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Council withdraws introduction of budget

by Pat DiMaggio
A motion to adopt a resolution increasing items in the Mayor's budget and introduction of the 1986 Municipal Budget was defeated by a vote of 4 to 3 at the March 17th meeting of the Clark City Council.

Before the roll call on the vote for the budget was made, Fourth Ward Councilman Brian Toal read a statement of apology for his absence at budget meetings because of illness, and said he intended to vote on the budget that night. Councilpersons Ruth DeLuca, Bernard Hayden and Brian Toal voted against the council's increases over the mayor's proposed budget, thereby forcing the removal of the resolutions and introduction of the agenda. The

Faulkner Act states that two thirds of the council, or 5 votes, must in agreement to increase a budget. Retired Township Clerk Edward Padusniak volunteered his services to the City Council at a special meeting for budget deliberations to be held at the Brewer school.

In other business the council:
—Approved an ordinance to amend an ordinance to establish an Insurance Fund and an Insurance Fund Commission as well as to provide for Worker's Compensation Insurance Fund.

—Approved a resolution requesting the Township Engineer to review and inspect the following streets and prepare estimates for the repair, resurfacing,

reconstruction and/or curbing where applicable: Tutor Drive, Acken Drive, Woodland Road, Willow Way, Briarheath Lane, Skyline Drive, Autumn Ave., Terhune Road and Lefferis Lane with curbs, William St., Rutgers Road between Arbor Lane and Kincaid, Maurice Ave., Mildred Terrace from Madison Hill Road to the end of the Kumpf School property, with curbs, Kenneth Place, Lincoln Boulevard, Coldevin Road, Hillside Ave., Emerson Road, Wilson Drive, Evans Terrace, Ridge Road, and the full parking lot behind the Municipal Building and Library.

—Approved a resolution opposing the proposed budget of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of

Union County and urging the board to drastically reduce that budget.

—Approved a resolution authorizing refunds of taxes for 1985 to Rochelle Surrett in the amount of \$360.80 and to Michael and Clare Ford in the amount of \$411.40.

—Approved an addendum to the lease between the Board of Education and the Township of Clark regarding the former Brewer School.

—Approved a resolution appointing Jan Guskind, Vincent Pereira, Jr. and Richard Thomas as members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department.

—A resolution appointing William Kaiser as a member of the Board of Adjustment was defeated by a vote of 4 to 3 with Councilman Caruso, Eckel, Poz-

niak and Krov voting against the appointment.

—A resolution appointing John B. Cahill as a member of the Board of Adjustment for the unexpired term of Joseph Fournier was approved by a vote of 4 to 3 with Councilpersons DeLuca, Hayden and Toal voting against the appointment.

—Approved a resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of an air compressor and paving breaker to the only bidder, Holt Machinery Co., Cranford, in the amount of \$8,390.

—Approved a resolution authorizing Public Service Electric and Gas Co. to change the street light in Peter Circle from a regular light to a higher intensity light.

—Approved a resolution urging the Board of Public

Utilities of the State of New Jersey to deny the rate increases requested by the Public Service Electric and Gas Co. for electric and gas service, as well as the Middlesex Water Co. for water rates.

—Approved a resolution authorizing the Director of Revenue and Finance to make tax refunds for 1985 for properties located at 741 Raritan Road, Raritan and Central Ave. and 226 Westfield Ave.

A motion to continue on the table an ordinance providing for the construction of a Fire Substation was defeated and a resolution regarding a traffic problem on School St. was continued on the table pending notification from the State Department of Transportation.



OUTSTANDING TEACHER... (L-R) Regional Board of Education member Molvin Altman, and Louis DeRosa, Principal of Arthur L. Johnson honor Douglas Felter, teacher of English with Board member Virginia Muskus.

Council hosts cadets for annual government day

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark City Council hosted the Washington Rock Council Annual Cadet Government Day at the regular meeting held on March 17.

Cadet Council President Jennifer Primich called the meeting to order and Cadet Township Clerk Patty Cahill announced the roll call. Acting as Cadet Councilpersons were: Councilperson-at-Large and Vice President, Yvette Korb; Councilperson-at-Large, Michelle Basile; Councilperson-at-Large, Carolyn Augustyn; Councilperson-Ward 2, Anne Marie Cilly; Councilperson-Ward 3, Carolyn Cospito; Councilperson Ward 4, Jennifer Remminger; and Business Administrator, Donna Schmidt. Acting as Cadet Mayor was Gloria McCluskey.

