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Councilmen agree on municipal complex move but disagree on whose timeclock to follow

By R. R. Faszczewski
When it comes to the relocation of the township municipal building to the now-vacant Charles H. Brewer School Clark's councilmen are unanimous in their support for the move—where they differ is on the timetable for it.

At a special meeting of the Township Council on Oct. 12 four of the six Governing Body members present voted to accept the offer of the Clark Board of Education to lease the school to the township for 20 years at a minimal fee of \$1 per year, subject to the preparation by the Board of a lease acceptable to the township attorney and the Council.

However, the two councilmen who voted against the resolution, Councilman-at-Large George A. Sanguiliano and Fourth Ward Councilman John Bodnar, told the Clark Patriot they are not opposed to the acquisition, just in the timing of it.

According to Councilman Sanguiliano there are too many uncertainties involved with the acquisition plan as it stands now.

He said the councilmen don't know what the exact costs of maintenance and operation of the structure are and the cost estimates they have now could put the township's budget as much as \$100,000 to \$200,000 over the "CAP" spending-limit base for 1984.

The councilman explained Board figures put the cost of oil at the building at \$50,000 per year, electricity at \$27,000 per year and one custodian at \$10,000 per year for a total tab of \$87,000.

Taking into consideration a \$32,000 rental fee the township would receive from the Union County Educational Services Commission, if it took over the lease the commission now holds with the Board for rental of some of the school

facilities, that would bring the cost down to \$55,000 a year, according to the councilman-at-large.

Other expenses, including renovating the present municipal building to expand police facilities and moving municipal departments to the school could add another \$50,000, he added.

On top of this, according to the councilman, the township attorney, its auditors, its administrator and Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage have all advised the Council to slow down on the acquisition until the expiration of the "CAPS"—a state-imposed limit on the amount a municipality can increase its budget by each year—is known.

Councilman Bodnar compared making the move at this time while leaving some of the township facilities in the present structure to moving from your present home to one across the street while still living in the present one and paying the costs of upkeep on both structures.

He added the architect hired last month for \$3,000 to study renovating the present municipal building has just started his study and has not come to any conclusion as to what renovations should be made and how any move should proceed.

However, First Ward Councilman Raymond Krov, who seconded the motion to go ahead with the project, said the fact that the township has until Sunday, July 1, 1984, to finalize the lease on the school building will give the Governing Body time to answer any questions it has about the costs of maintaining the structure.

Councilman Krov added if the councilmen do not act now the Board of Education has already said it will lease the structure as soon as it can, and if it leases it to someone besides the township it will "come up short"

of the operating cost of the building.

In addition, he explained the township, under the above arrangement, would have no control over the location of facilities for senior citizens in the structure and over finding a home for township recreation facilities.

The First Ward representative said one of the most important advantages

of the township controlling the building would be the seniors would be able to apply for federal funds based on the fact their organization would have a permanent mailing address.

As for the unanswered questions, he noted that the school body has the data on costs available to it and has also offered to pick up the bond payments on the building—most of which are

outstanding from the cost of building the school's newest gymnasium section. Also, the county commission would maintain its section of the building and the rental fees received from it would help offset the costs to the township.

Councilman Krov said he could not recall the township attorney giving the Council advice not to go ahead with the acquisition

and the only advice the Governing Body had received from its auditors on the move was to stay within the "CAP" limit.

Another advantage cited by the First Ward representative was that the additional parking space available at the school would save the municipality the cost of re-paving the present municipal parking lot and the parking lot space at the present township facility

would give the public works department room for expansion.

At the present time, he said, the only expansion on the present building foreseen is the transfer of offices for police to other areas and renovations within the present lower level, not actually adding to the building.

Also, he saw the possibility of working out a joint services agreement with the Board for street sweeping of

the two parking lots or other maintenance services.

As for the planning of the move itself, he pointed out Council President Joseph B. Pozniak has appointed a transitional committee to carefully plan the move.

In other action, the councilmen:
• Awarded a \$28,231.02 contract for the 1983 surface-treatment program

to Escon, Inc. of Asbury Park.

• Okayed a \$20,109 contract for the re-construction of Lexington Blvd. from Emerald Pl. to the Garden State Parkway to the New Prince Concrete Construction Co. of Hackensack.

• Awarded a \$26,053 contract for the purchase of two new leaf loaders to the Lynn Equipment Co. of Three Bridges.

Board applies for over \$9,800 in state block-grant funding

An application for Elementary and Secondary Block Grants for the 1983-1984 school year totaling \$5,168.28 for the Clark public schools, \$2,542.71 for elementary non-public schools and \$2,206.32 for secondary non-public schools was approved on Oct. 11 by the Clark Board of Education.

According to the Board secretary, Philip A. Miller, the state-funding would enable the school district to purchase such materials as audio-visual aids and copiers for the public schools and the private schools, for which the district is required to make the purchases under state law.

