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Township: Lease us all of Brewer School for long time period at reasonable rates

By R.R. Faszczewski

The township wishes to occupy the entire vacated Charles H. Brewer School building if it is to re-locate its offices there, not only a portion of it, Third Ward Councilwoman Ruth DeLuca revealed at the Township Council's Sept. 19 session.

According to Councilwoman DeLuca, the estimated maintenance cost of \$90,000 for maintenance of the structure, quoted to the Governing Body by the Clark Board of Education, was prohibitive.

She said instead the municipal government would prefer a long-time lease arrangement.

The Third Ward representative, who is the Council's liaison with the school body, said when a committee from the township first met with the Board earlier this month school business administrator, Philip Miller, told the officials it would

not be recommended for the education body to sell the school structure because of the possibility school enrollment, which is now about 1,200, could increase significantly by 1990, thus creating a need to re-open Brewer for school use.

She added Mr. Miller had pointed out the Union County Educational Services Commission now has a three-year lease on the school property and any lease beyond five years in duration would require the approval of the state commissioner of education.

At the request of the Board, she noted a letter had been sent on July 29, by township business administrator, Thomas Connell, in the name of Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage, in which the township had expressed an interest in the school property and in which it had been pointed out approval for the ex-

penditure of funds in the 1984 budget would be needed for the study of the feasibility of re-locating most municipal offices to the school, with the present municipal building being renovated to expand facilities for the police department and the municipal court.

It had been pointed out in the letter a long-term lease at a price of \$1 a year would be needed and the space requirements would be about 15,000 square feet plus additional space for certain offices and meeting rooms.

The councilwoman said Board president, Mrs. Eileen Mezzo, had told the Council at a public meeting of the two bodies the township could not occupy the portion of Brewer where children are being taught under the auspices of the educational services commission.

In a further letter to the township, according to

Councilwoman DeLuca, Mrs. Mezzo had requested the township include Brewer in any feasibility study it commissions about renovating the municipal complex.

A member of the School Board, James E. Kehoe of 41 Wendell Pl., speaking as a private citizen, said he had suggested to the education body the school building be leased to the township for 25 years at \$1 per year.

Mr. Kehoe added he thought the enrollment projections made by Mr. Miller and by Superintendent of Schools Dr. John T. Farnella were wrong and a long-term lease to the township would be the only way for the school system to get out of the rental business.

In a related action, the councilwoman requested permission from the state director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of \$3,000 in revenue from excess municipal court

finances into the 1983 budget to provide funds to hire an architect to do a feasibility study on the municipal complex renovation, and awarded a contract to complete the study and develop schematic plans for the renovation to The Aybar Partnership of Ridgedfield for \$3,000.

According to Councilman-at-Large George A. Sangiuliano once the proper approvals were received the firm had estimated it would take 30 to 45 days to complete the study.

Councilman Sangiuliano, who chairs the Capital Improvement Committee of the Council, reported a study by the committee had discovered between the fee individual homeowners in Clark pay to scavengers and what the township pays both for hauling its own refuse away and for contractor service a total of \$800,000 per year is spent on garbage collection for

service which is continually decreasing, with rates on the increase.

The councilman estimated if the township went to its own garbage collection it could purchase three trucks, staff them and pay state dumping fees for about \$482,000 per year, with a margin for error in the estimates leaving about \$200,000 for road repair and other items.

The Governing Body also introduced an ordinance to provide for the bonding of the \$225,000 cost of paying back tax money to Hyatt Clark Industries, for which the firm had won the right to a refund because of successful tax appeal.

In response to a question from Theresa Ward of 60 Wheatstef Rd., Councilman Sangiuliano explained the Hyatt refund was being bonded because to pay the amount out in a lump sum from current revenue would be "devastating to the budget."

Formal application was made to the Local Finance Board to approve the Hyatt refund bond ordinance.

In other action, the councilmen:

-Adopted an ordinance providing \$33,500 for the re-surfacing of several streets. According to Director of Law Joseph J. Triarsi the surface, known as slurry, will last at least five years and the first 5% of the cost has already been appropriated in the capital budget. The other 95% will come from bonding.

-Passed on second reading an ordinance providing for the purchase of two new vacuum leaf loaders by the Dept. of Public Works and Engineering for \$30,000.

-Introduced an ordinance to increase the fees paid to members of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, which includes Clark, for meeting attendance and to increase the compensation of the

authority chairman, both due to workloads increasing since the last raise in the fees, about 30 years ago.

-Passed on first reading an ordinance to allow right hand turns on red at Liberty St. and Broadway except from 7 to 9 a.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

-Introduced a measure which would set the speed limit on Oak Ridge Rd. to the Edison line at 35 miles per hour.

-Voted to okay on first reading an ordinance to allow the mayor and the township clerk to execute an agreement with the county which would modify the amount of federal funds received by the township.

-Introduced an ordinance to supplement the funding already appropriated for the improvement of drainage in the State St. area to provide for \$85,000 more. According to Fourth Ward Councilman John Bodnar the property owners in the area would be assessed for \$10,750 of the costs of the project.

-Passed on first reading an ordinance to control video games in township businesses. According to First Ward Councilman Raymond Krove the measure would control loitering, provide for adequate exits from the establishments and prevent gambling, among other benefits. It would also set a fee to those owning the machines of \$75 per machine and a \$200-per-machine fee for the vendors selling the machines to businesses.

-Authorized the continuation of medical benefits for six months, retroactive to May of this year, for Thomas Smith, the foreman of the Dept. of Public Works, because of an extended illness. According to Second Ward Councilman George Nucera this will save the foreman, who has been with the township of 25 years, from the major medical bills he has and Mr. Smith will reimburse the township for any benefits not covered under his employment.

Mother Seton celebrates 20 years' service

The 20th anniversary of Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark was commemorated at the opening Liturgy of the school year.

The Rev. John P. McGovern celebrated the Liturgy and delivered the homily highlighting the history of the school. During the Mass medals of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton were blessed and were distributed by 10 faculty members who were also celebrating 15 or more years of teaching at the school. Following the Mass the faculty and student body were hosted at an outdoor reception on the school lawn.

The school was opened on Sept. 16, 1963 in an isolated second floor wing of the new building while construction continued. On Feb. 1, 1964 the Sisters of Charity formally moved into their new convent. The first class numbered 115. Two priests and five sisters constituted the faculty. Sister Irene Margaret was appointed as the founding principal of the school.

Ten sisters, four priests and four lay teachers with 325 girls opened the school year of 1964-1965. The first Mass was celebrated on Friday, Oct. 2, 1964. On Saturday, March 20, 1965, the cornerstone of the convent was laid by The Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, archbishop of Newark. The ceremony was attended by Mother Joanna Marie and her council, officials of the Township of Clark, and parents, relatives and friends of the staff and students. The first exhibition of physical education

was presented on June 5, 1965.

The third year was opened with five priests, 12 sisters, 22 lay teachers and 565 students. A driver education program was introduced and a car obtained. All areas of the school except office practice and physics were in full use. The homemaking, art, music, and business programs were expanded.

The first class was graduated in June, 1967. State accreditation was obtained and intensive preparations were made for Middle States accreditation. In the spring of 1970 the school received Middle States accreditation for the maximum period of 10 years. On Feb. 1, 1975, Sister Regina Martin Keane, the present principal, became the second principal of Mother Seton.

The Holy Year of 1975 provided the faculty and students with an added incentive - the preparation for the canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton. In September, 1975, Mother Seton was raised to sainthood in an official ceremony at the Vatican in Rome. Faculty members, students, parents and friends joined the Mother Seton community in an official celebration at the school that month.

In the Bicentennial Year of 1976 students and faculty participated in numerous activities both in the school and throughout the community. In November, 1977 Dr. William McCarthy led a team of state evaluators in renewing state accreditation for the school.

During 1978 Archbishop Peter L. Gerety, the archbishop of Newark, and Bishop Dominic Marconi, vicar of Union County, paid official visits to Mother Seton.

In the fall of 1979 several Mother Seton students and faculty members attended the "Youth In Concert" Rally welcoming Pope John Paul II to Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The second Middle States Evaluation was conducted in the fall of 1979. The team of evaluators was led by Sister Stasia Holohan of New York. Sister Regina Martin announced the Middle States accreditation was renewed for the maximum period of 10 years, until 1990.

In the fall of 1981 representatives of the New Jersey Dept. of Education evaluated an updated curriculum as well as other improvements in the school and its facilities. The report submitted by Dr. McCarthy further emphasized the accomplishment of sound educational goals that have been achieved through the conscientious leadership of administration and staff. Again, accreditation was renewed.

The challenges of the technology of the 1980's have caused significant changes in the curriculum offerings particularly in the area of business education and mathematics. Mother Seton Regional High School offers extensive academic and co-curricular activities. A complete college preparatory and business curriculum is offered in the major subject areas.

Several advanced courses such as calculus, physics and molecular biology are offered to students who successfully complete honors courses. The business curriculum offers a work experience program for senior business students. Courses in computer literacy are required of all students and electives in computer science and word processing are popular for all students, reports a school spokeswoman.

The school will continue to observe its 20th anniversary at other events throughout the year. On Monday, Oct. 31, 1983 there will be a Mass and reception for local and archdiocesan officials for past and present parents, for alumnae and for residents of local communities. The event will be by reservation only.

A special commemorative booklet will be available for anniversary night at the school play in November. The play, "Sound of Music," was the first play put on by students at the school back in 1968. Original cast members may attend.

Anniversary night, Friday, Nov. 11th, will feature a "20 Club." Members of the club will offer refreshments to member guests and will display memorabilia from the first 20 years at Mother Seton.

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Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, NOV. 8, GENERAL ELECTION.
The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish pre-election advance issues on Thursday, Nov. 3.

All biographies and/or pictures of the candidates for that issue must be in the hands of the editor at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065 NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCT. 27.

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, OCT. 20, FOR *****

PUBLICATION IN THE OCT. 27 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.

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Seton. Present and past students and parents may attend.

The school serves Union, Middlesex and Essex Counties. Busing is available from each county. A Parents' Guild sponsors many social and fundraising events. Prospective students and their parents may visit the school at any time or to obtain further information by telephoning 382-1952.



IN NAMESAKE'S NAME...Sister Regina Martin, the principal of Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, right, presents a St. Elizabeth Ann Seton medal to Lucy Valvano of Rahway as Sister Jacquelyn Balasia, the chairwoman of the mathematics department and a member of the school's first graduating class, looks on. The occasion was the Liturgy celebrating the school's 20th anniversary.



CRUSADER 'COLOR GUARD'...Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Marching Band paraded in honor of Garwood's 80th anniversary and opening of its new borough hall. The bands of the other three

regional high schools, Jonathan Dayton in Springfield; David Brearley in Kenilworth, and Gov. Livingston in Berkeley Heights, also participated. The Clark band is directed by Lynn Blecker.