work slowdowns, a political campaign to recall the mayor and other tactics unless city officials transfer eight new public safety officer trainees into some other post, it was learned yesterday.

A spokesman for the fire department said the fire associations would not resume contract talks with the mayor and city council until the trainees "are taken out of the fire department and put to work in some other capacity."

The official, who declined to be identified, said that the fire department was prepared to enter into round the clock negotiations "if the city is willing" with the stipulation that the trainees are removed before other items in the contract talks are discussed.

Meanwhile the city council Monday night rejected a proposal to expand the contract talks to include all councilmen. It was submitted by sixth ward councilman Edward McLaughlin.

The council, it was reported, decided to let the talks remain

in the province of Mayor Steve Cappiello and Robert Ranieri, Louis Francione and Anthony Romano, public safety committee members.

The council, however, is also said to be considering the possibility of resuming the services of Francis Hayes, a Jersey City attorney as the city's negotiator.

Hayes withdrew from talks last summer after the council indicated that it could give him no proposals to bargain with due to the city's poor financial condition.

But while firemen are saying they won't talk until the trainees are removed, the police department has asked to resume talks after a three month stalemate.

Policemen Benevolent Assn. President Mario Mercado yesterday spent what was called "two informal hours" with the Mayor and Ranieri trying to set a date to resume talks.

Although Mercado has filed a complaint with civil service accusing the city of attempt-

ing to circumvent its regulations, he said he didn't consider the trainees "a stumbling block to resumed talks."

Mercado's position is said, by some, to reflect the realization that the trainees don't affect the manpower status of the city's police department.

They are the city's method of trying to reduce expenses in the fire department. They have been in the fire department since they were hired by the mayor with federal funds Jan. 2.

On duty firemen, however, have refused to instruct the trainees, who are now in limbo waiting for the city to either begin their training or find a new vehicle for their service.

Cappiello said yesterday that he will set a date to resume negotiations as soon as Anthony Romano, councilman and public safety committee chairman, returns from a Florida vacation. Romano is expected back at the end of the week.

Demolition of ruined building may cost Hoboken \$18,860

The demolition of 520 Park Ave., the building that had started sliding into the excavation site of the new Hoboken mini-school, will cost Hoboken \$18,860, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

Vitale has received a bill from Jefferson Wreckers Inc. for that amount but is undecided as to whether the city will move to pay it immediately.

"It will be paid," he asserted, "even though it is a lot more than the city usually pays for the demolition of a building like the one at 520 Park Ave. But before I submit a claim for council approval I want to find out exactly what the law department is going to do about getting reimbursement for the city."

The building, a well-kept eight family tenement, was taken down by the city because neither mini-school builder, Pisan and DeBar, nor the Hoboken Board of Education would accept the immediate responsibility for damage to the tenement house.

Excavation work at the build-

ing site had undermined the foundation of the tenement which started to lean towards the mini-school site, according to James Caulfield, city building inspector.

As the situation became worse, structural strain started to appear in the neighboring building a 518 Park Ave. and the city feared that unless quick action was taken to demolish 520 the other buildings would have to be taken down as well.

Declaring the matter an

emergency, Caulfield brought in the Newark-based wrecking company which dismantled the building, brick by brick. The demolition was completed a few days ago.

Caulfield said the bill was high because the company was forced to use laborers to take the tenement down by hand which is costly and time-consuming as compared to modern methods using heavy equipment.

Cappiello: Let's use U.S. aid to run multi-service center

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello will meet in Washington, D.C., today with Rep. Dominick V. Daniels to discuss the possible use of federal grant monies to operate the city's multi-service center.

The center, located at Second and Grand Streets, is now in the

final stages of construction, which involves installing a wood floor in the gymnasium.

Cappiello said that some city social and welfare agencies would move into the building shortly, perhaps within the next two weeks. But the official grand opening won't be held until early

spring.

According to the mayor, the building is officially a city building and the operation costs for heat, electricity and normal upkeep are to be paid by the city. But if federal funds can be used for some of these costs, it would save Hoboken money.

School budget rise opposed

Hoboken city officials may not be sure about the municipal budget yet, but they have decided to oppose a projected \$1 million increase in the school budget.

At a caucus last night, Mayor

Steve Cappiello and the members of the city council decided to appeal to the school board tonight to economize in view of the recent judicial decision delaying an increased state funding of urban school costs.

Council President Martin Brennan, referring to the projected \$1 million boost in the cost of the schools to the city, said "we just can't live with that."

He said the council members will not tell the board where to cut expenses, but would like to see the school budget frozen at last year's level.

If the school trustees do not follow the council's requests, the council members will urge the voters to reject the budget in the March 11 referendum, Brennan said.

Cappiello said the city is waiting for budget requests from some departments before reaching any conclusion about the municipal budget.

Map Last Bid In Hoboken On Fire Pact

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken firemen will try one more time to negotiate a new contract and a salary increase with city officials. If they fail, however, they'll resort to binding arbitration and perhaps ultimately a strike.

Those actions were discussed and reportedly agreed upon at two closed fire association meetings held yesterday morning and night.

The meetings were closed to the press, and fire association leaders could not be reached later for comment. A source who attended the meeting said a national representative of the International Assn. of Firefighters outlined the above options as the firemen's best course to follow.

The representative, an of-

ficial guest at the meeting, reportedly gave firemen more than a dozen alternative courses of action to pursue. The first recommendation was to return to negotiations until they can be formally termed as an "impasse."

"And the last and final recommendation was, 'If all else fails, strike.'"

"Plan Another Meeting"

Association leaders were reportedly taking the recommendation under consideration and are expected to call another meeting soon to let the membership vote on the courses they prefer.

Firemen, as well as police and municipal workers, haven't had a salary increase in two years. The city had offered a \$300 raise or a \$750 raise with layoffs this year, but it was rejected as "ridiculous."

The city recently told the firemen that because of the state's failure to implement a new plan for funding public education, it may not be able to give them any kind of raise.

Firemen called the city's position a "run-around."

At 5 p.m. today, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Assn. will meet in the Shannon Tavern to vote on the actions they'll take with the city. Police Wednesday indicated that they would be willing to coordinate any job actions the firemen hold with actions of their own.

The main issue is money, but police are also annoyed at the presence of eight public safety officer trainees in their department. The men were transferred to police from fire headquarters after firemen refused to train them. They are regarded as a threat to job security and safety.

Ranieri sees no conflict in fire benefits

A preliminary review of funds received by a Hoboken firemen's association from insurance companies doing business in the city indicates no conflicts between benefits provided by the city and the use of the insurance funds.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said he expects to complete today a review of facts and figures on the funds supplied by the state attorney general's office and the N.J. State Firemen's Relief Association.

Under an old state law, all out of state insurance companies selling fire insurance in a municipality are required to pay 2 per cent of the premiums to the relief associations, either to the state association or directly to the municipal association.

"The initial review of the information concerning how much is received annually by the local relief fund, how much is spent and what it is spent on indicates that there isn't any overlapping benefits," the councilman said.

"My only concern was to make sure that the money wasn't being used to provide benefits for our city firemen that they already receive from the city," he added.

Vitale, Bier complain mayor doesn't consult them now

1/31/75 J.J.

Is there a communications gap between Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and some of his department directors?

Two of them, Business Administrator Herman Bier and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, say there is and it is making it difficult for them to perform their jobs.

