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Litigation continues on land sale for group home

by Pat DeMaggio
Chief of Police Anthony T. Sinar presented departmental awards to members of the Clark Police Department at the regular City Council meeting held on Feb. 10. The officers receiving awards were Sergeant William Duffy, Patrolmen Victor DeMarzo and Kevin White, James Pitar, Michael Ince and Richard Hedinger.

In other action, a resolution to discontinue litigation commenced on behalf of the Township of Clark to prevent the establishment of a group home was defeated by a vote of 4 to 3, with Councilmen Bernard Hayden, Brian Isal and Councilwoman Ruth DeLuca voting in favor of the dismissal.

Councilwoman DeLuca read from a letter addressed to Township Clerk Edward Padusniak from Governor Thomas Kean in which the Governor advised that the sale of land for a group home is legally permitted, the same as for a single family residence. The governor's letter cited a five-year study that has shown there is no loss of property values in neighborhoods where group homes were permitted. Mrs. DeLuca said that she felt that any more money spent to try to stop the sale of land for the group home would be a waste of the taxpayers' money.

In other business the council:

Officers awarded at council meeting



HONORED OFFICERS . . . Members of the Clark Police Department received departmental awards at a City Council meeting held Feb. 10. Pictured are (l-r) Public Safety Director Joseph Comarata, Patrolman Michael Ince, Victor DeMarzo, Richard Hedinger, and Kevin White; Sgt. William Duffy, Patrolman James Pitar, and Police Chief Anthony T. Sinar.

Amended a bond ordinance providing for the purchase of a new fire utility truck with an emergency generator for and by the Township, and appropriating \$90,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$85,500 in bonds or notes for financing such appropriation.

Approved a resolution publicly acknowledging Grace L. O'Connor on the occasion of her retirement.

as Director of the Clark Library.

Approved a resolution placing the former Recreation Center on Brant Ave. in auction for public sale to the highest bidder subject to terms.

Approved a resolution amending the Board of Public Utilities, Division of Solid Waste Management to investigate the recurring problem dealing with waste flow at the Edgeboro Land fill.

Approved a resolution directing the Township Engineer and Director of Public Works and Engineering to take necessary steps to engage the appropriate contractors to repair and correct the problem in the area of Old Raritan Road concerning raw sewage backups into homes.

Approved a resolution engaging the firm of Fink and Rosner, of Clark, to be special tax counsel for the purpose of representing the

Township with regard to cases which are pending before the New Jersey Tax Court involving tax appeals for properties within Clark, to be chargeable to the Tax Assessor's Budget.

Approved a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to refund the sum of \$634.11 to James F. Keefe, Esq. for property known as 32 Ridge Road, for overpayment of fourth quarter 1985 taxes.

Approved a resolution authorizing the Director of Revenue and Finance to refund to Frederick and Margaret Flemm the sum of \$50.60 representing the overpayment of 1985 taxes, resulting from a reduced assessment.

Approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to appoint or to designate from the Patrol Division to the Youth Aid Bureau one policeman to be designated as "Acting Detective" for 1986.

Tabled by the council was an ordinance providing for construction of a fire station and a resolution regarding traffic problems on School St. A resolution regarding the changing of the street light on Peter Circle was filed. An ordinance creating and establishing policies and charges for the rental and usage of certain municipal facilities within the township was also tabled.



A WELCOME ADDITION . . . Participating in ribbon cutting ceremonies marking the opening of the Cali Corporate Center/Clark are (l-r) Joseph J. Monaco, business administrator for the township of Clark; John

J. Cali, partner in Cali Associates, developer of the office building; George G. Nucera, mayor of Clark; Paul Sottolmayer, president of Midlantic Mortgage Co., a tenant in the building; and Philip Cali of Cali Associates.

New addition welcomed in township

Community officials were on hand in Clark, to mark the official opening of the community's newest office building, Cali Corporate Center/Clark.

Participating in ribbon cutting ceremonies for the 182,555 square-foot office building were Clark Mayor George G. Nucera; Township Business Administrator Joseph J. Monaco; members of Cali Associates, the development organization; and Paul Sottolmayer of Midlantic Mortgage Company, the building's lead tenant.

Commenting on the building, Mr. Monaco welcomed Cali Associates to Clark and called the office center a most welcome addition to the community.

John Cali, partner in Cali Associates announced several new tenants to be

recently completed building. According to Mr. Cali, new firms joining the tenant roster at Cali/Clark include: Philip Morris USA, who have leased 4,000 square feet of space as New Jersey sales offices, which are currently located in Carlstadt, New Jersey. The firm, which will relocate to Clark in April, will maintain its one million square feet of warehouse facilities in Carlstadt; Jack Feeny of Douglas Elliman Knight Frank & Co. was the broker in the transaction.

