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Council adopts self-insurance plan

By R.R. Faszczewski

An insurance plan for such township expenses as Workmen's Compensation, automobile and general liability, which involves partial self-insurance, was adopted by Township Council on June 17, but not before a few councilmen aired their objections to it.

Under a contract with the Rasmussen Agency, Clark's present insurance carrier, the basic premium for the period from June 15 of this year to Sunday, June 15 of next year, will be \$156,000 with the township covering the costs of any claims filed against it in any of the above areas to \$20,000 per occurrence up to a total "cap" of \$120,000.

Any claims above the \$120,000 limit would be covered by regular insurance.

Council President Raymond Krov explained representatives from Rasmussen had told Council members on June 14 in the past when insurance firms could get 15 to 16 percent interest on the money they invested in premiums they were willing to write many premiums.

However, according to Councilman Krov, the insurance firms are turning away from writing policies in some instances because the return on premium interest now averages about 12 percent.

He added the township must act now or face the possibility of having its insurance dropped altogether.

The only member of the Governing Body to vote against the contract award, Second Ward Councilman William Caruso, said the township should go out on competitive bidding for insurance.

Councilman Caruso added Rasmussen had not indicated before June 14 the township must accept its plan or be dropped, the municipality should pursue other alternatives as he had suggested at the April Council meeting, and it should urge the state commissioner of insurance to investigate why insurance firms were dropping municipalities and charging so much for coverage.

Mayor George Nucera, urging the councilmen to set up a committee to look into the best insurance plan for the township, pointed out Passaic had almost gone bankrupt because of self-insurance and Union County recently cancelled its self-insurance plan after bad experience with it.

He added putting only \$200,000 in the budget to cover insurance might put the township in jeopardy.

Councilman-at-Large Fred Eckel abstained on the contract vote, saying he had not been at the June 14 session with Rasmussen and had not been given enough information on the plan.

It was pointed out by Director of Law Stanley Fink the contract does contain a 60-day "escape clause" under which the township may get out of the

contract if it gives the proper 60-day notice.

Pointing out the Rasmussen plan was different than those in Passaic and other areas because it contained a "cap" on the township's liability, Councilman Krov also said the contract included legal fees in the "cap."

Councilman-at-Large Bernard Hayden noted if the township had liability less than \$120,000 it would only have to pay the \$161,000 premium plus whatever that liability was.

It was also explained by Mr. Fink the \$120,000 "cap" would work similar to a deductible — thus the township would not have a deductible of \$120,000 instead of the \$1,000, \$10,000 or other deductible it had before.

When the vote came on the contract Councilman Caruso voted against it and Councilman Eckel abstained.

Councilman Caruso, responding to what he called unfair attacks on his character at the May Governing Body meeting,

demanding an apology from Councilman Hayden.

Explaining his actions in connection with the awarding of a contract to remove leaves from in back of the municipal building, the Second Ward representative said the township clerk had informed him of the health hazard being created by the rotting leaves and they had contacted several farmers in southern New Jersey to see if they wanted the leaves for compost.

Since there were no offers from the farmers, Councilman Caruso said he had looked through the telephone book to find a contractor with a pit to dispose of the leaves, and had found the name of Maddox and Co. which had a pit and which had been used by other municipalities.

He added he had never met Mr. Maddox and had no way of knowing Maddox was going to be the low bidder.

Councilman Caruso said Councilman Hayden's attacks were unfair and that he would like to see the township better and not use "Joe

McCarthy-like tactics" in attacking other councilmen and the administration.

He also said he had been surprised to hear last month Councilman Hayden, the Mayor to the fire department, who had argued in caucus the month before that former Republican Councilman-at-Large George Sangiuliano was unqualified to be a fireman, had introduced a motion in May to accept Mr. Sangiuliano.

The Second Ward representative also noted it had been pointed out in closed session Mr. Sangiuliano had ridden on township fire equipment before joining the department without being authorized, and the former councilman probably still had a conflict of interest since, to Councilman Caruso's knowledge, he was in the rebuilding business for fire-damaged structures.

