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Lawsuit possible in leaf pickup bidding charges

By R.R. Faszczewski
Members of Township Council have been formally requested not to discuss allegations made by the two Republican candidates for Second Ward Democratic Councilman William Caruso and Mr. Caruso's attorney, John Molozzi, said Monday he will file a formal request with the Union County prosecutor to look into statements made by the two candidates in a release published last week by The Clark Patriot.

In the release Fourth Ward GOP Councilman Brian Toal said he was "shocked when he learned from (Democratic Councilman-at-Large) Bernard Hayden that the appointed Democratic councilman in the Second Ward (Mr. Caruso) was meddling with the public bidding process."

The Republican candidate in the Second Ward, Richard C. Burger, said in the release not only would he never meddle with public bids, but if he saw any evidence of it he would fight with Councilman Toal against such questionable practices.

The controversy apparently centers around a resolution adopted by the Governing Body in May to award a \$12,000 contract to Maddox, Inc. of Spotswood for the emergency removal of leaves which had been accumulating in the rear of the old municipal building since late last year and had been reportedly creating a health hazard.

Councilman Hayden had said at the May Council meeting that 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 the May session.

In July Councilman Caruso, responding to what he called unfair attacks on his character at the May session, had demanded an apology from Councilman Hayden.

He 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 the Maddox company was going to be the low bidder.

In an article published later in a local daily newspaper Councilman Hayden said he did not know for sure whether Mr. Maddox was a friend of Mr. Caruso.

At Monday night's Council session Councilman Caruso said he resented the attack on his fiduciary responsibility as a member of the Governing Body's finance committee and asked Councilman Hayden if he had made the statement quoted in The Clark Patriot to Councilman Toal.

He also demanded an apology from Councilman Hayden.

Councilman Hayden replied the minutes of the Council sessions in the spring contained his statements and he would not comment further.

Asked by Councilman Caruso how he had obtained the statements made in the Oct. 17 press release Councilman Toal replied information had been supplied to him and Mr. Burger by Councilman Hayden.

Demanding an apology from Councilman Toal, Councilman Caruso asked him if he was aware Councilman Hayden had taken back some of his previous statements in the daily newspaper article.

Councilman Toal said he chose not to apologize at this time.

Mr. Molozzi then told Council President Raymond Krov he would be discussing the matter with Township Attorney Stanley Fink and would file a formal letter asking no member of the Council or Mr. Burger discuss the matter further.

In official action members of the Governing Body tabled an ordinance which would have provided \$300,000 for the construction of a new fire substation on Karitan Rd. near the first old squad headquarters.

Councilman Hayden, who was supported by Third Ward Republican Councilman Ruth DeLucas and Councilman Toal in opposing the tabling motion, said the fire substation location had been part of a Master Plan recommendation made several years ago and had been discussed by the councilmen several times since.

He added the present facility, on Wilson Ave. in the old municipal complex, has no sleeping quarters for firemen to use in inclement weather, he had no heard one resident speak against the new substation and the statements of objection made by councilmen had been found to be unfounded.

Councilman Toal urged his colleagues to "make a commitment to safety for the 21st century" by approving the new facility.

However, Councilman-at-Large Fred Eckel said the measure should be tabled because the bid for test borings at the site had come in over what was budgeted for the substation and the matter should not be moved until the money was in the budget—although he did support the substation.

Councilman Hayden replied the actual construction account for the ordinance would have the money needed to pay for the test borings.

Councilman Krov, however, said some of the questions he had about the

site had not been answered. For example, since the plans for the facility had been drawn up last year would it cost more than \$300,000 to build? Shouldn't the Council wait to see what the results of the borings were to see if the site was suitable? Would the site make fire equipment more accessible to the First and Fourth Wards? What effect would the new location have on homeowners' fire insurance rates? and what would it cost to run the

Wilson Ave. site and to what use would it be put after the Karitan Rd. substation was built?

The Council president also said the makeup of the Council could change in two weeks (two of the seats are up for election and whoever is elected will take their seats next month) and this could change the complexion of the decision.

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Clark to give flu immunizations

A spokesman for the Township of Clark today announced a bureau of health personnel will be giving influenza immunizations in consultations to all senior citizens of Clark and to chronically ill citizens of any age on Wednesday,

Oct. 30 between 1 and 2:30 p.m. at the Clark Senior Citizen Center, located at the Clark municipal complex, the former Charles Brewer School, at 430 Westfield Ave.

The clinic will be held again the same evening between 7 and 8 o'clock for those who can not attend the clinic during the afternoon.

Arthur D. Deigo, health commissioner for Clark, reports if you are allergic to eggs, chickens or chicken feathers or are under treatment for active tuberculosis or any other acute infectious disease you should consult your family physician before receiving the injection.

THE THREE CLARK PATRIOT PICKUPS OF ANY MATERIALS TO GO INTO THE PAPER WILL BE MADE AT BREWER SCHOOL ONLY. THERE WILL BE NO MORE PICKUPS AT THE CLARK-POLICE-HEADQUARTERS IN THE FORMER MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

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Be a host family.

One of the peculiar things about truth, in general, is that it requires very little argument to support itself.

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OUR HERO...A Polish war hero marches with other elites to the Grand Marshal of New York City's Pulaski Day Parade on Oct. 6.



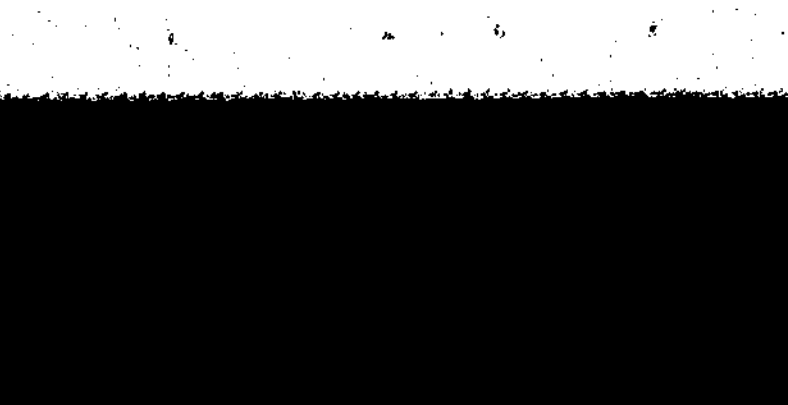
POLISH PRIDE...Aldes to the Grand Marshal of New York City's Pulaski Day Parade on Oct. 6, shown, left to right, at the Princeton Club before the parade, are: Ed Simpson, Howard Miller, John Kerlan and John Sarafin.



HEADING THE MARCH...Aldes to the Grand Marshal of New York City's Pulaski Day Parade on Oct. 6, shown, left to right, on Fifth Ave. before the march, are: Ed Simpson, John and Marie Sarafin, Doris Simpson, Rosemary Galyas, Joan and John Kerlan and Josephine and Howard Miller.



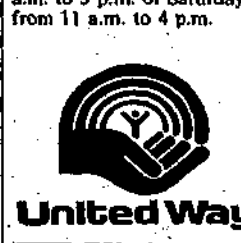
GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR...New York Mayor Edward Koch greets Joan Kerlan of Clark, an aide to the Grand Marshal of the Pulaski Day Parade, at the Oct. 6 parade.



MARSHALING THE TROOPS...The Grand Marshal of New York City's Pulaski Parade on Oct. 6, Jacob Krowicki, is shown with his wife, Mrs. Blanche Krowicki, at the Princeton Club before the parade.



GROUP WITH HEART...The first elected officers of the newly-organized Clark/Rahway Unit of the American Heart Assn. are: Nicholas Quadrel, left, president, Fred Eckel, right, vice president, and Josephine Pothamus, secretary. The officers were elected at a meeting held recently at the Clark Senior Center. A meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Rahway Hospital. Those interested in becoming members of this local unit should telephone Shirley Bourque at 376-3636.



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