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Council hears soccer viewpoints; amends ordinances

By Joan Gorzenik
The youth of Clark became the focal point of a discussion between the Municipal Council, administration and officials of the Clark Soccer Club during the Council's regular meeting Monday, December 16.

Several members of the soccer club appeared before the Council voicing their objections to the denial of the use of the Brewer School for the organization's annual indoor soccer tournament held the first two weekends in March.

Council President Raymond Krov was quick to point out the Governing Body had no knowledge of the refusal by the administration.

Prior to this, the Clark Soccer Club engaged the Brewer School facilities for \$600 in 1983, the time of the tournament's debut, while the school was under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, according to James Heller, a past president and an active coach in the club. In 1984, the club rented the facilities for \$1,300, while jurisdiction of the school was in a transitional period between the Board and the Township Council, he said.

He also said the club was committed to paying any additional costs incurred in going so far as to acquire food poisoning insurance because of the serving of refreshments.

The organization's past president maintained the club was "community-minded" and could not understand the club's rejection in his request for the use of the facilities.

Another speaker, Iesel Krehan, a member of the soccer club's executive board and a representative of the Mid-New Jersey League, outlined the many strides made by the club over the years. She explained the club maintained a \$15 fee for members. This fee includes uniforms which may be kept by the players. She cited the establishment of a scholarship given each year to a male and female student of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School with the only stipulation being that the student must have played with the Clark Soccer Club. Mrs. Krehan pointed to the installation of a \$7,000 sprinkler system at Bartell Field and a \$3,000 reworking of the field, all funded by the club.

The club spokeswoman stressed fund drives were the members' primary source for offsetting expenses.

In concluding Mrs. Krehan announced the tournament would be referred to as the Patrick Conley Memorial Tournament memorializing the club's founder.

A third speaker, Francis Conley, commented the Clark Soccer Club has increased five-fold since its inception. He also pointed to the club's competition in Italy recently.

Business Administrator Joseph Monaco, representing Mayor George Nucera, who was absent due to illness, said the Clark Soccer Club would be contacted in regard to the matter.

In another matter, Felice Sacher Scincier, the president of the Clark Tenant Assn., told the Council an agreement had been reached with at least one Clark landlord regarding spiraling rents within the township.

Last month, the organization's president requested the Council grant a 90-day halt to all rent increases. She said, at that time, rent increases gave Clark the greatest possibility of having a rent-monitoring board.

In other action, the Council:

—Urged the Department of Transportation of the State of New Jersey to pursue funding to initiate the corridor traffic study of Route 444 covering the area from Route 27 in Woodbridge Township to Route 28 in Cranford.

The Governing Body of the Township of Clark urged the Legislative representatives of Union and Middlesex Counties to support this funding.

The resolution, supported by the entire Council, directed the clerk of the Township of Clark to forward a copy of the document to the Legislative representatives of Union and Middlesex Counties as well as the State Department of Transportation and the Governor.

Council President and First Ward Councilman Raymond Krov commented the Summit Trust Company noted that donations may be made to benefit the Rahway First Aid Emergency Squad.

—Authorized the issuance of a Bowling Alley License for 1986, effective January 1, to Clark Bowling Lanes Inc., trading as Clark Lanes, 140 Central Ave. in Clark. According to the resolution, issuance of the license is contingent upon the payment of a fee in the amount of \$255.

—Authorized the carrying over of 1984 vacation time accumulated by Catherine Conley and Charlene Litvine according to administrative certification. According to the resolution, the employees' vacation time could not have been utilized in 1984 because of the shortage of personnel in the Office of the Township Clerk, resulting from Mr. Paulusnik's retirement announcement.

—Directed the proper officer or officers of the Township of Clark to effect transfers of funds within the 1985 Municipal Budget.

—Cancelled 1985 budget appropriations balances in the Township of Clark Budget which totals \$40,051,644.

—Authorized the proper officer or officers of the

Clark Swimming Pool Utility to effect various transfers of funds within the 1985 Pool Budget.

—Amended the 1985 Municipal Budget under Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Fire, Other Expenses, so as to provide Account No. 470-306, Miscellaneous which totals \$610.33.

—Urged and requested Union County to install a traffic light or other traffic control device at the intersection of Central Avenue and Terminal Avenue in the Township of Clark. Reasons for the request, outlined in the resolution, were the dramatic increase in traffic in recent years especially during rush hours and the importance of the health,

safety and welfare of the residents of Clark and Westfield. This resolution, supported by the entire Council, also directed the Township clerk to forward the document to Union County, the State Department of Transportation and the Governing Body of Westfield.