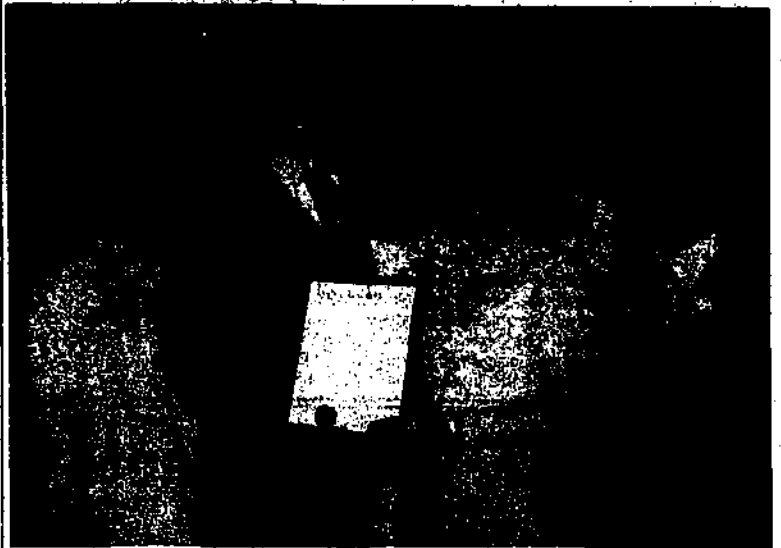
Councilman Hayden, refusing to apologize, said he thought Councilman Caruso was a "big number" and would continue to

speak the truth about his colleagues when he saw they were doing something which could jeopardize himself or the township.

The councilman-at-large said it was unfair for Councilman Caruso to rip Mr. Sangiuliano apart when the former councilman was not there.

He also declared Councilman Caruso, as the liaison to the Planning Board, had not informed the Governing Body completely about the capital budget, it was wrong for councilmen to be involved in the bidding process and Councilman Caruso had fought for a \$1,000 raise for Governing Body members only a few months after being appointed.

When the Second Ward councilman denied the charges made by Councilman Hayden and attempted to answer him he was told by Councilman Krov according to the rules agreed to by Council members each of them was to be given one turn to speak and he was speaking out of turn.



FREEHOLDERS HONOR OLGA SACHENSKI...The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recently paid tribute to Clark resident, Olga Sachenski, for her election as president of the New Jersey Civil Service Employees Council. In adopting a resolution of commendation for Mrs. Sachenski, Freeholder Walter E. Boright stated, "Olga Sachenski is a woman of great leadership. She is self-sacrificing and compassionate to the needs of her fellow employees. Her election to the presidency of the state organization is a positive tribute to all of her many good deeds." At a presentation of the resolution, shown, left to right, are: Front row, Pamela Boright, Freeholder Boright, Olga Sachenski and her husband, Peter Sachenski. In the back row are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sachenski, the honoree's son and daughter-in-law.

Township to begin cleanup program

A township wide cleanup program will begin in Clark on Monday, July 8, reports Mayor George G. Nucera.

The First Ward will have pickup from July 8 to

Thursday, July 11; the Second Ward from Monday to Thursday, July 15 to 18; the Third Ward from Monday to Thursday, July 22 to 25; and the Fourth Ward from Monday, July 29 to Thursday, Aug. 1.

The Monday pickup will be done by township public works employees, who will

Francisco makes top state team

By Ray Hoagland

Dave Francisco of Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional Crusaders Lacrosse Team was selected to the First Team All-State this spring.

Francisco, a strapping defenseman with outstanding speed, wanted to help out the Crusaders team with more than just his defense, according to coach Mark Ziminski.

Cruising through cross-field traffic, he scored seven times and had five assists. He could also turn around and stifle some of the state's best scorers.

"He's like playing against a brick wall," said Coach Ziminski. "He made a lot of tacklers think twice about flushing the crease."

Tyrone McQueen of Rahway was a member of the north football team that played to a 10-10 tie in the Seventh Annual All-Star Game at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway.

Board member seeks shortened agenda

By Patricia DiMaggio

At the Clark Board of Education's wrap-up meeting on June 25 Board president, Thomas Faria, noted it was the last official meeting to be attended by retiring Superintendent of Schools Dr. John T. Farinella.

On behalf of the Board Mr. Faria thanked Dr. Farinella and wished him a happy and healthy retirement.

Dr. Farinella said as he left the system he felt it was in excellent shape. He thanked the Parent-Teacher Assn., the staff and the Board for being supportive throughout his administration and called on the community to continue in its efforts to provide a good education.

Before voting began Board member, John Dillon, noted the agenda included 71 items. He questioned how the school body could make intelligent decisions with so much to be considered.

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The school body:
—Approved an extended day care survey to be conducted in Clark to determine the scope of the need to provide for latch-key children and to determine

the manner in which the need can be met.
—Approved participation in a Chapter No. 1 project for the 1985-1986 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$40,162 to provide mathematics supportive instruction for grades seven and eight in the Kumpf School and in eligible parochial and private schools.
—Approved acceptance of Chapter No. 2 funds for the 1985-1986 school year totaling \$7,654.00.
—Accepted Education for Economic Security Act Funds for 1985-1986 totaling \$1,455.00.
—Approved the updated physical education guide.
—Approved the updated five-year curriculum and instruction development plan for 1985 to 1990.
—Approved the objectives for the 1985-1986 school year in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 212, Laws of 1975, and as developed by teaching staff and administrative staff.
—Approved a resolution enabling continued participation in the Union County Co-operative Program for Special Education for 1985-1986 at a cost of \$52,000.

