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Engineers' report: Brewer cost \$113,800

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The estimated yearly costs of running the Charles H. Brewer School as a municipal complex could run around \$113,800, according to a report submitted last month to Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage by L. Stanley Stires, the director of public works.

The figures, not including the costs of renovating the structure with items such as partitions, rugs, telephone equipment, air conditioners, furnishings, expanding the parking area, electrical service and other capital improvements, were supplied to the Clark Patriot by Mayor Yarusavage.

Janitorial services, included under a contract arrangement, would cost \$12,000 per year for cleaning, \$4,800 for lawn service and \$6,000 for the heating system.

Water would cost \$600 per year, telephone, \$8,000; electricity, \$16,000; buildings-and-grounds re-

pairs, \$6,000; oil, \$50,000; grounds maintenance, \$2,000, and contingencies, \$8,400, according to the Stires report.

The cost analysis includes the total heat for the building, but it does not include the total cost of electric, only the cost of the municipality-owned or leased section of the building.

Other tenants presumably would be using the building along with municipal departments.

Janitorial service figures include only the 8,000 square feet of offices and 2,000 square feet of halls to be used by the township.

Insurance costs and housekeeping costs such as paper supplies and lights were not included in the Stires estimates.

According to the public works director, "I think it is reasonable to believe the yearly expense for municipal use, plus heating for the total to run \$113,000 and very difficult to control

with the existing municipal building.

Based on many of these findings the mayor on Feb. 21 told the members of the Township Council and the public he had written the school board requesting it to retain control of the Brewer facility for another year instead of executing a lease agreement previously planned to take effect this July with the township in order to give the municipality the time to cope with certain fiscal difficulties before assuming the cost of operating Brewer as a municipal complex.

In other action at the Feb. 21 session First Ward Councilman Raymond Krov, the chairman of the Governing Body's municipal swimming pool committee, reported the pool had reduced its deficit last year to \$3,311.97, compared to a 1982 deficit of \$30,630.65.

Councilman Krov noted the budgeted amount for 1983, not including the deficit, had been \$146,032.78. The cancelled portion of that, \$8,507.34, resulted in a revised budget of \$137,525.44. Estimated revenues had come to \$134,347.62, producing an estimated loss of \$3,177.82 and an actual loss of \$3,311.97.

The councilman added the deficit balance from 1982 had been \$22,713.46 less \$12,083.11 for a total of \$10,630.35, plus \$20,000 not received in 1983 from the recreation department program in 1983 to produce the comparison deficit of \$30,630.65 for 1982.

Total revenue for 1983 came to \$134,213.47, with \$111,075 from memberships, \$3,575 from the concession, \$14,653 from guest fees, \$1,120 from swim lessons, \$1,766 from swim parties, \$1,283.50 from video games, \$108 from lost identification cards, \$1,364.17 in interest and \$3 in miscellaneous revenue.

For this year, the councilman pointed out, there are signed up already 29 family memberships, nine memberships for couples, 15 single memberships and 22 senior memberships for a total of 105.

The figures in the same categories for all of last year were 409, 61, 140 and 173 for a total of 783.

1984 memberships fees for the pool, adopted by the Council on Feb. 21, are: Family, resident, \$195, non-resident, \$215; husband and wife, resident, \$165, non-resident, \$175; individual, resident, \$105, non-resident, \$115, and senior, 65 years of age and older by Sunday, April 1, of this year, resident, \$35, non-resident, \$40.

Adult pool-party fees were increased by 50% for both members and guests, and the party fees for Teeny Boppers were increased by 50% for guests. All other fees remained the same.

County college accepts 'dynamic' role

There's a sense of dynamism prevailing at Union County College as 1984 unfolds and we must use that to resolve issues critical to the future of the college and to provide the necessary services so vital to the community of citizens we serve in Union County.

Calling 1983 "a year of significant progress," the acting college president, Dr. Leonard T. Kreisman, in a year-end statement, looked toward the future, in particular the coming year, with optimistic anticipation as he contemplated the events of the past year and the direction in which the college will be headed in 1984.

"I sense a dynamism, an urgency, which says we must keep moving and keep accomplishing in the ongoing consolidation of Union College and the Union County Technical Institute into Union County College," Dr. Kreisman said.

"The dynamism, created by the establishment of the new college, must not be allowed to languish."

Noting, "significant progress has been made in welding both former institutions together," the acting county college leader emphasized much still needs to be done.

"We are beginning to operate as a single entity and it is our hope even more substantial progress can be made along those lines in 1984," Dr. Kreisman continued.

"While many of the services and publications of the college are now together, the major task which remains is to make sure the various constituencies, serving Union County College, recognize their allegiance to the new school, while, at the same time, continuing to honor what was good and true from their earlier affiliations. The task of bringing all groups

together is one on which we set a high priority for this coming year."

A major review of existing and possible new programs, an effort to broaden its offerings to the general community and developing plans for future computer needs at the college are three other major priority areas to which the officials at the college will be directing their energies this year, the acting president declared.

"A dedicated effort to broaden our offerings to include other than instructional activities for the community is a must," Dr. Kreisman explained. "To this end the recently-established office of auxiliary academic services at the college has a variety of plans it intends to make operational over the next 12 months, including broadly-based cultural activities and important variations in non-credit instructional activities."

The college official noted the integration of operations on the college's Cranford and Scotch Plains campuses proceeded at a deliberate, steady pace this past year, including business services, computer services, admissions, student records, registration, public relations and student services.

In the academic sector, a new academic organization was implemented in 1983 to administer the college's 40 programs of study, replacing an interim academic administrative organization the college had been using since the consolidation.

"This was a major step forward in our effort to integrate the two former institutions into a single new institution—Union County College," Dr. Kreisman said.

"It should provide us with a structure which will allow faculty from both campuses to become better acquainted with one another."

The establishment of faculty ranks for Scotch Plains was also a major step.

The college has taken other measures to establish true consolidation, including the integration and expansion of academic and administrative computer services. This included the purchase of a VAX 11/780 micro-computer for academic purposes, he noted.

These steps, and many others taken during 1983, were recognized by a licensure review team from the state department of higher education which visited Union County College in June, Dr. Kreisman explained.

The team, headed by Dr. Sean A. Faganelli, the president of Nassau Community College, in reviewing the progress made at the county college since the 1982 merger, stated the college "has made remarkable progress" in its efforts to consolidate the two former institutions, Union College and the Union County Technical Institute.

"In almost every matter the college has effectively implemented the changes that were necessary to create a comprehensive community college," the licensure report stated.

"The merger is working, Union County community is now better served by the existence of Union County College," the report continued.

"We've done much to date, but we still must move forward on other fronts," Dr. Kreisman explained.

"On a sad note, we are still feeling the effects of the death of the man who forged this new college, Dr. Saul Orkin."

But looking toward the future, the college leader added a presidential search committee has been established in an effort to find the best and most suitable replacement to serve in guiding Union County College in its new role as a comprehensive community college. The college hopes to find a new leader by the start of the next academic year.

UP WITH THE CURTAIN - Members of the cast of Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School's production of "Grease" include, left to right, front row, Joel Weinschanker, Beth Rollbard, Billy Zucosky, Chris Banasick, John Paciga, Natalie Castro, and Lisa Paladino; back row, Paul Dziedzic, Michel Sosidka, Dorothy Przydial and Hillary Rubin. Show times are 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 8, 9 and 10, and tickets are \$4 each with senior citizens admitted free to any performance.

Hopefuls told release dates

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