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Council okays \$22,397.12 for Brewer upkeep

By R.R. Faszewski
Township Council took another step toward the moving of municipal facilities to the Charles H. Brewer School on Sept. 17 when it voted 4-2 along party lines to allocate \$22,397.12 received from the New Jersey Municipal Tax Assistance Act for operating expenses at the former school facility.

The four Democrats voted in favor of the appropriation while the two Republicans present opposed it.

Fourth Ward Republican Councilman John Bolinar was not at the meeting.

An attempt to table the motion by Third Ward Republican Councilwoman Ruth DeLuca was turned back, once again along party lines.

Councilwoman DeLuca moved over several months members of the Governing Body had taken sides on whether the township could afford to take over the facility at this time.

She said eight months ago when discussions began with the Board of Education over a lease or possible ownership of the building by the township the Board attorney had quoted the cost of maintaining the structure for the 1984-1985 school year at \$91,000, then Republican Councilman at Large George Sanghinian had estimated the cost of the takeover at \$300,000 and Democratic Second Ward Councilman George Nucera had said it would cost \$70,000 a year to maintain Brewer.

The Third Ward representative recommended a full public hearing on the long-term use of the building and the following plan of action: First, ask the Board to let the township get out of the 20-year \$1-per-year lease it signed in July. Second, rent the school cafeteria from the education body for use of township senior citizens at the \$3.85 per-square-foot rate the School Board is charging the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Young Men's Christian Assn. to use space in the school now-for a total cost to the township of \$7,000 per year. Third, use the money received from the state and leftover capital improvement or distance balances to help construct a new fire headquarters next to the present rescue squad building on Raritan Rd.; Councilwoman DeLuca told the Clark Patriot the fire department had requested a new facility at the Raritan Rd. site because the present facility, in the rear of the municipal building, is not large enough to house larger new equipment and student traffic from the adjacent Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School presents a safety hazard when fire vehicles are pulling out. Fourth, move the present traffic bureau and police files and lockers to the present fire department facility. Fifth, use the present traffic bureau offices to house the rest of the police department. Sixth, use Community Development funds to install an elevator in the present municipal building. Seventh, get the Board of

Education to move its offices from the administration building on Schindler Rd. to the Brewer School. Eighth, if support for the funding of the Brewer maintenance fund was not unanimous, put the question on a referendum and let the voters decide on the course of action to be taken.

Councilman Nucera replied discussion on the Brewer acquisition had gone on for too long and now was the time for action.

He added elected officials had a responsibility to act and not to shirk that responsibility by putting the Brewer question on a referendum.

A Republican-sponsored resolution, which would have used the \$22,397.12 from the state for the replacement of two employees in the public works department, the replacement of a second policeman who retired, a proposal for the firehouse and expenses for an architect and soil tests at the site of the new firehouse, was withdrawn after the above resolution was adopted to use the appropriation for Brewer.

The state still must approve the allocation. Approval is called likely by the Democrats, but the Republicans remain skeptical.

In a related matter Councilman Nucera asked Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage if he had negotiated a rental agreement with the Young Men's Christian Assn. for the use

of Brewer and what the YMCA would be paying.

The mayor replied the YMCA had proposed paying \$6 a square foot for the building and the following question on a referendum: "The funding of the Brewer maintenance fund was not unanimous, put the question on a referendum and let the voters decide on the course of action to be taken."

The councilman congratulated the mayor on negotiating a higher price than that presently being paid by the YMCA.

Responding to a question from Councilman at Large Joseph B. Poznak, the mayor said the township has only been awarded \$76,000 in Community Development funds for the construction of the municipal building elevator and since the cost of the elevator is \$158,000 the township cannot undertake the project unless it adds money of its own.

Authorized the director of revenue and finance to issue the fourth serial payment of \$22,397.12 to Allen Blacktop Corp. of Plainfield for street pavement and drainage improvements for portions of State St., Hayes Ave. and Hillside Dr.

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In other action, the council:

Approved a new location for the bus shelter to be constructed by the county on Oak Ridge Rd. near Lake Ave. The county revised plans for the location of the shelter, which will be built by the county but maintained by the township.

Adopted an ordinance adding another club license to those already permitted under township law. The Polish Cultural Foundation, which now owns the former Abraham Clark School Building, is expected to apply for the new license.

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Authorized the director of revenue and finance to close out capital improvement ordinance balances amounting to \$148,377.01 and transfer them to the capital surplus account and to close out another \$31,940.34 of those balances and transfer them to the account for deferred charges to future taxation unfunded.

Requested the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority to assume jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility for the old Cranford trunk sewer line on Ros. St. Rahway and the other municipalities to the authority will be asked to back the request, according to Councilman Poznak. He pointed out Rahway's completion of the separation of its storm and sanitary sewer systems would help solve some of the problems of residents in the Ros. St. area, who have been suffering because of infiltration and discharge of one sewer system into the other and because of flow problems.



OFF AND RUNNING - The 1984-1985 school year began officially for teachers of the Clark public schools on Sept. 4 with an orientation meeting attended by the entire staff with the Clark school system's curriculum co-ordinator, Mrs. Muriel Cassidy, (right), left to right are: Carl Kumpf, School teachers, Mrs. Carol Spieker, computer education, Walter Boright, administrative aide, and Mrs. Elaine Zemeckis, mathematics teacher, as they prepare to meet the challenges of the new school year.



STRIKE UP THE BAND - Sixth graders at the Carl Kumpf School in Clark were introduced to the world of instrumental music in an assembly program arranged by their music teachers, Mrs. Joanne Lemenie and Mrs. Rosa Bachraty. The demonstration, presented by Anthony Salvatore, left and Glenn Berger, right, familiarized the students with a variety of woodwind and brass instruments including the clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and French horn. Musical numbers from classical to modern jazz were performed by the demonstration team, looking on, left to right are: Kumpf sixth graders, John Schroppe, Mark Warzawa, Nicole Jacobs, Kristin Von St. Paul, and Thomas Meier.

Regional to cover athletes for catastrophic injury

Athletes in the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, will be enrolled in a catastrophic insurance plan sponsored by the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Assn. for the 1984-1985 school year thanks to a resolution adopted by the district's Board of Education on Sept. 18.

Under the plan, to be purchased at an annual premium cost of \$125 per athlete for a maximum cost of \$3,750 per year from the All American Life Insurance Co., a catastrophically-injured athlete (one whose medical expenses exceed \$10,000) will be provided with lifetime benefits and \$5,000,000 in excess liability coverage which will protect the school district and its taxpayers if a student elects to file suit rather than accept life-time medical benefits and will pay up to \$1000 in fees for the family to consult and be represented by an attorney of its choice while making the decision whether to accept medical, rehabilitation and work-loss payments or retain its right to sue.

Other students will also be allowed to enroll in the catastrophic insurance plan through the All American Life Insurance Co. at an annual premium of 40 cents per student to a maximum of an additional \$1,400 per year.

Board members also approved the employment of the following at the Regional Adult Learning Center for the current school year at the maximum stipends listed: English for the Foreign Born, Bobby Shames, \$2,173.50; Rita Brecher, \$1,269; Nancy Fisher, \$846; and Joan Davis, \$1,242, all instructors; Adult Basic Education, Carol Beris, director, \$2,993; Leslie Zucker, \$5,000.50; Hanna Praport, \$4,143; Phil Scardilli, \$1,410.50; Pat Caizzi, \$1,885; Jim Rawlins, \$1,810; Susan Chigger, \$1,885; Irma Nauyoko, \$2,416.50; Cynthia Swazowski, \$1,629; Barbara Lowenfish, \$2,718; all instructors; Linda Gonzalez, an aide, \$1,476.75; and Joyce Rosenkrantz, \$478.12, and Lucille Lucaderna, \$721.88, both secretaries, and Adult High School, Carole Beris, director, \$17,994.50; Leslie Zucker, \$2,661.75; Louis Levine, \$14,520; Mr. Scardilli, \$795; Hanna Praport, \$1,881.50; Susan Chigger, \$800; Pat Caizzi, \$2,740; Barbara Lowenfish, \$3,888; and Cynthia Swazowski, \$1,266, all instructors; Nancy Stoner, an aide, \$5,535, and Lucille

Lucaderna, \$4,312.50, and Joyce Rosenkrantz, \$2,812.50, both secretaries.

Board members also assumed the responsibility for the educational costs for the program of a Clark student who was placed residentially by the division of youth and family services at the Rhinebeck Country School in Rhinebeck, N.Y.

School body approval was given for a township student attending Johnson to participate in a shared-time vocational program in commercial art at the Union County Vocational Center in Scotch Plains.

Ennalyne Williams was hired as a fall and winter intramural aide at the township school as was Barbara Kuttenberg. They will receive stipends of \$400 each for each assignment.

The education body also approved the adjustment in the teaching schedule of Steven Grubisch from three sevenths of fulltime to four sevenths of fulltime and the adjustment of his salary from \$7,842 to \$10,458, effective on Sept. 1 of this year. Mr. Grubisch, an industrial arts and photography teacher at the Clark school, is having his teaching schedule increased because of the need to schedule his classes over four periods in order to accommodate all course offerings.



Approval was also given for George Barclay, the district co-ordinator of science, to participate in the New Jersey Science Convention in East Brunswick on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2 and 3.

Board members authorized the adjustment in the salary of William O'Rourke, a member of the Johnson custodial staff, from \$18,255 for completion of 25 years in the district.

The following pay rates were approved for substitute teaching personnel for the current school year: \$35 per day for those who hold only a county substitute certificate, \$45 per day for substitutes who are fully certificated and \$81.50 per day for long-term, fully-certificated substitutes.

Nicole Made in French cooking, at a stipend of \$286, and Helen Paul Wolf in Beginning Astrology, at a stipend of \$162.50, were appointed as instructors in the adult school at Johnson.

Friends to cite Mayor Yarusavage

On Sunday, Sept. 30, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. a picnic will be held at the Deutscher Club on Featherbed Lane, Clark, by the Friends of Berne and the Deutscher Club to offer a testimonial to Bernard G. Yarusavage's 12 years as mayor.

Members of organizations of Clark have been invited to participate in this non-partisan, non-political affair. There will be no admittance charge or fund-raising. Food and beverages will be sold by the club to cover the cost of expenses and entertainment.

Anyone wanting more information or desiring to participate may telephone 388-0112.

Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, NOV. 5, GENERAL ELECTION. FURTHERMORE, ALL CANDIDATES WILL BE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF A MAXIMUM OF TWO ONE-AND-A-HALF-PAGE NEWS RELEASES AND PICTURE CAPTIONS-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. ALL RELEASES MUST FOLLOW THE AFFIDAVIT RULES PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER.



IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY - Saint Barnabas Medical Center, which treats more than 24,000 patients of medical emergencies each year, is joining hospitals nationwide in observing 1984 Emergency Medicine Week, Sept. 18 to 22. Its emergency department staff includes residents of Essex, Morris, Union, Middlesex and Hudson counties. Among those serving area communities in the event of a medical emergency are, left to right, Kathy Semanaky, of Clark, a registered nurse; Don Jaco, a registered nurse, and Pat Dooley, a registered nurse.