\$1 per pupil, not to exceed \$1,150.00.
—Authorized the superintendent of schools to sign the agreement between the Board and the Robert Wood Johnson, Jr. Rehabilitation Institute of the John F. Kennedy Medical Center to provide in-district occupational therapy services for handicapped children.
—Approved continuation of occupational therapy in July and August 1985 by Kennedy Medical Center for two students.
—Okayed transportation routes for 1985-86 totaling \$83,432.
—Approved a contract with the Ballinger Corp. for monitoring of student accident insurance for 1985-1986 at a premium of \$3,700.
—Approved the boiler cleaning and/or burner maintenance by A.L. Lawson & Co. of the Valley Road School, Frank K. Fehmy School, Carl H. Kumpf School and the administration building at a cost of \$33,350 for 1985-1986.
—Approved an amended agreement between the Board and Edward H. Wray of Westfield Ave. Clark for

rental of garage space on Richard St. at the rate of \$650 per month on a month-to-month basis.
Board member, James Kehoe, proposed looking into using the youth center on Brant Ave. as an alternative to renting the garage.
—Authorized the purchase of three Canon plain paper copiers at a cost of \$13,900.00.
—Approved the employment of O'Connor, Jeffrey and Kollur as project engineers for the design, planning, acquisition and installation of the new Helyny School boiler at a cost of \$3,050.
—Okayed the employment of Bickford Spaeth Engineering Co. as project engineers for the design, planning, bidding and installation of the aluminum energy conservation windows at Valley Road School and the new hot water storage heater at the Kumpf School at a cost not to exceed \$4,300.
—Approved the five-year facilities master plan as developed by Kierman Corp. of Cinnaminson.
—Okayed budget transfers for the 1984-1985 school year and appropriation of monies from the

1984-1985 budget in the amount of \$187,700.
—Approved the lease purchase of the AT&T Electronic Phone System, on a five-year lease-purchase plan at an annual rate of 10.9 percent — total cost over the five-year period not to exceed \$30,100.
—Awarded the disposal contract for 1985-1986 to Errico Disposal, Inc. of Cranford, at a total cost not to exceed \$16,646.40.
—Approved the reorganization of the Middle School Mentor Program for the Gifted and Talented for 1985-1986.
—Approved amended insurance coverage for 1985-1986. A resolution was passed asking the Board secretary to compare dental plans and to present this information to the body by Tuesday, Oct. 1.
—Authorized Dr. Shirley K. Ikeda, director of pupil personnel services, to apply for participation in the National Assistance Project for Special Education Technology (NAPSET).

INDEPENDENCE DAY
July 4
The Fourth of July
...this great anniversary festival ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of the country to the other, from this time forever more.
—John Adams to Abigail Adams
July 3, 1776

can begin exercising!
The Department of Senior Citizen Affairs, Township of Clark, will start exercise classes for all senior citizens of Clark every week Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
These exercises will be conducted by a physical education instructor.
Those who are under a physician's care should first get a medical clearance before starting these basic exercises.
This program will be held at the Senior Citizen Center (Brewer School).

Safety Council issues fireworks warning!

The New Jersey State Safety Council has issued a warning against the unauthorized use of fireworks during the Fourth of July holiday.

According to the Council, an estimated 5,000 persons nationally sought emergency room treatment last year, between June 23 and July 20, and thousands more were treated by private physicians for injuries associated with fireworks.

The most serious fireworks injuries involve loss of eyesight; deafness; amputation of fingers; severe burns, broken bones and cuts, the Council reported.

On the basis of studies made by the U.S. Product Safety Commission and the National Fire Protection Association, most fireworks associated with injuries occur in the following way:

- By a firecracker held in the hand too long after lighting the fuse.
 - A lighted firecracker thrown at another person.
 - By exploding one or more firecrackers stuffed inside a pipe or some other object.
 - By taking a firecracker apart and lighting the powder.
- The Council said young children must be told never to pick up firecrackers and never to accept one if it is offered. A parent who finds firecrackers should immerse them in water or drench them with a hose and drop them off at the local police or fire department.
- According to the Council, even the so-called "harmless" sparklers are responsible each year for an estimated 600 injuries. The sulfur-coated wire of the sparkler can reach temperatures as high as 2000 degrees, and the afterglow of the wire can cause burn and clothing fires.