—Authorized the Police Department to ignore the "no parking" signs on all of Dawn Drive, opposite Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School. The decision was prompted by the decrease in recent years of the population of students at the high school resulting in the parking situation becoming less of a problem. The resolution will become effective for 90 days from the date of adoption pending the amendment of the appropriate ordinances of Clark to remove the no parking restrictions on Dawn Drive.

—Okayed the purchase of a compressor and paving breaker for the Township and to provide for the appropriation of monies.

—Amended an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance establishing positions, salaries and duties under the provisions of Civil Service," adopted November 9, 1964, affecting school guards and special officers.

—Amended an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to fix minimum and maximum salaries," for the secretary to the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment, judge, prosecutor, and directors of Welfare and

Public Safety, adopted July 12, 1965.

—Amended an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance establishing positions, salaries and duties under the provisions of Civil Service," adopted November 9, 1964, affecting employees of the Bureau of Roads for 1985 and 1986.

—Nominated and appointed three members of the Council to serve as insurance commissioners. Under the Township's self insurance program, the newly-appointed Insurance Fund Commissioner are: Council President and First Ward Councilman Raymond Krov, Councilman-at-large Bernard Hayden and Councilman-at-large Joseph Pozniak.

Disposal-Recycling Center temporarily closed

Mayor George C. Nucera has announced the temporary closing of the Disposal and Recycling Center from December 16, 1985 until further notice. This temporary closing is due to the large volume of

debris and leaves that must be removed by the contractor to the dump site in South Jersey and also due to the large waiting lines at the dump sites in New Jersey. The enormous amount of debris from the

hurricane September 27, as well as this fall's leaves has caused a storage space problem.

All citizens of Clark are asked to exercise patience during this period of time.

Pictures with Santa will benefit squad

On Friday, Dec. 20, Santa Claus will be present at the Summit Trust Company office, 10 Westfield Ave., Clark, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free pictures of Santa and children will be taken.

Charles Sales, vice president of marketing for the Summit Trust Company, noted that donations may be made to benefit the Rahway First Aid Emergency Squad.

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Clark Police food drive on

Several members of the Clark Police Department are conducting a food drive so they can give out food baskets to poor and needy families at Christmas time. All canned foods or other non-perishable goods can be dropped off at Clark Police Headquarters.

If you have any questions, please contact Detective Mike Kuch or Detective Jim Toma.



6 Days Left 'Til Christmas! It's Almost Here Kids!



CHARITY BALL AIDS HOSPITAL... Honoring the Honorable Matthew J. Rinaldo, U.S. Congressman, 21st district, at the Alexian Brothers Hospital Foundation 32nd Annual Charity Ball held recently at the Newark Airport Marriott area. (L-R) Lorenzo A. Rodriguez, Chairman of the Hospital Board of Directors, his wife Mercedes Rodriguez who also served as Honorary Chairwoman, Congressman Rinaldo, and Anthony D. Rinaldo, Jr., Esq., President of the Alexian Brothers Hospital Foundation and a member of the Hospital Board of Directors, far right. Proceeds from the ball, attended by over 250 friends and supporters of the hospital, will be used for renovations in the emergency room and hospital outpatient areas.

Cheese available for qualified residents

George G. Nucera, Mayor of the Township of Clark, announced that the Township of Clark will be participating in the Federal Dairy Program by giving to those Clark residents, who qualify, surplus cheese. The distribution of the cheese will take place on Friday, Dec. 27 between the hours of 12 noon and 4 p.m., at the Clark Municipal Building table entrance, at the cafeteria of the Senior Citizen Center.

Mrs. Lois Sissel, Welfare Director for the Township stated that those who are eligible to receive the cheese are persons who receive aid to families with dependent children, Medicaid supplemental security income

(SSI) or food stamps or who participate in women, infants and children programs (WIC) qualify with those whose income falls within 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Mrs. Sissel announced that seniors who participate in the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program for the Aged (PAA) WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR SURPLUS FEDERAL COMMODITIES. Because of a ruling by the U.S. Department of New Jersey was forced to drop PAA as an automatic eligibility category for commodities before it could conduct any further distributions.

Under the 1985 poverty guidelines, a single senior may have an annual income of up to \$9,713.00 - a couple may have an income of \$13,043.00.

Any one having questions regarding the cheese program may telephone 388-3600, extension 11.



The fourth grade classes of Miss Kiernan and Mrs. Davies represent a wide variety of international cultures at the International Day celebration held recently at Saint John The Apostle School in Clark.