The Board members also approved the agreement between the Board and the New Jersey School Boards Assn. for continuous maintenance of the district's policy manual at an annual maximum cost of \$1,045, effective on Thursday, Dec. 1, of this year, to Friday, Nov. 30, of next year.

The school body also okayed the State Compensatory Education Grant for the 1983-1984 school year

for \$8,000 as approved by the commissioner of education on Aug. 23 of this year.

Students accepted from outside the district into the class for perceptually-impaired children will be charged a maximum tuition of \$4,404 for the 1983-1984 school year, subject to a change in the amount to be certified by the state department of education, thanks to a motion adopted by the education body members.

The placement of a handicapped student in a pre-scribed class in the Orange Avenue School in Cranford for the 1983-1984 school year at a maximum tuition of \$4,004 with transportation provided was approved by the Board members.

Also authorized was the placement of a handicapped student in an appropriate class at the Deerfield School in Mountainside for the 1983-1984 school year at a maximum tuition of \$3,302 with transportation provided.

The Board also okayed temporary transportation for one handicapped stu-

dent to be provided by the Station Cab Co. of Rahway to the Deerfield School from Oct. 1 to Monday, Oct. 31, of this year.

Authorized also was the addition of one handicapped student to transportation Rte. No. C-9 to the Orange Avenue Junior High School in Cranford, effective on Sept. 30 of this

year to Friday, June 22, of next year at an off-route mileage charge of \$10.80 per day for the 1983-1984 school year.

The school body members also approved the reimbursement for attendance at conferences, seminars and workshops for the following in the amount of \$127.30: Mary Lyn Harko, Frank K. Hehny School Kindergarten Assn. Workshop, Bricktown; Dorothy McNulty and Jane Penta, both Carl H. Kumpf School, New Jersey Science Teachers Seminar, Cranford; and George Coyne, Kumpf School, New Jersey Science Teachers Convention, Cranford.

The following additions to the 1983-1984 substitute lists were approved: Teacher, Janis Gross; cafeteria/playground aides, Irene Massa and Isabella Mitchell; custodian, Tom

Finn; and clerks, Margaret Borovitz and Alice Schessler.

The resignation of Mrs. Lillian Liskovec as the cheerleader advisor was accepted, effective immediately.

Hired as the cheerleader advisor for the 1983-1984 school year at a stipend of \$380 was Mrs. Sandra Caputo.

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Judge Postizzi to run mock trial

Municipal Court Judge Joseph R. Postizzi of Clark will participate as a trial judge in the fall semester of the Trial Moot Court Program offered by the Seton Hall University Law Center of Newark.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, he will preside over a mock criminal trial in his own courtroom in the municipal building in Clark.

The script for the trial was prepared from an actual case. Third-year law students will act as attorneys with first-year students participating as witnesses and the bailiff.

Following the "trial" the judge will evaluate the performance of the student "attorneys" and report his findings to the faculty director of the program.

Clark police seek aide

Applications are being accepted for communications operator in the Clark Police Dept.

The position is limited to township residents only and applications may be picked up at police headquarters. It involves a 40-hour shift, a salary of \$10,164 to \$13,541, and excellent benefits, according to Thomas E. Connell, the business administrator.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning Clark Police Headquarters at 388-3434.

Hall of Fame changes schedule

Due to the large response to the Rahway Hall of Fame Day for Rahway High School athletes stars the time of the ceremony has been changed from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Veterans Memorial Field in Rahway, reports Robert Polhemus, the director of athletics in the city's schools and the president of the Rahway Sidelines.

The buffet dinner for the athletes and their families and friends will be held at 5:30 instead of 6 o'clock, according to Mr. Polhemus.

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.

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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Foreign languages spoken at Kumpf

The Carl H. Kumpf School in Clark expanded its curriculum this year to include foreign languages. This new program enables seventh-grade students to begin pursuing either French or first-year Spanish over a two-year period. Students who successfully complete the two-year course would then be prepared to continue with French or second-year Spanish when they enter high school.

According to principal David M. Hart approximately 70% of the seventh-grade student body is participating in this learning experience.

Five classes in Spanish and one in French are currently being taught by instructor, David Van Soest.

Mr. Van Soest, a graduate of Indiana State, is working toward his master's degree at Montclair State College in Upper Montclair and has teaching experience in both public and private schools in Illinois, Florida and New Jersey.

Through this comprehensive course, which includes grammar, reading, writing, conversation and culture, students are broadening their educational experience at the middle-school level with a well-rounded foreign language program, reports Mr. Van Soest.



'NUESTROS AMIGOS' - Seventh grader, Craig Chern, left, and Spanish teacher, David Van Soest, right, review a grammar lesson "en Espanol" at Clark's Carl H. Kumpf School.



'LA BELLE FRANCE' - Is a topic of discussion in David Van Soest's foreign language class at the Carl H. Kumpf School in Clark. Students, left to right, Steve Lambert, Karina Szustwal, and Susan Cerasa, listen as Mr. Van Soest presents some Parisian points of interest.