Mrs. Chris Kline, Scout Leader of Troop 1220, presented the Silver Award to Kathleen Dobbin, Anne Draghi, Jennifer Kline and Elizabeth Krewedell. The Golden Award, Girl Scout's highest honor, was presented to Peggy Kline, who could not attend.

In other business the Cadet Council:

—Approved a resolution donating two books to the Library from the Clark-Windfield Girl Scouts in honor of their 25th Anniversary.

—Approved a resolution to help solve problems with the Fire Department and the First Aid Squad's request that house numbers be four inches high and be located in a lighted area visible from the curbside of the house. As a community service the scouts will make a check of all houses in Clark and make a list of those houses without numbers on them.

—Approved a resolution to send a letter to Conrail regarding the Picton Rail road area where grass needs cutting monthly.

—Approved a resolution to enforce the litter law, especially for property owners putting grass clippings, etc. into storm sewers.

—Approved a resolution to allow Girl Scouts to assist senior citizens in bagging leaves in the fall if called.

—Approved a resolution asking the Township Recreation Department to have a motorized dirt bike track in the "Pit."

—Approved a resolution advising the Union County

Department of Public Works of large pipes which are a safety factor and are located on Union County Parkway.

—Approved an ordinance for the license and inoculation of cats.

—Approved a resolution calling for more recessed curbs for baby carriages and wheelchairs for handicapped persons.

—Approved a resolution asking the Police Department to give more fines for speeding cars, especially on side streets, as it endangers children.

—Approved an ordinance making all radar detectors illegal.

—Approved a resolution granting adolescents the adult privilege to lodge complaints regarding obscene or abusive telephone calls, without parental permission.

—Approved a resolution requesting a pay phone at Brewer School.

Liesel Krehan, coordinator of Cadet Government Day, thanked the Mayor and the City Council members for their help and support and asked Business Administrator Joseph Monaco for city maps to help in the house number service project.

Clark Art Association to host Origami demo

On Thursday, April 3, the Clark Art Association will present Ernest C. Donn who will demonstrate the art of Origami. Origami is a Japanese word meaning the folding of paper.

Mr. Donn received a B.F.A. from Pratt Institute and is the photographer for the Federated Art Association of N.J.

The meeting starts at 8 p.m. at the Clark Public Library and the public is invited.

Robinson Museum reopens April 6

The Dr. William Robinson Plantation and Museum, 593 Madison Road, Clark, will reopen for the 1986 season on April 6.

From 11 to 4 p.m. Guided tours of the 300-year-old restoration and its grounds will be conducted by costumed members of the Clark Historical Society.

There is no admission charge.

Claire Archer, of Belmar, will demonstrate Scherenschnitt, the art of paper cutting. Mrs. Archer works with traditional patterns as well as her own original designs.

The Museum shop will be open, offering a variety of handcrafted articles.

Douglas Felter selected as outstanding teacher

Douglas Felter, an English teacher at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, was selected as the outstanding teacher at the school by a panel of teachers, administrators and residents.

Mr. Felter, a resident of Clark, will receive a certificate of commendation from Gov. Thomas Kean at a special Convocation on Education, and a \$1,000 grant will be awarded to the school to be used as he determines.

His selection was made possible by the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program, which was developed to recognize outstanding teachers in the state.

Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School provides education for students from Clark. It is one of the four high schools of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1.

NINE HUNDRED BALLOONS TRIBUTE ASTRONAUTS... On Friday, Feb. 28, over nine hundred balloons were released by Valley Road and Frank K. Hehny students, teachers, and parents in tribute to the space shuttle astronauts. Over \$375 was donated by the Valley Road School and will be sent to the space shuttle fund in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The school will also be registered into the "Young Astronauts Chapter." The Frank K. Hehny school collected over \$330, which will be sent to the "Children's Fund" in Washington, D.C. Cards attached to the balloons were returned from Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, and Nova Scotia. The program was a joint effort sponsored by the Frank K. Hehny and Valley Road Schools P.T.A.



GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE... Hundreds of high school and college students and their families came to visit New Jersey Institute of Technology at its recent open house program. Among them were Art Williams of Clark, a student at Arthur Johnson High School, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Williams Sr.