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Council, Board to meet with county on disagreement over proposed budget cut

By R. R. Faszczewski
Township Board of Education members and Township Councilmen are expected to meet with the Union County school superintendent shortly to try and come to a compromise on a resolution adopted April 27 by the Governing Body calling for a \$425,000 cut in

the elementary school body's 1983-1984 budget. The \$425,000 figure is nearly 10% of the \$4.69 million proposed current expense tab, which was rejected by Clark voters in the April 12 School Board Election.

According to Board Secretary and School Business Administrator Philip A. Miller, the councilmen told the education body to trim \$337,000 from surplus and anticipate \$50,000 as a return on investments and \$38,000 from the rental of the Charles H. Brewer School, which will close at the end of this school year for township school purposes.

Although the voters also rejected the \$150,000 proposed tax levy for capital outlay, the Governing Body members left that figure untouched.

When contacted by The Clark Patriot, Councilman-at-Large George A. Sangiuliano, one of the five Governing Body members to okay the cut, said he thought the Council's recommendation was fair because of the fact it left the school district with well over the 3% state-recommended surplus it is required to have, and the township auditor had estimated the remaining surplus figure at over \$400,000 without counting the interest earned on investments.

However, Superintendent of Schools Dr. John T. Farinella had responded at that time costs would be the same with the closing of the school because the district had regrouped students, teachers and supplies.

Dr. Farinella had also discounted any profit being made from the rental of Brewer to the county unit, which intends to use it as an educational center for handicapped children.

Even though the closing of the Brewer School will result in the loss of 10 jobs, according to Board president, Mrs. Eileen Mezzo, a new contract with the Clark Education Assn., which represents teachers and maintenance personnel in the

elementary system, is expected to increase the total salary budget by \$300,000. School officials have called the cut disappointing, and Dr. Farinella reportedly called it an irresponsible act when the two township bodies first met on the matter.

If the Board officials and the Governing Body cannot come to an agreement on the amount of the cut, the school body has the option of taking its case from the county education official to state education commissioner Saul Cooperman, for a final decision.

If there is any disagreement at that level the state court system might be called into play.



LOOKING OVER EXHIBIT - At the Clark Teen Art Festival, shown, left to right, are: Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage, Kathy Carolan, an art teacher at Mother Seton Regional High School; David L. Carl, assistant

principal of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, and Mrs. Emy Yeckel, teen-art administrator/co-ordinator.

Squad unit gets plaque in memoriam

The Auxiliary of the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad was presented with a plaque from the Lundgren Family in memory of their mother, Mrs. Isabel Lundgren, who was a member of the Auxiliary for 25 years. This plaque is to be presented to the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad.

An Auxiliary spokeswoman congratulated Mrs. Florence Dillberger on receiving her 20-year pin. The Auxiliary is seeking new members. Members have to be residents of Clark and 18 years of age and over. For further information, please telephone Mrs. Dillberger at number 388-9136.

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Franks bill asks costs of laws

The State Assembly passed, 73-0, a "Cost of Compliance" bill sponsored by Assemblyman Bob Franks, whose district includes Clark.

The bill would force all agencies of the state government to advise the Legislature in advance of all new or amended rules and regulations that would cost \$1 million or more to comply with.

Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, JUNE 7, PRIMARY ELECTION. The Clark Patriot will publish a pre-election advance issue on Thursday, June 2.

All biographies and/or pictures of the candidates which they would like to appear in the advance issue should be in the hands of the editor at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, N. J. 07065 NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 26.

In order to give candidates a chance to respond to any charges made by opponents, NO CHARGES WILL BE ACCEPTED LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MAY 26 EDITION.

FURTHERMORE, ALL CANDIDATES WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO ONE-AND-A-HALF-PAGE NEWS RELEASES-TYPED AND TRIPLE SPACED-PER WEEK DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE DEADLINES, except in the case of an election cancellation or postponement, in which event the editor will decide which deadlines to impose WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

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He has taught at Union County College, and is a member of the Salmagundi Club and the Watercolor Society.

Today's program will be open free of charge. Refreshments will be served. The program will also include the installation of new officers for 1983-1984, and the presentation of the scholarship award.