Director Vitale said that the public works department was left "completely in the dark" about the recent meeting of the mayor and Weehawken on the sewerage treatment contract between the three municipalities.

"The three people who know the most about the contract, and the problems we are having, treating waste from Union City and Weehawken for \$80,000 a year, didn't attend the meeting, and weren't asked to," continued the director. "That would be myself, my plant superintendent, Charles Schmidt, and the city chemist, Henry Maier."

The meeting was held Tuesday afternoon in the office of Union City Mayor William V. Musto. Hoboken was represented by the mayor and Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri. The councilman said he too "thought it was odd that no one was there

representing the Hoboken treatment plant or public works."

Hoboken wants to increase the treatment fee to \$340,000 a year to cover the additional costs of treating sewage from Union City and Weehawken, and is trying to negotiate a settlement without taking the matter to the courts.

Vitale said that Mayor Cappiello did try to reach him Tuesday morning but he was not in. However, no effort was made to contact either Schmidt or Maier and have them go along to the meeting as the city's "experts."

"We still don't have any idea of what was talked about and what commitments the mayor made, if any," said Vitale. "I do know that I have been contacted by an official of the Union City-Weehawken Joint Sewer Authority about supplying them with some figures, but I don't know if we have them, or how long it is going to take to get them."

Director Bier said that the mayor has not been discussing the city's financial condition with him, and as a result some of the programs the mayor has announced for this year may not come to pass due to a lack of funds.

Citing the proposal for a pistol range in the third floor armory at City Hall, Bier said he didn't think the city was going to have the money for its share of the costs. The state will pay for half the expense through the Safe and Clean Streets program, but the city must pay the other half.

"Hoboken is going to have trouble paying for what it already has, without starting anything new that is going to require the use of city funds," he continued.

Bier added that the mayor was encouraging people to inquire about making purchases for the city, when such inquiries should be made through the business administrator's office.

"All city purchasing should start here in the business administrator's office, nowhere else," he asserted. "But the mayor is making his own moves without discussing them with me. As a result I don't know what he is doing or what he is committing city funds to, funds that we probably won't have."

"We have to concern ourselves with the essentials, things we must have. This is not the year for talking about non-essentials," Bier said that he was the most qualified and experienced person in the city government to oversee the city's buying, but the mayor no longer discussed such things with him. He added that on a few occasions the mayor ordered things himself without first going through the formality of discussing it with the business administrator.

Mayor Cappiello was not available for comment. He is attending a mid-winter meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington D.C. and won't return to the city until tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Detective Mario Mercado, president of the Hoboken Police's Benevolent Association, has sent a second letter to Mayor Steve Cappiello asking for the resumption of negotiations on a 1975 contract.

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Shore Road, drama in plans for funds

1/9/75 J.J.

Projects ranging from acquiring and developing Shore Road to forming a community theater group are contained in Hoboken's plan for spending \$3.82 million in federal Community Development funds.

City Council President Martin Brennan last night told those residents who criticized the program's priorities, challenged the administrative costs, or offered specific suggestions, that "all your recommendations will be taken into consideration" before the council approves the final plan.

About 100 persons attended the hearing, the first of two on the plan, in Hoboken High School last night. Mayor Steve Cappiello said he expects the plan to be submitted next month and the program to begin April 1.

Hoboken Model Cities, which will be incorporated into the new plan, has spent \$434,000 as "transitional funding" for its programs from last July to April 1.

Under the city's plan \$556,000 — about 20 per cent of the remaining aid funds — will be spent for administrative costs. Michael Coleman, director of Hoboken Model Cities, said this

Hoboken may be first in state to submit community plan

1/23/75 J.J.

Hoboken may become the first city in the state to submit its community development plan and should receive swift federal approval.

That's what Michael Coleman, Hoboken Model Cities director and the man likely to head the community development program, predicted after speaking to federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials.

About 85 persons attended the second mandated hearing on the plan last night in Hoboken High School. Coleman said Model Cities and city officials in the next few weeks will "sift" through the public's recommendations and refine the basic plan already presented.

The plan will probably be approved by the city council and ready for submission to HUD by about Feb. 15. HUD may take up to 75 days to approve the program but if Hoboken is early, this could take much less time, Coleman said.

The city has already included in its proposal two changes suggested at the first public meeting — establishing bicycle paths as part of the Shore Road development and specifically limiting spot demolition to those abandoned buildings already owned by the city.

Much of the discussion last night centered on the Shore Road development and the value of tax abatements in connection with rehabilitation projects.

Council President Martin Brennan said the Shore Road project, which will require \$400,000 in community development funds and \$210,000 from the

Hoboken tries to save aid for pest fight

2/3/75 J.J.

A concerted effort is going to be made by Hoboken officials to get New Jersey's congressmen and senators to fight against a proposed 70 per cent reduction in federal funding of the Urban Rodent and Insect Control Program in 1976.

According to George Guzman, director of the program, it has been notified by the director of Region II, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), that funding for the Rodent Control program for fiscal 1976 may drop to around \$30,000.

"Hoboken received approximately \$100,000 for fiscal 1975," Guzman continued, "plus an additional \$30,000 or so in left-over funds from the previous year. This gave us a budget of about \$130,000 for the year."

"But next year, fiscal 1976, we'll only have \$30,000 and that means most of the staff will have to go."

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, whose department is responsible for the rodent control program, said that at least half of the existing 15 employees would have to be fired, if the reduction stands.

"Unemployment is hitting New Jersey very hard, and Hoboken even harder," he said. "Further government cutbacks in spending will only add to the problem."

Vitale said that the city will contact Senators Clifford P. Case, Harrison A. Williams and Rep. Dominick V. Daniels and have them intercede in the city's behalf.

The director added that Case is on the appropriations committee for HEW and should be apprised of the situation, especially since it appeared that the 70 per cent reduction in funding levels wasn't going to be nationwide.

"From what we have been able to find out, and it isn't official, it appears that some states are going to be getting more, proportionately, than others," he said. "If there has to be cuts then let them be the same, percentage-wise, for everyone."

Hoboken needs nutrition help

2/6/75 J.J.

Nutritionally speaking, Hoboken needs help. Through St. Mary Hospital's Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Nutrition program some of its neediest are being nourished.

The WIC program puts its power where the real problem is — in the food buying power of the consumer. WIC food coupons distributed through the hospital's clinic may be used only for the purchase of milk, eggs, iron fortified cereal and juice containing vitamin C. Purchase of iron-fortified formula for infants included in the program is also allowed. There are five cooperating supermarkets in Hoboken.

The hospital first received a WIC grant from the United States Department of Agriculture through the New Jersey State Department of Health after an initial report, in Nov. 1973, revealed that half of the clinic's maternity cases were teenagers, 30 per cent were anemic and 25 per cent were underweight. The grant originally serviced 490 persons and has been expanded to cover 1,000 mothers and children during the 1975 fiscal year. The new caseload is reflected in a funding level of \$242,500.00.

Nutrition counseling is part of the program for the expectant women, who receive their coupons and advice at the St. Mary Hospital Division of Ambulatory Care.

According to Alfreda Demptkowski, WIC program coordinator, close to 75 per cent of the women and 95 per cent of the children screened for the program are accepted. The screening process often reveals multiple health factors related to poor nutrition.

