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Township engineer's job seen as 'stepping stone'

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For the third time in a little more than two years Clark has a new municipal engineer, and in the opinion of the Township Council President, the reason for the frequent change in those holding the position is that Clark cannot compete with bigger municipalities in terms of salary and opportunity.

At the end of last month Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage appointed Edward A. Patalano of Mansalapan to the post on a temporary, 90 day basis, pending formal approval by the Governing Body.

According to Township Council President Fred Eckel, the previous engineer, Stanley L. Stires, who resigned on July 27, told him he resigned the Clark post because he was offered more money and the chance to head a bigger department in Freehold Township.

The councilman-at-large also said Mr. Stires had asked the mayor for a raise and the former engineer's request had never been brought to the councilmen.

Mr. Stires came to the township from Bridgewater at the beginning of this year.

Councilman Eckel also said he didn't know why the mayor had made the appointment of Mr. Patalano only temporary.

The man who held the engineer's position before Mr. Stires, John Desch, left Clark after serving 16 to 18 months.

According to the Governing Body head Mr. Desch also left the township for a better position.

Although Councilman Eckel praised Mr. Stires for doing a good job, one resident who has had trouble getting the state to put a proper swale near her property, which borders the Garden State Parkway, for some time, disagrees.

At the Aug. 20 session of the Council Elsa Worm said neither Mr. Desch nor Mr. Stires had pushed the state hard enough for the swale, and although Mr. Desch had told her the state would put in a concrete swale to prevent flooding only a mud swale had been installed.

Miss Worm said the hiring of the temporary engineer was a good move and the township could use the money saved from not having a permanent engineer for the maintenance costs of the Charles H. Brewer School for which the township has entered into a 20-year lease agreement with the Board of Education.

The township plans to use the school for municipal offices but a complete financing plan for maintenance has not received final approval yet.

Mayor Yarusavage could not be reached for comment on the engineer's situation since he is on vacation.

As for Mr. Patalano's background, he has been a consulting engineer and land surveyor since 1977.

He has performed various title, boundary and topographic surveys, has done ground control for aerial surveys, subdivisions and site plans and has done consulting engineering and worked on building designs, inspections, architectural engineering, estimating and sewer designs.

An adjunct instructor at Middlesex County College from 1978 to the present in the civil engineering program, he had handled courses which lead to an associate's degree in civil technology, including surveying, graphics, construction management, estimating and concrete design.

Mr. Patalano was an instructor at the Middlesex County Vocational Technical School from 1977 to 1978 and as a project engineer for Boue Walsh Associates. In 1977 he represented that firm in several municipalities as an engineer.

An assistant chief in the engineering department of the Union County Park Commission from 1972 to 1977, he was responsible for managing the engineering department for the Union County Park System. He was involved with contracts, designs for recreational facilities, contract negotiation and administration and boundary

layout for various parks and facility layouts.

The new township engineer, in the county position, prepared department budgets and prepared various types of Green Acres funding.

A field engineer and surveyor for Elson T. Killam Associates in 1972, he was responsible for various sanitary sewer projects as a field engineer and for the laying out of sewer easements and large trunk line projects.

He was a civil technology instructor at the Union County Technical Institute in 1971, teaching in the civil technology curriculum including graphics surveying, fluids and pre-technical courses.

A civil engineer in the design field for the New Jersey Dept. of Transportation from 1970 to 1971, he was a field engineer on various road and bridge construction projects.

He reviewed plans and specifications for various

designs and prepared plans and specifications for various projects, including the "TOPICS" program.

Mr. Patalano became a licensed professional engineer in the state in 1976, a licensed land surveyor in 1977, a building inspector in 1980, a construction code official in 1980 and a sub-code official the same year.

He attended civil engineering seminars at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 1979, 1980 and 1981 and at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey in 1974, 1975, 1977 and 1980.

The new engineer received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the Newark College of Engineering, now the New Jersey Institute of Technology, in 1971 and his construction law certificate from the same college in 1973.

The did graduate work in urban planning at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 1980 and took a construction code course in 1980.

In addition to the discussion of the appointment of the new engineer on Aug. 20 the councilmen took the following actions:

- Publicly commended Clark Police Lt. Alfred Yersavich for his "extraordinary act of bravery" in rescuing two soldiers involved in a serious automobile accident on the New York State Thruway on May 16, for which the lieutenant, a member of the Army Reserve, was also given the Army Commendation Medal of Valor.

