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Councilmen clash over township-wide trash pickup timing

By R. R. Faszczewski
After a lengthy discussion on trash pickup and the township compactor, the Township Council on Monday voted to withdraw a motion which would have directed the township administration to prepare contract specifications for regular scavenger pickup throughout the township and to obtain bids on the contract specifications.

The chairman of the Governing Body's capital improvement committee, Councilman-at-Large George A. Sanguiliano, said he felt the problems of household-garbage collection, the compactor and bulky-item pickup should be addressed, properly, according to law, and not in a haphazard way.

Councilman Sanguiliano cited figures arrived at as a result of a meeting with a few of the township's private contractors and two potential bidders on May 9 which showed the township spends a total of \$796,820 on trash disposal, including all the commercial services, township-provided services and pickups by private contractors at residences.

He noted this amounts to \$159.36 per property owner, with 5,000 property owners in Clark.

Compared to this, according to the councilman, Roselle has contracted services with 4,762 homes and 333 commercial and industrial pickups. With other services provided by the borough Roselle's 1984 cost will be \$660,808 with 5,389 property owners for an annual cost of \$122.62 per property owner.

He also said if public works employees were relieved from compactor and bulky-item pickup duty the township would gain 3,180 man-hours.

The councilman concluded there are a number of items to be discussed before bid specifications are prepared and recommended the Governing Body as a unit review the bids specifications he had prepared and perhaps develop its own specifications, aiming at a transition to contracted township-wide services by Tuesday, Jan. 1, of next year.

He attacked Councilman-at-Large Joseph B. Pozniak and Second Ward Councilman George Nucera for trying to "ramrod through" a resolution on waste disposal with no direction and for taking credit for the work of others.

Responding to the charges made by Councilman Sanguiliano, First Ward Councilman Raymond Krow pointed out on July 18, 1983, when Councilman Pozniak had been the president of the Governing Body, he had established the capital improvement committee.

Although Councilman Krow said public hearings had been held by Councilman Sanguiliano on the waste-disposal problem, he added the Governing Body had received no report from the capital improvement committee even up to December of last year.

Folk festival plans gaining momentum

For Clark's Sixth Annual Folk Festival, scheduled for Sunday, June 10, local groups, organizations, businesses and industry have joined together to plan displays, activities, international foods, entertainment and giveaways to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the township.

The one-day festival will take place at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Field grounds on Westfield Ave., Clark, and will again feature the historical and migrational heritage of community residents and workers.

All features of past festivals will be included and expanded displays by ethnic groups with traditional costumes, food favorites, music and entertainment will be featured throughout the day-long activities, reports a spokesman.

The festival will be held at the Clark Recreation Dept.'s Festival Committee, under Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage, and director, John Schwankert, is run with the assistance of recreation department members, Allan Kapkowski, Mrs. Ann August, Mrs. Marlene West, Mrs. Irene Paschenko and Mrs. Jean Schwankert.

Applications are being accepted for reserved areas for exhibitors, collector sales, crafts and demonstrations.

Individuals or groups will be permitted to exhibit and sell items including antiques, collectibles, folk and handicrafts, memorabilia, home-made and ethnic foods and old-time articles. No new, packaged or any commercially-manufactured store items will be accepted.

Many local businesses will participate. There will be a variety of prizes including those donated by local merchants throughout the day-long festivities.

There will be Chinese delicacies, a free whip ride for the children, Johnson's Booster Club will have hot dogs and pretzels. The Clark Emergency Squad will demonstrate its equipment and give free blood pressure checkups. The Boy Scouts will demonstrate scouting skills, members of the girl's softball league will offer kebabs and Italian sausage, there will be wind-sailing and camping demonstrations showing wild edible plants and local merchants will display and offer giveaways. The Joyceettes will offer home-made baked goods.

A display of country crafts, antiques, memorabilia sales, needlecraft and woodcraft sales tables will be available and tables will be set up for display, demonstration and the sale of items including decoy duck carvings by local artist, Alfred Evans, and many others including wood crafts, country crafts, plants, pillows, calligraphy dolls, shells, calico fabric frames, soft sculpture, hoops, handicrafts, baked goods, flower arrangements, glassware, china, primitives, jewelry, stained-glass suncatchers, novelty needlecraft and tables with old-fashioned memorabilia.

Wrought iron crafts will also be demonstrated. As a community service volunteers from the Lions Club will sponsor free eye and ear tests throughout the day and there will be a display of gemstones and beaded flowers.