The height and weight of the child (which are related to nutrition-based development), frequency of colds and general health are checked. To be eligible the child must show physical evidence of poor nutrition, be less than 3½ years old and from a family whose income fits a certain scale according to family size. The health and obstetrical records of the mother are checked accordingly.

Food with iron supplements are particularly important for patients with anemia, a condition prevalent among the 85 per cent Spanish population in the clinic, Miss Demptkowski explained.

The goals of the WIC program are closely tied to preventive health care.

Nutritional intervention for the expectant mother can mean a healthier, more fully developed child and a mother strong enough to care properly for the infant. For toddlers, it's an education in good eating habits and the prevention of nutritionally-related illnesses later in life.

Hoboken's PBA Weighs Job Action

2/22/75 J.J.

Members of Hoboken's Police's Benevolent Assn. (PBA) met last night to discuss a possible job action against the city, but PBA President Mario Mercado refused to disclose details, saying only, "We will not take any action that will be a detriment to the citizens of Hoboken."

According to a PBA source, police may begin calling in sick for 24 hour periods, with 15 to 20 men taking off at one time. Police shifts vary, but there are usually between 25 and 30 men on duty each shift, with 90 per cent of them on the street.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said earlier in the day that if any men start calling in sick, they will be docked a day's pay and national guardsmen and county police will be called in to substitute "if the situation warrants."

Both the police and firemen were told by the city this week that they cannot have the \$1,200 raises they are seeking, but must settle for \$750 with layoffs.

Firemen are scheduled to meet with the mayor "one more time" before an association meeting Thursday. If there is a solution buried in the budget, that meeting could see a possible firemen's strike called off.

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Stevens asks volunteer aid in city study

2/12/75 J.J.

Do you have four free hours a day that you would like to put to some good and rewarding use?

Stevens Institute of Technology and the city of Hoboken might have just what you are looking for. The college and the city have need of approximately 10 "community associates" who can work at least one day a week with several projects of the Center for Municipal Studies and Services.

What work will they do? According to Dr. Sidney Borg, their duties will vary, depending on their abilities. They will be working with college interns on such programs as the causes of street deterioration and its prevention, and environmental study of the Hoboken waterfront and waterfront development.

The paraprofessionals will not be paid, at least not for now. Dr. Borg said that they will receive expenses to cover lunch and any transportation costs for the time being. At a later date it might be possible to pay the volunteers, depending on future funding.

"There aren't any special qualifications needed to become a community associate," he said. "It could be a retired engineer or a high school student or a housewife."

Dr. Borg added that their duties and responsibilities could be set up so that they could put their four hours in on Saturdays and Sundays. He added that Stevens is also looking into the possibility of giving college credits to those who participate.

The center is a three-year project under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Besides the three projects previously mentioned for the first year, the center will also be studying the problems of Hoboken's water system and the possible full utilization of water, city management techniques and their possible computerization.

Community associates could possibly wind up working on all five projects at one time or another and then continue on other new projects in the second and third years of the program, Dr. Borg said.

He added that community participation in the various projects was desired so that the final results would not be something that had been done by the city and the college—but by community representative as well.

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Train 8 recruits? Cops say no, too

2/18/75 J.J.

Hoboken's policemen are following in the steps of the city's firemen when it comes to the training of public safety officer recruits hired through the Public Employment Program. They are going to refuse to train the eight men and will relent only under protest.

Subject sheets are being distributed among the members of the department for them to sign and turn into their superiors if and when they are asked to take any of the eight trainees under their wing.

Currently, the men have been assigned to Sgt. Paul Tewes, one of the department's two qualified training officers, and have not been assigned to any on-the-job training under actual street

conditions with any of the regular policemen.

The statement on the sheets advises that the man signing it is not a qualified training officer and disclaims all responsibility for any PSO trainees assigned to him, and will accept the order to train the men only under protest, another meeting.

The city's firemen took the same kind of action last month when the city tried to start them on on-the-job training on some of the fire trucks. The trainees never did get to familiarize themselves with the trucks before they were turned over to the police department for that portion of their police-fire training.

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Hoboken taxpayers also face rise in water, sewer rates

2/5/75 J.J.

There is going to be some extra bad news for Hoboken property owners for 1975. Besides facing a possible tax increase, they will definitely be paying higher water and sewer rates.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that exactly how much the fees will be going up will have to be worked out with the Water Department and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, but they will be going up.

"It was inevitable and long overdue," said the mayor, "for

the last three years running it has been the recommendation of the city's auditor (Vincent J. Indelicato) that these fees be increased to make up for operating deficits," the mayor said.

"It has been a long, long time since annual revenues taken in sewer and water fees met or exceeded what the city pays out each year to Jersey City for our water."

According to the mayor, the actual cash payout for the in-

dividual taxpayers shouldn't hurt too much since a good part of it will probably be offset in other areas of the city's budget. Since more money will be coming in through the higher sewer and water charges, less tax money will have to be used to pay the Jersey City water bills.

"In this respect, we are trying to make the water and sewer operation self-sufficient," he continued. "However, because it's only one small part of the overall budget and a tax increase is still likely most property owners are going to view it as an increase in both areas."

The mayor added that some relief may be in store in this area and it lies in the planned water line replacement program that should get under way shortly.

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Hoboken Has New Hope

2/10/75 H.D.

Hoboken's Welfare Bureau should know by next week whether it can be given a new home in the HOPES Inc. multi service center at 360 First St. or if it will meet a fate traditionally reserved for widows and orphans: being thrown into the cold with nowhere to go.

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale has asked the board of directors of HOPES, the city's anti-poverty agency, to give the board shelter next month after it vacates its present quarters at 80 Washington St.

The landlord at 80 Washington St. has told the board that it must move by Feb. 28. Reportedly the owners object to the size of the crowds who flock to the bureau each day.

Welfare recipients are said to cluster in the building and on the sidewalk outside the building. The welfare office is located on the fifth floor in a tiny space that makes overcrowding inevitable.

Vitale said that if HOPES approves his request, the site would be perfect for the bureau. He said the offices are large and some services could be consolidated.

HOPES itself gives aid to the poor and unemployed and a food stamp center is also located in the building.

HOPES's Directors are expected to hold a special meeting next week to vote on the request.

Vitale said that if he is turned down, he has no idea where the board can go. "We would be," he said, "in a harrowing predicament."

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Hoboken budget sent out

2/27/75 J.J.

Mayor Steve Cappiello is sending the Hoboken-North Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce six copies of Hoboken's proposed 1975 municipal budget for study and, hopefully, the chamber's approval.

The mayor said today that he plans to have several meetings with chamber officials before the hearing, scheduled for 8 p.m. in Hoboken

Cappiello Aloof in Trustee Changes

3/15/75 H.D.

Hoboken may or may not continue to have an elected school board rather than an appointed one, but if a change does come, it will be supported not started by Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Cappiello yesterday denied a report that he was going to petition school board secretary Thomas A. Gallo for a referendum vote on either continuing or discontinuing the school board.

Engineers Report on Waterfront Oil Tanks

By MARY ANN SHERMAN
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released a draft of its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the bulk oil storage terminal proposed by Cosmopolitan Terminal, Inc., for the Hoboken-Weehawken waterfront.

But the army warned that the 200-page report is not a final decision on the facility which has been hotly debated and strongly opposed by residents and city officials since 1973. Instead, an Army spokesman said over the weekend that the draft is just "the start of a very long process."

The draft will now be sent to more than 60 federal, state, county, municipal and citizen groups for comment. Alfred Guido, chief of the Office of Environmental Review of the state Environmental Protection Agency, said his department will make its statement on the tank farm within 45 days of reviewing the EIS.

The EIS takes no definitive stand on the terminal. Instead it simply lists the environmental, economic and sociological effect it would have on the surrounding area. Its neutral, introductory statement reads in part "Benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposed project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detrimental impacts."

The Army's statement explains that, though the terminal will provide tax advantages and construction employment with a permanent employment for a small operating force, it will not establish desirable land use trends, although it appears to satisfy all existing zoning regulations.

The terminal is not expected to produce a beautifying impact. But service demands, it is estimated, could be met by local communities, and impact on public facilities is expected to be minimal. Adverse effects on traffic is expected to be small.

The proposed terminal will store oil to be forwarded by barge and tank truck to consumers in the metropolitan area. Cosmopolitan believes, according to the statement, that the terminal and storage facility "will help to satisfy existing regional needs for home heating fuel, industrial boiler fuel and electric utility fuel by providing deep water transfer facility and storage capacity located close to final consumers."

It would add almost 3.8 million barrels to the existing fuel oil storage capacity of the region.

According to Cosmopolitan, the same amount of oil would enter the metropolitan area, but with less storage capacity, less efficient delivery, and increased risk of oil spills and collisions.

The Weehawken-Hoboken waterfront site is uniquely equipped for the terminal, because there is not another 45-foot deep channel in the metropolitan region that is open for development and zoned to permit an oil terminal.

Though there are plans for deepening the existing channel, several communities are trying to prevent expansion of oil storage.

Hoboken's People Preserve Its 'Mile-Square' Charisma

By AUDREY HAINFELD
Model Cities and Hoboken's Bicentennial Committee will have one thing in common when it comes to celebrating the nation's birthday in 1976. They're both determined to preserve the mile-square city's historical sites.

Sally Aronson of the Model Cities Agency urban preservation committee explained her group's function to several members of the Bicentennial historic sites subcommittee at a recent meeting in Stevens College Library.

She told the gathering chaired pro tem by Helen Manogue that \$20,000 had been allocated by the federal government to inventory and research various locations to be set aside for preservation in the rehabilitation of the "Mile-Square City."

A survey of attitudes of Hoboken residents would also be undertaken, Miss Aronson explained, to determine "just what makes Hoboken unique." The interviews, it was hoped, would also bring out what creates a "community spirit."

Model Cities has been empowered by the federal grant to hire architectural consultants to tell them just what to look for historically and aesthetically. Miss Aronson said that when these salaried consultants are hired, they will be used for technical expertise, but it will be up to the community to tell them just where the concentrated study areas should be. For instance, whether the entire city should be considered, or perhaps only certain limited areas.

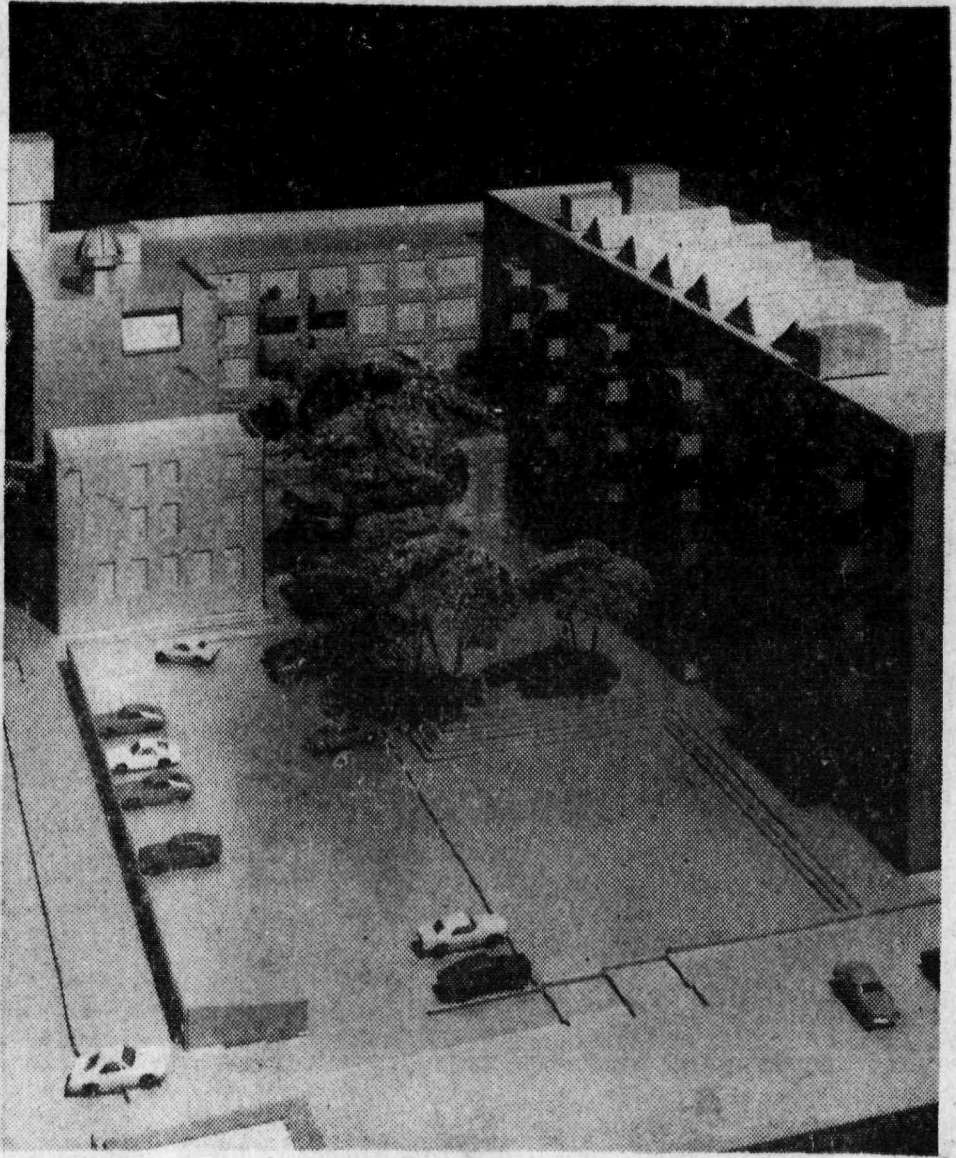
On the other hand, Hoboken's 110-member Bicentennial Committee are completely unsalaried volunteers, and the historic sites committee will be evaluating buildings and areas to be preserved as landmarks in conjunction with the 1976 observance.

Historian John Heaney of the Bicentennial Committee presented a list of many sites throughout the city which he said should be considered for preservation, if they still exist, or marked with plaques to denote their historical significance.

Most committee members agreed with librarian Lucille Cunningham that places like City Hall, Martha Institute, St. Mary Hospital, the Library and historic churches like St. Paul's and Holy Innocents were some of the buildings that should be designated and preserved. Certain areas where housing was typical of architectural periods, the subcommittee agreed, should also be considered.

Mrs. Manogue distributed sample forms to illustrate information to be obtained for state designation of sites as historic landmarks, and Bicentennial committee members volunteered to photograph the sites.