Carteret Mortgage Corporation has leased 7,539 square feet of space as headquarters for its New Jersey division and as its mortgage organization. This will be the fourth office of its kind for Carteret. Stan Kurtzweil of David T. Houston Company was the broker in the transaction.

Union Oil Company of California, UNOCAL Chemicals Division, has leased 10,104 square feet of space as regional headquarters, in a transaction brokered by Michael Kaplan of Kaplan Realty.

With the addition of these firms to the Cali/Clark tenant roster, reported Mr. Cali, the building has now passed the 40% occupancy mark. These organizations join Midlantic Mortgage Corporation, a full service mortgage subsidiary of Midlantic Bank which has leased 15,000 square feet of space in a relocation of its Newark offices.

Cali/Clark, a six-story structure, was completed in December 1985 and has already won a reputation as one of the state's most important new commercial buildings. Its central location, adjacent to exit 135 of

the Garden State Parkway, and its striking architectural configuration have been among the ingredients of its early success.

The Clark area is regarded as one of New Jersey's important new growth areas, some 20 minutes driving distance to New York City; the area has immediate access to some of New Jersey's most strategic highways - Route 287, 22, and I and 9, and the New Jersey Turnpike.

Cali Associates, which is headquartered in Cranford, is one of the state's most active development organizations. The firm has been responsible for the creation of major office complexes in Bergen, Essex, Passaic, Union and Somerset Counties, as well as residential communities throughout the state.



ANNUAL TRADITION . . . The junior class of Mother Seton Regional High School received their school rings at a special liturgy and ceremony recently. Sister Regina Martin, principal, is pictured presenting a ring to Peggy Komisskov of Clark. Mrs. Barbara Fowley and Mrs. Karen Pomietz, co-moderators of the ring ceremony, worked very closely with student chairpersons, Chairman David of Rahway, and Hosi Myrtle of Irvington on this ceremony, which is one of the annual traditions at Mother Seton Regional High School.

Clark Library to host seminar on tax returns

The Clark Public Library, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, will sponsor a Community Outreach Tax Assistance seminar on Wednesday, March 12 at the Library, 303 Westfield Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

The session, which is open to the public, will review recent tax law changes as well as common errors made on tax returns. Reservations can be made by calling Ms. Eleanor Tregar at 388-5999.

Organizations interested in sponsoring seminars for individuals with common tax interests may do so by contacting the IRS Taxpayer Education Coordinator at P.O. Box 476, Newark, N.J. 07101. Arrangements may also be made by phone via the toll free taxpayer assistance line, 1-800-424-1040; or on a direct line 645-6478.

Squad auxiliary sets dinner dance

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad will hold a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 15, at the Clark Squad House, 795 Raritan Road. Dinner will be served 7:30 p.m. with dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beer and setups will be provided and participants may bring their own liquor.

Tickets are \$12.50 per person and \$25 per couple. For further information phone Mrs. Norma Rice, 388-1715, or Mrs. Florence Donnelly at 382-4428.

PTA's sponsor Balloon Launch

The Frank K. Hehny School PTA and the Valley Road School PTA will sponsor a Balloon Launch for the students on Feb. 28 at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of this project is to focus the students' attention on the space shuttle program in a positive way.

Each student's balloon will carry a self-addressed card, informing the finder of this worthwhile project. Through this Balloon Launch, our students hope to spread their enthusiasm, encouragement and generosity to many others.

Each student will donate \$1 which will be contributed to the NASA SPACE SHUTTLE FUND. Local merchants in Clark have generously made contributions to defray the cost of the materials needed for this project.

Budget hearing for 1986-87 slated by Board

A community wide hearing of the proposed 1986-87 school budget will be presented by the Clark Board of Education on Wednesday, March 5, in Valley Road School at 7:30 p.m.

The evening is being co-sponsored by the Frank K. Hehny PTA, the Kumpf Middle School PTA and the Valley Road School PTA. Refreshments will be provided.

For further information phone Linda Montgomery at 232-8225.

Clarification

In the Feb. 20 issue of the Clark Patriot, the news item regarding the election of Thomas Dunn as Chairman of the Clark Democratic Club should have read "of the Clark Democratic Committee."

Although the two groups work closely together for the betterment of the Democratic Party, there is a distinction.

The members of the Clark Democratic Committee are elected by the voters of the Township and their meetings are political. While the Clark Democratic Club is the social arm of the Party, it has an open membership to Democrats who reside within the Township.

Ered Eckel was recently elected President of the Clark Democratic Club.



ARTISTICALLY SPEAKING . . . The Clark Public Library has on display this month art work from the students of St. Agnes School in Clark. Works range from temporary painting to seed mosaics to paper penguins. The students are taught by Mrs. Patricia Novy of Clark. Pictured with their art work are Kevin Boone, Jennifer Boeck, and Jennifer Kowalski of Clark, Louis Conoshent and Andrew Hunt of Rahway and Diana Hall of Clark.