Many local individuals and groups will provide entertainment throughout the day. Entertainers should contact the committee for early selection. A pop and old timer's band will entertain.

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THE AUDIENCE - Chester Serden, the Polish Heritage Festival stage program chairman, left, watches Mayor Yarusavage of Clark, second from left, purchase festival tickets from Miss Dorothy Przydzial, center from right, a featured artist from Clark at the festival. Her father looks on, right.

Schedule extended at compactor

For added convenience to the residents of Clark the township compactor will be open one additional evening every week, reports Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage.

The schedule will be as follows: **WEDNESDAYS**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. and **DAYS**, Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mayor Yarusavage stated the facilities will be open on Saturday, May 26.

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"I was nervous," said the performer, "but I already knew I would enjoy performing in public and would have to study."

At age 11 she performed what many critics consider Chopin's most dynamic and difficult work, "The Military Polonaise," according to Mr. Serden.

Through Mr. Malinowski she is currently studying with Paul Kusner, who accepts only talented and gifted students. AA graduating valedictorian of Clark's Charles H. Brewer School she had the lead in "My Fair Lady."

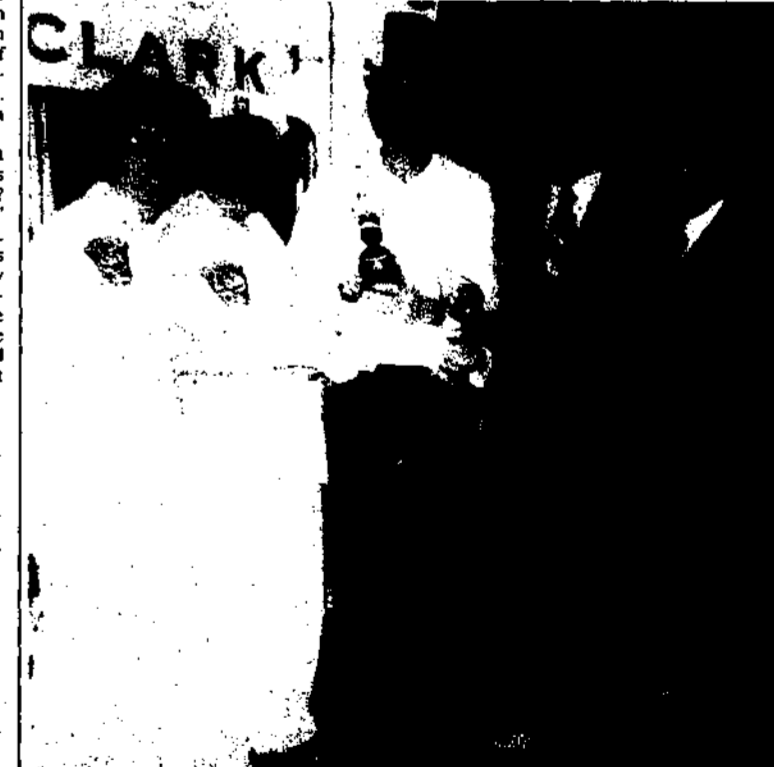
In 1982 Miss Przydzial was elected to membership in the Westfield Music Club and a year later to the board of directors. An honor student, a top French student and a member of the band, this year she landed the lead in the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School play, "Grease."

How does she feel about performing at New Jersey's foremost summer festival? "I'm absolutely thrilled," she admitted. "When Mr. Serden asked me I was thrilled. I'm proud of my Polish roots, having become more aware of the Polish contribution in the past and present. We all should realize what a great heritage we have."

Mr. Serden, the chairman of the 3 p.m. program, feels strongly young talent should be greatly encouraged. His goal is to show the public there is a contribution to be made by our youth. They should be given the support, the opportunity and the confidence to pursue their interests," he said.

Festival officials said Miss Przydzial's performance will be the "birth of a new star" and predict future stardom, according to Mr. Serden.

Other young professionals who will also appear are Ken Adamowicz, a comedian, and songstress, Melanie Mierzyaska.



HELP FOR HELPERS - Clark Post No. 328 representatives, Comm. Theodora Rudnicki, Vice Comm. John Specht and Vice Comm. Donald McArdle, present two Pediatric Robertshaw Bag Mask Resuscitators and a check for \$200 to Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad members, Capt. Debbie Rice, and Joy Schmitt, the secretary and co-chairwoman of the squad's fund drive.