In any event, Model Cities and the Bicentennial Committee will be cooperating to see that Hoboken doesn't lose its charisma as the evolution of progress takes place.



As this artist's concept proves—Hoboken is just becoming a modern city. Conversion of the 60-year-old Keuffel & Esser Building between Third and Fourth sts. into a 188-unit apartment complex is nearing completion. Both Model Cities Agency and Hoboken's Bicentennial Committee are in agreement about preserving historical sites in making way for progress.

Hoboken Ignores Protest; To Hold Daytime Hearings

By MIMI DIAMOND
Education Writer
Hoboken Board of Education's 1975-76 budget hearing will be held at 10 a.m. next Tuesday, despite the objections of citizens and at least one board member to the morning session.

The time of the hearing was announced at last night's meeting. Several citizens objected, saying it will deprive interested persons of the chance to attend. Board president Otto Hottendorf replied by saying that the board had been "doing it that way for 25 years" and that the 10 a.m. time will provide an opportunity for attendance by persons who can't be at night meetings.

That explanation was met with jeers by the audience, who claimed it was a flimsy excuse.

Donald Singleton, a member of the board, told the audience he must accept partial blame for the time of the meeting since he did not think to object to it at the board caucus. An attempt to change the time now would mean the budget would have to be readjusted.

"We'll have to try again next year," he said.

In other business, the board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Candide Padin from the board. Because she resigned after the deadline for entering the board election a replacement to fill out the remaining one year of her term will be appointed by the board.

The decision whether to put a \$220,000 referendum for rehabilitating the city's high school field on the Mar. 11 ballot will be made at the budget hearing next Tuesday, Hottendorf said.

Meanwhile, Councilman Robert Ranieri yesterday said that his analysis of the board's budget shows that there will probably be \$900,000 to \$900,000 in surplus at the end of the school year.

Asks Funds in Hoboken For North Section Study

The Hoboken Environmental Committee is asking the city council to provide money for a study of the northern section of the city to find ways to transform it from an "Achilles heel" into a productive and attractive site.

In a letter to the council committee chairman Helen Manogue asked that \$30,000 in proposed community development funds, part of a \$3.8 million federal appropriation due the city this year be set aside to finance the study.

Mrs. Manogue pointed out that the \$30,000 has already been "earmarked" by the council and city planners for "economic development planning of special target areas."

Mrs. Manogue said the committee would like to see the northern section of Hoboken, from the foot of the Palisades on the west to the Hudson River on the east, proclaimed "the special target area."

Arguing that the "city of Hoboken has consistently failed to plan for or study the up-town area," Mrs. Manogue said that "only money and sensible planning" could save the area from death.

The letter pointed out that the northern section of the city is strewn with vacant lots, empty buildings and is now being considered a possible site for a proposed oil tank farm.

Hoboken Battle Looms On School Tax Funding

By ELIZABETH PARKS
Hoboken officials and members of the Board of Education may be squaring off for a fight soon over how much money the city should appropriate for the board in local taxes.

City officials yesterday reacted to a report that the board will get \$1.1 million more in state aid this year than last by saying that if that's the case, the board will have to accept less local tax dollars this year.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said that he intends to meet with the city council "perhaps to day" to discuss the situation and set a date for a meeting with the board.

A source in the mayor's office said the school secretary's office has told Cappiello that Hoboken will receive \$6.4 million in state aid this year instead of the \$5.3 million it got last year.

The figure is \$100,000 more than what a highly placed education source admitted the board was getting on Monday.

The figure surprised city officials, who had feared that state aid would fall or remain the same because of the Supreme Court's postponing for another year a new education funding plan.

Mini-school work halted for site test

Construction of Hoboken's much troubled mini-school at 524 Park Ave. will not resume for at least three more weeks. New soil samples and test borings are being made to see if any additional problems can be anticipated.

All work at the site was stopped by Hoboken's building inspector, James Caulfield, just before Christmas when a building at 520 Park Ave. started to slide into the large pit excavated for the school's foundation.

The excavation work had undermined the buildings foundation and threatened other buildings, Caulfield ruled.

At the city's expense, the five-story, eight-family, well-kept tenement was demolished. The city expects to be reimbursed for the work by the construction company, Pisani and DeBari, or its insurance company, according to the Hoboken law department.

Robert Taylor, the school board's attorney and the official board spokesman for the mini-school matter, said that a meeting was held Tuesday between the school board, the construction company and the board's consulting engineers — Mayo, Lynch and Associates — on the problem.

"New soil samples are being taken and additional test borings are being made around the perimeter of the construction site to determine what other problems, if any, can be expected," he said.

"The additional tests and following report should disclose exactly what has to be done by the contractor to allow for the safe resumption of construction. We have been advised that the additional work and report will take approximately three weeks."

Taylor added that the cost of the work is going to be borne by the contractor, not the school board.

Meanwhile, the building inspector is to make another visit to the construction site today to see what Pisani and DeBari have done to make the area more secure. He instructed the company a week ago to fix its fence which had been easily traversed by neighborhood youngsters.

More than four feet of water have accumulated in the foundation pit. Neighborhood residents had complained to Anthony Russo of the Russo Civic Association and Third Ward Councilman Salvatore Cernelli that it was a threat to youngsters. Russo and Cernelli forward the complaints to Mayor Steve Cappiello who alerted Caulfield to the problem.

Welfare Director Jerry Forman said that in anticipation of the move, the bureau will give out food stamps and assistance checks two days earlier than usual this month.

Forman urged all welfare clients who would normally go to the bureau for checks on the 28th of the month to come in on the 26th and 27th as well.

Reserve? 2/26/75 8-8.
The taxpayer whose tax bill has increased will be unhappy even if his city officials tell him where every dollar is going. Yet he is not as dissatisfied as he would be if he were not told.

The Hoboken school budget has increased almost a million dollars, but because the school board is expecting an additional million from the state this year, there will be no school tax rise. However, if the school budget could be cut, some relief could be given property owners who are already being taxed more to pay for the other expenses of their city government.

The board has challenged the city council to find "fat" in its budget. The councilmen reply by asking for an explanation of this: Last year there was an "appropriations balance" of \$663,000, but the "balance appropriated" was only \$25,000. This year the board has left blank the two budget lines reading "appropriations balance" and "balance appropriated."

The councilmen want to know if there is a reserve of \$663,000 — or perhaps more — which could be used to reduce taxes.

The facts will have to come out eventually. Why doesn't the school board give the answer now?

Volunteers 2/22/75 8-8.
Civic-minded Hoboken residents who want to do something interesting and worthwhile have been invited to devote time to a program sponsored by the city and Stevens Institute.

They would be assigned to work with students in researching such projects as the development of Hoboken's waterfront potential and the cause of street pavement deterioration and how to prevent it.

There is no money in it, except for lunch and transportation. The reward will be the satisfaction of doing something toward solving the city's problems and toward planning intelligently for its future.

Those working on these projects should learn much about their city and thus enrich their lives. There must be many in Hoboken who would find it worth their while to offer this kind of service.

Hoboken Will Aid Handicapped With Richly Varied Program

By ELIZABETH PARKS
A new social and recreational program that will offer dancing, acting and photography classes to Hoboken's 300 lonely handicapped and retarded children will probably be in operation by the beginning of next month.