- Introduced an ordinance which would permit the township to issue seven "club" alcoholic beverage licenses instead of the present six allowed. The Polish Cultural Foundation, which now occupies the former Abraham Clark School in the township, is expected to apply for the seventh license.

Mayor proclaims Grandparents' Day

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a copy of a proclamation issued by Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage in honor of Grandparents' Day, which will be observed in Clark and nationally on Sunday, Sept. 9.

WHEREAS, national recognition of Grandparents' Day has been established for the first Sunday after Labor Day; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey shall proclaim its Grandparents' Day in conjunction with the National Grandparents' Day and join with other states now participating; and

WHEREAS, for generations grandparents have strengthened family ties and

played an important role in the lives of grandchildren; NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Bernard G. Yarusavage, the Mayor of Clark Township, hereby declare Sunday, Sept. 9, 1984, as Grandparents' Day and extend our good wishes for all grandparents with the hope that they may enjoy the special pleasure that grandchildren give them on that day and throughout the year.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Mayor's Office of the Township of Clark in the State of New Jersey this 22nd day of August, in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four.



Library to resume winter schedule

The Clark Public Library will resume its winter schedule after Labor Day, beginning with Saturday, Sept. 8, when the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The rest of the schedule is: Monday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10

a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Miss Grace O'Connor, the library director, urged all incoming fifth graders to register for their adult cards. Also, all first grade children are eligible for junior library cards and parents are asked to bring them to the library and sign their application cards.

Clark branch 'Y' opens doors at Brewer

The Clark Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association will open its doors for its first full year of operation at the Charles H. Brewer School when classes begin on Monday, Sept. 17, 1984. Registration for classes at the Brewer School will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 11 and 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m. Readers may also register at the Fitness Nite Open House at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA's Martine gymnasium on Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Clark branch is to serve the Clark area residents and their families. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA has a mandate to serve the Clark area. To better serve the area, the most popular portable programs are being brought to the township rather than having participants travel to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. The Clark branch has its own staff, with all Clark area residents, its own budget, and in the future, its own Board of Directors, reports a spokeswoman.

Those interested in becoming volunteers should telephone Judy Butz at 322-7600.

Programs being offered this fall are:

Programs for Youth:

"BATTLE BROS." taught by a Clark resident, where children will use their imagination while working together

on projects in a variety of materials; "MY FRIEND AND ME, STUNTS AND TUMBLING," movement exploration classes for mothers and tots and then gradually weaning the child from the mother. Up-to-date equipment has been purchased for the exclusive use in these programs; "BIBBIE GYM," for the nursery school age child, introduces skills in all movement categories, pregame skills and song plays; Physical Education class for the three and four

year old; "YOUTH AEROBICS," combining modern music and aerobic principles; "RHYTHMIC GYMNASIICS," the new women's Olympic sport, combining dance, a piece of apparatus and some pre-acrobatic movements—three Clark girls from last year's classes have been invited to join the competitive team—Alison Dolinaj, Sheri Olsen and Jennifer Torrick.

Adult Programs: "AEROBICS," cardiovascular exercise and dance to music.

Classes are structured to meet the needs of each level of experience. "WISE WOMEN OUT," an official YMCA program of exercise choreographed to music with total body toning; "STRETCH AND TONE," an exercise program not necessarily choreographed to music which tones all areas below the waist and

"PRE- AND POST-NATAL CLASS," which provides for fitness before and after pregnancy and aids in normal delivery.



ARY TRANSPORTATION - An open-air trolley is shown at the Westfield Junction, Westfield, which was a transfer point for Elizabeth and Plainfield. The trolley was used on the line which was constructed through Clark and put in operation in 1901.



INTO 'BATTLE' - The color ensign of the Third New Jersey Regiment salutes victory at Redoubt No. 9 in Yorktown, Va. The regiment appeared on the grounds of the Dr. William H. Robinson Plantation at 593 Madison Hill Rd., Clark.

Miss Kaminsky gets degree

A Clark scholar, Jacquelyn Kaminsky of 3 Linda La., recently received her bachelor of science degree in business administration from Montclair State College in Upper Montclair.

Montclair cites Maria Guerino

A Clark scholar, Maria Guerino of 69 Meadow Rd., recently received her bachelor of science degree in business administration from Montclair State College in Upper Montclair.



Back to School Time is Drive Safely Time

ALERT CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL