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Councilmen approve Sangiuliano as fireman 5-1

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Township Council Monday reversed its decision of April 19 and approved the appointment of former Republican Councilman-at-Large George A. Sangiuliano to the Clark Volunteer Fire Dept. Although the department's screening committee had recommended the Sangiuliano appointment last month the Governing Body had rejected the appointment by a 5-2 vote along party lines with only the Republicans supporting the move.

This time, however, the vote was 5-1, with only Democratic Councilman-at-Large Joseph B. Pozniak voting against the appointment and Second Ward Democratic Councilman William Caruso not present for the session.

Last month Council President Raymond Krov had said Public Safety Director Joseph Comarata had recommended the rejection, but had not disclosed the reasons for it because of possible litigation.

Mr. Sangiuliano had threatened to sue the Council because of the rejection, calling it political.

This time the appointment was moved by Democratic Councilman-at-Large Bernard Hayden and seconded by Third Ward Republican Councilwoman Ruth DeLuca.

Democratic Councilman-at-Large Fred Eckel said he felt it was the duty of the councilmen to go along with the recommendation of their liaison to the fire department (Councilman Hayden) and this was why he was voting in favor of the appointment.

Several firemen were in the audience when the vote was taken and they cheered loudly in approval of the outcome.

Assistant Fire Chief Donald Kellerman, who is acting chief, commended

the Governing Body for giving the department another daytime member.

The Council also approved a resolution requesting the Planning Board to amend the 1985 capital budget to provide for \$1,070,395 in projects, including: \$365,000 for road reconstruction, \$80,000 for the installation of traffic signals, \$177,000 for improvements to the municipal buildings, \$90,000 for the purchase of a fire utility truck, \$13,300 for the purchase of equipment for the fire department, \$10,095 for the purchase of equipment for the police department, \$30,000 for the purchase of equipment and \$300,000 for a new fire substation.

Councilman Hayden complained one of the reasons the capital budget was being amended was the Council re-estimated a week after the 1985 budget was introduced that the fire substation would be paid for out of the 1986 budget.

Fourth Ward Republican Councilman Brian Toal said since the councilmen could not put as much money into road reconstruction (\$550,000 as originally proposed) as they wanted and still build the new fire station he felt for the safety of residents it would be better to build the fire station and cut down on the amount allocated for road reconstruction.

Responding to complaints by Theresa Ward of Wheatsturf Rd. and Helen Rokosny of Hutchinson St. about the proposed location of the new station (on Raritan Rd. next to the first aid squad headquarters) Councilman Krov said the location is not absolutely finalized yet.

Councilman Eckel added the final decision on the

firehouse could not be made until test borings are completed at the Raritan Rd. site.

He objected to a suggestion by Mrs. Rokosny the station be located on Meadow Rd., however, because he said it would put children in danger when the equipment responded to emergencies.

Even though children do use the Little League field behind the first aid squad building, according to the councilman, that field is in use only a few months out of the year, compared to the amount of time the schools are in session.

A resolution to authorize the business administrator to engage Maddox, Inc. of Spotswood to remove leaves which have accumulated at the storage facility at the rear of the municipal building at a cost of \$12,000 caused a major confrontation between Councilman Hayden and Business Administrator Joseph Monaco.

The councilman said he had been told the removal of the leaves was an emergency because they created a health hazard, had asked to see the letter from the township health officer stating the hazard was present and had not received it.

He also said he had not seen copies of all the bids submitted on the work.

Mr. Monaco replied Maddox had removed 2,500 cubic feet of leaves, the amount records from the previous administration had indicated were there, and was coming back to remove about 2,500 cubic feet more, which had not been indicated in the records, at no extra cost.

Copies of the health officer's letter were supplied to the Council at Monday's meeting.

Mr. Monaco said he was confused about township procedures because the rules were being changed daily.

He added it had never been the practice to give councilmen copies of every bid before, he was not doing anything wrong and he didn't like Councilman Hayden's insinuations.

When Councilman Hayden said another councilman had told him outside the Council Chambers a friend of his could take care of the leaf problem and that councilman was not present at Monday's session, the administrator said he had no knowledge of this and the

Maddox name had been submitted along with the others giving quotes on the job.

He threatened to resign if the Council thought he wasn't doing his job right.

Responding to a charge by Mrs. Rokosny that she didn't realize the seriousness of the leaf problem when she said it wasn't an emergency, Councilwoman DeLuca said she favored having grass clippings picked up by a single scavenger who was to cover the entire township but the bids had fallen through on that.

When the vote was taken on the leaf pickup contract only Councilman Hayden and Councilwoman DeLuca voted against approval.

The Governing Body also approved a resolution urging the Union County Planning and Development Dept. to proceed with studies and plans for the construction of a ramp to the northbound Garden

State Parkway directly from Valley Rd. so traffic could bypass entry into the Clark traffic circle to enter the parkway.

Councilman Krov pointed out the measure had been approved by the Planning Board last year.

Councilman Hayden voted against the measure and Councilman Toal abstained, saying he didn't have enough information on it.