The program's sponsor, Sixth Ward Councilman Edward McLaughlin, said yesterday that after several "very encouraging" meetings with Model Cities Director Michael Coleman and his staff, he has been told that funding for the program will probably be arranged in time to begin the program Mar. 1.

McLaughlin said Model Cities Planner Peter Beronia has already begun working out the structural nature of the program by lining up teachers, projects and possible activities.

The program will be open to all Hoboken school children and young adults who suffer from physical handicaps or mental retardation. The exact hours have not been set but it will probably be held after school and on Saturdays at the city's new Multi Service Center at Third and Grand sts.

In asking that the program be implemented, McLaughlin pointed out that most of the city's handicapped children now have nothing to do with themselves once their regular school day is over.

McLaughlin, whose seven-year-old son is retarded, described the children as "prisoners of their home and school environments."

"They see a small part of life inside their homes and another small part at their schools and then their boundary close."

McLaughlin said he hoped the new program will help the youngsters by giving them "a program designed especially for them."

Arrangements are now being made to have Tracy Everett, founder of the Everett School of Dance, research and plan a creative dance program. Everett is volunteering his help. A professional theatrical technician, Gilbert Mai is helping with design and may teach an acting and improvisation class.



WORTH WAITING FOR—Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, right, pins a new fire captain's badge on Michael Greene, left, with the approval of Deputy Fire Chief James Houn during ceremonies Friday in the mayor's office. Greene is the first fireman to be promoted to captain since 1973, and has been eligible for the vacancy for more than a year.



FUND RAISERS—Official of the Society Madonna dei Martiri of Hoboken get together before yesterday's fund raising affair at the Italian Community Center, Union City. From left are, Anthony Ciccio, cochairman; Antoinette Magarelli, chairman; Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Vincent Fusilli, cochairman. (Story below).

Snag PBA's efforts for new police cars

Efforts by the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association to get the city to try a new make of police car have hit a snag. City officials want to do more research before committing themselves to switch brands.

According to Chief George W. Crimmins, the city isn't completely convinced that the figures provided by the EPA on the proposed car are up to date.

"The statistics come from a survey compiled by the Los Angeles police," said Crimmins. "However, the police there have recently switched to another make car which would indicate they weren't completely happy with the vehicle the PBA suggests Hoboken buy."

Crimmins said that he didn't know the new make or why a switch should be made, but this was one of the things the city wanted to check into before making any commitments to the PBA.

According to Patrolman James Berhans, chairman of the PBA committee looking into the purchase of vehicles, he was notified by city authorities that it has been decided to stay with the brand the city is now buying.

However, Chief Crimmins said that the city wasn't closing the door entirely on the PBA's proposal. He said that the city may still agree to purchase one or two of the suggested cars and test them out for a six month period.

Cappiello meets with Bier, Vitale

If there is a communications gap between Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and two of his directors — Business Administrator Herman Bier and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, it isn't getting worse.

The three sat down yesterday morning and tried to iron out the problem during a half hour meeting in Cappiello's office. Another private session is being planned, according to administration sources.

Last week the two directors publicly complained that the mayor wasn't confiding in them on city matters dealing with their departments and as a result it was difficult for them to do their jobs.

Cappiello said that he didn't feel he was snubbing either director, at least not intentionally, but perhaps a greater effort could be made to keep them more informed on city business concerning their

departments.

"We are talking about it and that is good," the mayor said. "The matter has been brought to a head and we can start to do something about it."

"I don't feel that it is a major problem or one that we should concern ourselves with for a prolonged period. The problem, if there is one, is understood and the solution is easily reached."

Meanwhile, Director Vitale has advised the mayor that the preliminary figures he gave Weehawken and Union City officials concerning the proposed increase of sewage treatment fees were wrong. It was a meeting between the mayor and officials of those two

municipalities that prompted Vitale to speak out last week because he wasn't asked to attend.

According to Vitale, the two municipalities should be paying about \$180,000 a year instead of the proposed \$240,000 referred to by the mayor.

Currently, the two municipalities pay Hoboken \$60,000 a year for treating a portion of their sewage—\$40,000 from Union City and \$20,000 from Weehawken.

Vitale said that when the sewage contract was entered into in the late 1950's the agreement, although not contained in the written pact, was that the two municipalities would pay two

thirds of the plant's operation, excluding the amortization and interest on the construction bond issue.

"At that time, it cost about \$90,000 a year to operate the plant," continued the director. "We paid \$30,000 and the rest came from Weehawken and Union City. But now the operation costs are up around the \$290,000 figure."

"Using the two thirds agreement, Union City would pay around \$120,000 and Weehawken approximately \$60,000."

Vitale said that he has also advised officials of the Weehawken-Union City Trunk Sewer Authority of the revised figures.

UC, Weehawken Furnished Hoboken Sewer Cost Figure

Hoboken has started furnishing Union City and Weehawken officials with figures on how much it costs to operate Hoboken's sewerage authority.

The official breakdown has Hoboken asking for a fee increase from the two communities of \$50,000 to \$60,000 less than what was originally expected.

Public Works Director

Raphael Vitale said yesterday that he has given the Union City-Weehawken Trunk Sewerage Authority, at its request, a rough breakdown of what it costs to run the Hoboken sewerage plant.

The two communities are studying the possibility of increasing the \$60,000 fee they now pay Hoboken for using the services of the plant.

Hoboken has threatened to

sue unless the two increase their fee to help pay the expense of rising costs.

Initially, Hoboken officials said they wanted the two cities to pay \$240,000 a year to Hoboken, which would be one-third the cost of the plant's overall expenses.

Between them, the two communities contribute one third of Hoboken's sewerage flow. Union City pays \$40,000

and Weehawken \$20,000 under the terms of a 35-year-old contract with 20 more years to go.

Vitale said yesterday, however, that Mayor Steve Cappiello and Councilman Robert Ranieri were misinformed when they told officials of the two communities last Tuesday that Hoboken was entitled to \$240,000.

"Union City and Weehawken," Vitale said, "are only responsible for helping pay part of Hoboken's operating expenses for the sewerage plant."

"Payments of \$350,000 a year for bonding and another \$240,000 a year in interest," Vitale said, "are solely Hoboken's responsibility." The city floated a \$6 million bond issue to build the plant.

However, Vitale said, Union City and Weehawken verbally promised when the contract was signed in 1958 to pay two-thirds of Hoboken's operating expenses. The promise was not written into the contract.

In 1959, Hoboken only spent \$90,000 a year to operate the plant, so Union City and Weehawken forked over \$60,000 and Hoboken paid the rest.

Today, Vitale said it costs \$290,000 a year to run the plant. "By right," he argues, "Union City should pay at least \$120,000 and Weehawken, \$60,000, even a little more."

Vitale's figures are almost 25 per cent less than the mayor's. Cappiello reportedly asked Union City Tuesday to pay \$160,000 and Weehawken, \$80,000.

"The mayor's figures are wrong, Vitale said, because they reflect the expense of the bond and interest payments. Vitale said the mayor made a mistake in going to the meeting Tuesday without taking a representative of the public works department with him.

Hoboken consumers

thriving

Hoboken's Consumer Affairs office is compiling close to a perfect record in settling disputes between local residents and various stores and businesses, and much of the credit for it goes to Mrs. Audrey Borg, the unpaid volunteer Consumer Affairs Local Assistance (CALA) officer.