Members exhibiting their art work for May are Rita Daniels at United Counties Trust on Central Ave. and Ruth Nelson at Franklin State Bank on Westfield Ave., both in Clark, it was announced.

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Happy Mothers Day



CELEBRATING ART - Winding down Youth Art Month in Clark, left to right, are: Standing, Mrs. Barbara Ruttenberg, Mrs. Alice Leshick and Mrs. Paula Burkhardt, all special educational teachers at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, and Mrs. Emy Yeckel, teen-art administrator/co-ordinator; bottom row, Tim Drew, a student; Ben Quattleebaum, a special educational teacher, also from Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, and Virginia Trull, a student.

Council introduces ordinance to upgrade taxicab regulations

By R. R. Faszczewski
An ordinance which would update the rules under which taxicabs operate in the township was introduced recently by the Township Council.

According to First Ward Councilman Raymond Krov, who introduced the measure, under the new ordinance the business administrator would still make sure taxicabs were maintained in operating condition and would issue permits for their operation.

This was in reply to a question by Second Ward Councilman George Nucera, who was concerned the cabs would not be properly monitored.

Specific sections of the proposal called for all taxicab licenses to expire on March 31 of each year with a licensing fee of \$25 to be charged for each cab.

In order to transfer a license to another vehicle a cab operator would have to pay a fee of \$5 to the township clerk, and would have the transfer approved by the business administrator.

Additionally, a minimum of \$250,000 in insurance for the bodily injury or death to one person and a minimum of \$500,000 in insurance for the bodily injury or death of all people involved in an accident because of the operation of a taxicab would be required of each owner.

Property-damage insurance would have to be taken out in a minimum amount of \$50,000.

Fares, based on zones to be established in the township, would range from \$2 to \$4 with a surcharge of 50% for those riding between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. and any time on Sunday.

There would be a \$1 additional charge for more than two pieces of luggage and a charge of 50% for more than two shopping bags in addition to an extra charge of \$1.50 for each trunk handled by the driver.

For each passenger older than 12 years of age over two taken to the same destination there would be an added charge of \$1.

There would also be a charge of 15¢ for each five minutes over the initial five minutes of waiting time, and holders of valid Clark Township Senior Citizens Identification Cards would get a 50% discount from charges totaling \$3 or more.

Each vehicle would be required to exhibit a license, its New Jersey registration, the fare rates and the name and photograph of the driver.

Several salary ordinances were introduced. They would: Upgrade the position of one clerk to permit clerk and set salary range of \$14,845 to \$16,845; set a salary range of \$13,127 to \$15,127 for principal account clerk/cashier; set a salary range of \$11,000 to \$13,000 for the account clerk in the Treasurers Office; establish the

salary of the administrative secretary in the Business Administrator's Office at \$12,000 to \$14,000 and set the salary for the director of revenue and finance at \$30,000 per year.

Also introduced was a measure calling for the purchase of an electronic cash register for the municipal court.

The public hearings and possible final adoptions of these ordinances will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 16, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Adopted at the session was an ordinance outlining the specific boundaries of the U. S. Gypsum property on Walnut Ave., which was changed from industrial to commercial zoning under a previously-adopted ordinance.

In other action, the Governing Body: -Authorized the final payment of \$411 to Storch Engineers of Florham Park for consultant engineering services for the design of the traffic signal at Liberty St. and Broadway.

-Okayed a tax refund of \$239.60 to Mr. and Mrs. William Keleman of 78 King St. based on a tax appeal resulting from an error in calculation.

-Approved the payment of \$2,600 to Yach, Peter-paul & Clark of Springfield for legal services involved with negotiations with municipal employees from Jan. 1 to Feb. 16 of this year.

-Commented Thomas P. Kelmartin of 87 Nassau St. for his 10 years of volunteer service as a member of the Clark Municipal Swimming Pool Advisory Committee.

-Authorized the return of \$150 to the Clark Little League for a fee it paid to the Board of Adjustment for the construction of a free-standing sign at the Hutchinson St. field.

Thanks to you... it works... for ALL OF US