The Governing Body also okayed the person-to-person and place-to-place transfer of a liquor license from Portsmouth Corp. of 1139 Raritan Rd. to Steak & Ale of New Jersey, Inc. so it could proceed with the next step in construction of a 6,200 square-foot family restaurant on the site, which is presently occupied by Charlie Kelly's tavern.

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pointed to several improvements in services it provided for, including \$29,000 for a cleanup program, \$13,000 for fire equipment and \$45,000 for new police vehicles.

They had also disputed some of Mrs. DeLuca's figures on the Brewer School, saying neither a new roof nor a new boiler was needed for the facility.



IN CENTURION SPIRIT...Clark Mayor George G. Nucera, second from left, presents Frank Bairo, second from left, the president of the Gran Centurion Club of Clark, with a copy of the proclamation declaring May as Gran Centurion Club Month in the township. Looking on are: Edward Veltri, left, the chairman of the club's board of trustees, and Angelo Prella, the chairman of the scholarship committee.

Township honors Gran Centurions

The Gran Centurion Club of Clark May 15 announced its scholarship recipients and at the same time was itself honored by a proclamation by Mayor George G. Nucera, an active member of the club and a former president, declaring May as "Gran Centurion Club Month" in Clark.

Receiving the Peter Tomassi Award was Paul Petrucci of David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth.

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For the first since 1967, when it began awarding scholarships, according to a club spokesman, the club was honored by a proclamation by Mayor George G. Nucera, an active member of the club and a former president, declaring May as "Gran Centurion Club Month" in Clark.

The complete, edited text of the proclamation follows:

WHEREAS: The contribution and achievements of the Gran Centurion Club of Clark, New Jersey is recognized and honored;

WHEREAS: Since 1967 the club has awarded scholarships to students who have acquired academic excellence in various fields of study;

WHEREAS: The Gran Centurion Club since 1967

has awarded over \$40,000 in scholarships to these students;

WHEREAS: Their contributions and life experiences have enriched life for all of us;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George G. Nucera, Mayor of the Township of Clark do hereby proclaim May, 1985 as "Gran Centurion Club Month."

I call upon the citizens of the Township of Clark to learn from their example and help them to continue their endeavor to help the youth of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mayor of the Township of Clark, New Jersey has set his hand and seal to be fixed this 14th day of May, 1985.

Council adopts \$5.7 million tab

A \$5,753,107.45 1985 municipal budget which provides no increase in taxes for municipal purposes was adopted on May 15 by a vote of 6-0 of the Township Council with one abstention.

Although the tab had been scheduled for adoption on April 19 a state backlog on approvals had held up the final action.

Third Ward Republican Councilwoman Ruth DeLuca, the only member of the Governing Body to abstain on final budget approval, had objected in April to use of what she called too much of the township's anticipated revenues to arrive at the zero tax increase.

As one example, she had said it was unwise to anticipate \$168,000 coming in from the Municipal Court because the township could not predict how many traffic violations the police will hand out this year.

Citing the fact new tax assessments will go into effect on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1986, because of revaluation, which was recently completed, the Third Ward representative said it would have been better to raise taxes by three points this year than to postpone the increase, especially with escalating costs, negotiated salary increases and the expense of the township running the Charles H. Brewer School as a municipal complex added on.

Democratic Mayor George G. Nucera and the Democratic members of the Council had responded the administration could live within the budget and had

Gifted, talented to hold exhibit

The district-wide Gifted and Talented Exposition of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, will be held at Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights on Wednesday, May 29 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Students in the gifted-and-talented program in the four high schools of the regional district will exhibit and/or discuss their projects for parents, students and community members.

Planning for the exposition are the teachers of the

Veterans outline Memorial Day rites

The Clark Veterans Committee, consisting of Clark Post No. 328 of the American Legion, Clark Post No. 3363 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Clark Chapter No. 14 of the Disabled American Veterans, will conduct Memorial Day Services in honor of the nation's war dead at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 27 at Memorial Park on Broadway, Clark.

Participating with the veterans organizations will be Clark's volunteer fire department and the police department, Girl Scouts, Elks, Knights of Columbus

and Township Council members. The opening and closing prayers will be conducted by the Rev. Alfonso Amintio of St. John the Apostle R.C. Church of Clark-Linden. The main speaker for the service will be Mayor George Nucera.

The color guard and firing squad will be conducted by the Clark Police Dept. Taps will be played by students of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark.

Memorial Day has grown from its Civil War origin to an occasion when families decorate not only the graves of deceased veterans but also the graves of deceased friends and relatives. In many instances it is a day of personal family commemoration.

"Memorial Day is a special and sacred occasion. As veterans we have a solemn trust to fulfill each and every Memorial Day by honoring our comrades who gave their all that we might live in liberty. We also honor and remember them by the decoration of their final resting places with flags and flowers. It is this tradition which the veterans proudly maintain in Clark," hosting post commander, John Specht, stated.



NICE READING...Miss Grace O'Connor, the director of the Clark Public Library, accepts a check from Comm. John Specht of Clark Post No. 328 of the American Legion. The funds, donated by the members of the post, will be used to purchase much-needed books for the library. Looking on is Joseph Rybak, chairman of the year projects for Clark.



Human beings may be divided into two great classes: those who do things and those who pretend to do things.