"We can't yet say satisfaction guaranteed, but obtaining satisfactory settlements in nine out of 10 cases handled is pretty close to it," said Mrs. Borg. "That's a solution which both sides find acceptable without having to take the matter to the courts."

Some of the recent settlements include getting a deposit back for a woman who had ordered storm windows which were never delivered or installed, getting a partial refund for a consumer whose house was reshingled but not to his satisfaction, and a refund for a man who bought two suits and found that one of them carried a lower price than what it was originally sold for.

Mrs. Borg has been averaging about three cases a week but could handle more and believes there are many cases of consumer dissatisfaction that are not being reported.

"It is a consumer right to expect to get what he paid for," she continued. "New Jersey has some of the strongest consumer protection laws in the country and it is a citizen's right to avail themselves of their protection."

To have Mrs. Borg work on a consumer complaint she must be contacted at City Hall on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The consumer submits his complaint to Mrs. Borg who obtains all of the details concerning the matter. She then contacts the store or firm involved and attempts to negotiate a settlement with the highest executive available. Usually, that's all that is needed for an agreeable settlement to be reached.

Hoboken to comfort retarded

An afternoon cultural, social and recreational program for some 300 Hoboken children who are retarded is well on its way to becoming a reality, according to Sixth Ward Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin, the program's sponsor.

McLaughlin, a member of the Hudson County unit of the State Association for Retarded Children and a former state delegate, has been seeking to have funds in the proposed Community Development Agency (CDA) be used for programs for youngsters who have mental or physical handicaps who were not accounted for in the original planning.

"I'm slated over the response from the members of the CDA staff," said the councilman. "Peter Beronio, a CDA planner, has begun to work on the program that will incorporate many of my suggestions and he believes he can have a complete program ready to present to Director (Michael) Coleman by March 1."

"Tracy Everitt of the Everitt School of Dance has also volunteered his time to researching and planning a creative dance program to benefit these youngsters and he, too, feels that he can be ready by March 1."

"In general, it appears that these unfortunate youngsters will shortly have a program designed especially for them that will go a long way towards lightening their burdens and enable them to become part of the social, cultural and recreational mainstream of our city."

Cappiello sees prosecutor on firemen's strike threat

Hoboken officials aren't talking about what they discussed yesterday with Hudson County Prosecutor James O'Halloran, but admit their 15-minute meeting with the county's top law enforcement officer dealt with the possibility of a strike by the city's firemen.

Mayor Steve Cappiello would say only that O'Halloran was concerned with Hoboken's situation and the strike possibility. It was learned that the city's mutual aid pact with surrounding municipalities was also discussed in case the firemen do walk out and Hoboken has to rely on neighboring communities for fire protection.

The meeting was attended by the mayor, Councilman Robert A. Ranieri and Fire Chief Patrick Carmody. The mayor said the presidents of the two fire unions were also asked to attend but did not.

But the presidents of the two unions said today that they were not asked to attend the meeting with the prosecutor, at least not by the prosecutor or anyone from his office—and that's why they didn't appear.

According to Fireman Michael

Bavaro, president of the Fire Fighters Association, he and Capt. William Bergin, head of the Fire Officers Association, were told by Chief Carmody that "the mayor wanted to see us Friday morning in the prosecutor's office."

"There wasn't any explanation of whether or not the meeting with Prosecutor O'Halloran was initiated by him or by the mayor, or what it was about," said Bavaro. "Since we were not summoned either formally or informally by the prosecutor or his representative we asked our attorney (David Solomon) what we should do."

"He said that we should not go unless ordered to do so by the chief. However, no formal order was issued to us to attend."

Bavaro added that had he and Bergin been asked by the prosecutor to attend an informal meeting they probably would have attended but with their attorney.

By a margin of better than 5 to 1 the firemen and fire officers Wednesday authorized their union leaders to call a strike if they can't resolve their contract differences with the city.

Whether or not this action will be

taken will probably be decided Thursday when they meet again with city officials and hear whatever offer is made.

An agreement is not impossible, for both sides agree that there are only two key issues that remain to be resolved—pay and manpower. The firemen are looking for \$1,200 across the

board for everyone in the department but the city has offered only \$300 and the possibility of as much as \$750 but not without some layoffs of city employees.

The firemen want minimum manpower requirements included in the contract and feel that every rig should require a set number of men to operate it. If the manpower isn't available the rig or truck should not be used. The city maintains that manpower is a management right which can't be negotiated away over the bargaining table, and reserved the right to set and change the manpower requirements as needed.

Neither side has shown any movement on the two issues in the past two weeks and the feeling among most of the firemen is that the city's position is going to remain firm and result in a walk-out that no one really wants.

Mayors' Meeting Useful According to Cappiello

Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken last night, on his return from Washington, asserted that his attendance at the midwinter meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors had been "very worthwhile from the point of view of Hoboken."

Cappiello, a member of the conference's committee on community development programs, particularly pressed for early action on federal funds for sum-

mer jobs for young people.

The mayor also met with Rep. Dominick V. Daniels of the 14th District on the issue of public service jobs in the community. He is seeking more funds for such employment for Hoboken.

Cappiello did not go into specific details of the conference last night but emphasized the importance of the major cities in pressing their quest for jobs and for proper funding for their federal programs.

He went to Washington for the conference earlier in the week and returned to Hoboken late yesterday afternoon. Later in the evening he attended the March of Dimes' event at the Union Club.

Ranieri sees no conflict in fire benefits

There is no conflict between benefits supplied by the operation of the Hoboken Firemen's Welfare and Relief Organization and benefits received from the city, Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today following a review of information supplied by the state and the local organization.

The councilman had been reviewing the organization to see if the money it receives from insurance companies doing business with Hoboken was being spent on services already supplied to city firemen through their contract with the city.

In a letter to Fireman George Giordano, head trustee for the fund, Ranieri said that he found no conflict between the benefits but rather that the insurance funds were being spent in other areas of service.

"I found the organization to be effectively and efficiently operated with everything accounted for," he said. "In fact it was so efficient I wish those operating it would volunteer to help the city with its financial operation."

"If the city was operated as efficiently, we probably wouldn't have any trouble giving the firemen the pay raises they are looking for."

Ranieri said he could not quarrel with the way the fund was operated or what it does with its money. He suggested that perhaps the main problem with the state part of the operation was its secrecy on what it did with the funds.

Cops Refuse to Teach Trainees in Hoboken

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken policemen have decided to mimic firemen and give the city's public safety officer trainees the bum's rush by refusing to teach them.

However, Councilman Robert Ranieri, co-chairman of the city's public safety committee called the policemen's refusal "superfluous" because the trainees are not undergoing the kind of instruction that will put them in contact with regular police.

In announcing the Policemen Benevolent Assn.'s decision yesterday, President Mario Mercado called the trainees "a danger to the safety of every man on the force" and said that each association member has been told to send subject

sheets to his four commanders refusing to participate in any training procedures unless given a direct order personally from the mayor.

Mercado exempted the two sergeants who are now training the officers in supplemental police duties because training is their specific duty.

However, Mercado said, at a special meeting last week, PBA members voted to suspend any man who refuses to participate in the training without a direct order.

Mercado said the order has to come from the mayor, not the chief, because the mayor is responsible for the trainees. Last Jan. 2, Mayor and Public Safety Director Steve Cappiello hired eight federal compre-

hensive employment act workers to work in both the police and fire departments. They were to learn the duties of both divisions in preparation for the city's creating a job category for public safety officers.

The mayor transferred the men out of the fire department about three weeks ago when the firemen refused to retrain them. However, in that case, the men could do nothing but remain idle without firemen helping them.

In the police department, they will be put on park patrol as soon as they complete their training. The mayor said he expects they'll be in the parks by spring and will serve as a department to vandals, noise-makers and unwieldy crowds.

Hoboken Schools Expecting \$1 Million More in State Aid

Hoboken Board of Education will probably receive nearly \$1 million more in state aid this year than it did last year, a highly placed source said yesterday.

The source said that members of the board of education were told by the school secretary last Friday to expect the money, but while the report is not being denied no one in the school system is confirming it.

Schools Superintendent Thomas McFeely said he is still waiting for a letter from the state setting the exact figure and that, in the meantime, he is

unable to make any comment on a preliminary figure received from the state last week. Last year Hoboken received almost \$5.4 million from the state.

However, McFeely said that he could not discourage speculation that Hoboken may receive more state aid this year instead of less as officials feared might happen.

The additional state aid would make it unnecessary for the city to raise its tax rate to compensate for what the mayor and council feared would be a loss of state dollars.

But there is little likelihood that the added aid will work in reverse and make it possible for the city to lower its tax rate by lowering its appropriations for the board.

Wants Same Amount
The board of education is said to be adamant in its insistence that the city pay the same \$4 million in tax dollars that it gave the board last year.

At a meeting with city officials last week, the board promised that it would not ask for extra money from the city if state aid was less, but it also

insisted that it will not take less if the aid is more.

One city hall source said that the board doesn't want it known prematurely that the state is sending in more money because "they will set off a fight to get the city's tax appropriations reduced."

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said yesterday that if the board is getting more state aid, they definitely will be asked to take less from Hoboken. "It's their turn to help the city out," he said.

Hoboken to Vote Jinney Jitterbug

By SHERMAN BODNER

Final ratification of the proposed route for a new Hoboken cross-town bus is expected at the Feb. 19 city council meeting, and the 10-passenger vehicle should be in operation within 90 days.

Hoboken Councilman-at-Large Robert Ranieri said yesterday.

The council Wednesday accepted a bid of \$16,649.88 for the bus from the Flexible Southern Co., Inc. of Ohio and Alabama. Ranieri said the choice of Flexible's bus came after six months of

investigation into similar vehicles in use in the area.

The Flexible bus was found to be giving satisfactory service as a shuttle at Newark airport, Ranieri said.

Hours of service and bus fares have not been determined yet, he said. The circular, zig-zag route to be voted on Feb. 19 was designed to give maximum coverage to the west side of the city, with attention given to churches, housing projects, and senior citizen areas, the councilman said.

Beginning at 4th and Hudson sts., near St. Peter and St.

Paul Church, the bus will run south to the PATH station, then north to River and Newark sts.; then west to Newark and Bloomfield sts., and north to 4th and Bloomfield sts.; west to 4th and Jackson sts.; north east on 5th to Adam st., and north on Adam to 7th st.; then east again to Clinton st., and up Clinton to 12th st.; then east to Willow st., and down Willow to 7th, turning east to Hudson st., and finally going south on Hudson to return to the starting point at 4th st.

Spot Latin Youth Needs Cappiello Cites Blending, English

The interrelationship among students, parents, and teachers and the strengthening of the teaching of English in schools will be the two basic factors that will raise the educational and cultural level of the young people of Hoboken, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Cappiello pointed out the need for mutual help between parents and children, and a more effective communication between the parents and the school.

"We are extending the programs because we have to reach the homes. Education should not end when school hours are over; it must continue when the child gets

home." According to the mayor, the city will establish an English program, "with real concentration," in order to prepare students whose native tongue is not English, so that they may go on to high school.

"Puerto Rican leaders can offer a lot of help in our campaign, by convincing the parents to involve themselves in their children's education, and also inducing them to continue studying courses of English for Adults, offered at Demarest Junior High School."

According to Cappiello, the bilingual program, which is being promoted in Hoboken at present should not imply the neglect of the English language, but a strengthening of both languages, English and Spanish.

Hoboken unemployment insurance office to reopen

Hoboken has won its fight to have the New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry re-open the unemployment office in the city, Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo said today.

Gallo and Mayor Steve Cappiello who have been urging the state to re-open the office, said Hoboken is one of the two locations where the state will

maintain permanent offices. A satellite office is scheduled to be opened in West New York.

The Hoboken office, which was located at Newark and River Streets, was closed about two years ago by the state for economy reasons. Since that time, Hoboken residents have been traveling to Jersey City to register for new jobs and to col-

lect unemployment insurance benefits.

The Hoboken City Council officially requested the reopening of the office, and in talks with Labor Commissioner Joseph Hoffman, Gallo stressed the inconvenience faced by local residents, particularly the elderly, who had to travel by bus to Jersey City.

Hoboken Public Library lists some of new books on hand

More than 300 new books were ordered by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the new volumes have been delivered and may now be borrowed by library members.

Some of the new books include:

The Great American Popular Singers, by Henry Pleasants; A Musical Season: A critic from

Abroad in America, by Andrew Porter; Dossier: The Secret Files They Keep On You, by Aryeh Neier; Ruth Benedict: A Biography, by Margaret Mead; Aldous Huxley: A Biography, by Sybille Bedford; Executive Privilege: A Constitutional Myth, by Raoul Berger; Against Rape, by Andrea Medea and Kathleen Thompson; The King's Indian: Stories and Tales, by John Gardner; Hot To Trot: A Novel, by John Lahr; Monsieur: A Novel, by Lawrence Durrell; Helter Skelter: The True Story Of The Manson Murders, by Vincent Bugliosi with Curt Gentry; The Benchwarmers: The Private World Of The Powerful Federal Judges, by Joseph C. Goulden; Pictures and Conversations, by Elizabeth Bowen; Don't Give Up On An Aging Parent, by Lawrence Galton; The Great Cover-Up: Nixon and the Scandal of Watergate, by Barry Sussman; The Guest House: A Nuremberg Memoir, by Countess Kalkovsk with Ilona Herisov; The Philipines;

Shattered Showcase of Democracy in Asia, by Beth Day; The Understudy: A Novel, by Elias Kazan; The Ullman Code: A Novel, by Robert Bernhard; A Time for Truth: A Novel, by Hans Hellmut Kirst; The Connoisseur: A Novel, by Evan S. Connell, Jr.; Ken Purdy's Book of Automobiles, by Ken W. Purdy; Hidden From History: Rediscovering Women In History From The 17th Century To The Present, by Sheila Rowbotham; Animal Land: The Creatures of Children's Fiction, by Margaret Blount; The New York Times Crossword Puzzle Dictionary, Edited by Tom Pulliam and Clare Grunman; Supership: Voyage on a Supertanker; A Fine Sea Story and a Powerful Ecological Early Warning, by Noel Mostert; Confrontation: The Middle East and World Politics, by Walter Laqueur; No Peaceful Way: The Chilean Struggle For Dignity, by Gary MacEoin; The Coldest War: Russia's Game In China, by C. L. Sulzberger;