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## 'Insurance crunch' hits township

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Clark Municipal Council approved appropriations in the amount of \$150,000 to pay their insurance bills, with the provi-

sion of investigating other sources of insurance coverage, at a special meeting held on Aug. 13. Council President Raymond Krow said the special

meeting was called to approve \$150,000 over the estimated cost of insurance coverage for the township. Krow said that in the beginning of the year the council asked their insurance representative, The Rasmussen Agency, Inc., of East Orange, to advise the township of its insurance cost for the year. Estimates of \$227,000 were given by the agency and that figure was included in the budget.

The council was recently notified that the cost of insurance would rise from the estimated \$40,000 to \$70,000 for the police professional policy, from \$96,000 to \$168,000 for comprehensive coverage and from \$42,000 to \$66,000 for umbrella coverage when payment is due in September.

With several other \$5,000 increases on other policies, this brings the township's total cost for insurance to \$380,000.

"We are feeling the insurance crunch everyone is complaining about right now," said Krow.

Several council members expressed anger over the increases and the late notification of costs and suggested

seeking alternate insurance companies to handle the township's coverage.

"This is the most mishandled venture this council ever faced," said Councilman William Caruso. "This agency waits until the final hour and gives us no chance to compare rates."

"We are notified at the last minute every year," said Councilman Joseph Pozniak. "It is outrageous that a township like Clark, with very few claims, can be hit with this."

Director of Law Stanley Fink advised the council to approve the appropriations, saying that not to do so would leave the township without coverage. Fink said that the contract has a 60-day cancellation provision, and that the council has "the right to seek other people."

Councilman Pozniak, as Chairman of the Insurance Committee, said he plans to send out letters to other agencies asking for presentations of coverage for the council.

Council Members Ruth DeLuca and Brian Toal were absent from the meeting.



John E. Conlin

### School to honor Conlin upon retirement

The Frank K. Hehny School, Clark, Silver Jubilee celebration will honor Mr. John E. Conlin upon his retirement. Mr. Conlin, a resident of Garwood, has been employed in the Clark School System since 1950, as a teacher, then Principal of Abraham Clark School. He has been principal of the Frank K. Hehny School

since its opening in 1961. His distinguished service to education will be recognized at a dinner at the Clinton Manor, Union, on Thursday, September 18.

Anyone wishing further details may contact Mrs. Hazel Howie, Secretary, Frank K. Hehny School, 381-8100.

### Branch, bulk pick-up discontinued during Town-Wide Clean-Up

Mayor George C. Nucera has announced that all pickups to homes for branch chipping service on Wed-

nesdays and bulky-item service on Fridays will be discontinued during the period in which the Town-Wide Clean-Up will take place, from September 15 to October 10.

The Town Wide Clean-Up will be conducted as follows: Ward 4 - Monday to Thursday, September 15-18; Ward 3 - Monday to Thursday, September 22-25; Ward 1 - Monday to Thursday, September 29 to October 2; and Ward 2 - Monday to Thursday, October 6-9.

Residents are reminded that all items must be placed at curbside prior to 6 a.m. on the first day of clean-up for each Ward.

### Disposal and Recycling Center will close for holiday

The Disposal and Recycling Center will be closed in honor of the Labor Day holiday on Sunday, August 31, and Monday, September 1, according to Mayor Nucera.

The Center will be opened during normal hours, noon to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, August 30, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2, at 7:30 a.m.

Normal hours for the Disposal and Recycling Center are: Monday and Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5:30 p.m.



ASSEMBLYMAN FRANKS HONORED... New Jersey Assemblyman Bob Franks, (left), was named Legislator of the Year by the National Republican Legislators Association. Presenting the award was former RNC Chairman William E. Brock.

### Assemblyman Franks selected Legislator of the Year

New Jersey Assemblyman Bob Franks was named Legislator of the Year by the National Republican Legislators Association (NRLA). Franks was selected from more than 3,000 Republican state legislators in the United States to receive this award.

Presenting the award was Secretary of Labor and former RNC Chairman William E. Brock. According to Brock, Franks was selected based upon his proven leadership and dedication to the Republican Party. "Assemblyman Bob Franks has set an example of quality leadership for Republicans at all levels of government and has shown

a tremendous amount of dedication to his constituents as well as the entire state of New Jersey.

According to NRLA President Hugh T. Farley, "Each year the NRLA honors and pays tribute to ten legislators who have been chosen by their peers for outstanding leadership and exemplary performance in their respective offices. Assemblyman Franks is most deserving of this special recognition and honor."

Franks is currently serving his seventh year in the state legislature and has worked to create a climate for economic growth in New Jersey. Republicans in

the Assembly unanimously chose Franks for the major leadership post of Conference Chairman.

Franks founded the New Jersey Coalition for Regulatory Efficiency, an important initiative to cut through—and reduce—bureaucratic rules and regulations which has received national acclaim. During his four terms as an Assemblyman, Franks has sponsored other key pieces of legislation such as Congressional Redistricting, State-wide library aid, and training programs for local officials to deal more effectively with toxic discharges. The NRLA spokesman concluded.



CLARK RESIDENT AWARDED... The Public Safety Department of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey recently held its first Annual Awards Ceremony. Twenty-two members of the department were recipients of awards. Among those receiving awards was Police Officer Frank DeMarzo (center), Police Officer DeMarzo resides in Clark. The guest speaker for the Awards Ceremony was Mr. Herbert Roemle, at right, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of UMDNJ. Ottaviano P. Clonati, at left, is the Director of Public Safety at UMDNJ. Sergeant Anthony Consolo served as Chairman of the Awards and Recognition Committee.

### Income guidelines announced for free, reduced lunches

Students enrolled at A. L. Johnson Regional High School, Valley Road School, Frank K. Hehny School and Carl H. Kumpf School will have low cost, nutritious school lunches available to them.

In addition, meals will be provided free or at a greatly reduced price to children from households whose gross incomes are at or below those shown for their household size on the income scale below. Applications for free or reduced price meals were sent to the households of all children enrolled in the schools.

#### INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (as announced by United States Department of Agriculture)

Household Size	FREE MEALS		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 6,968	\$ 581	\$ 134
2	9,412	785	181
3	11,856	988	228
4	14,300	1,192	275
5	16,744	1,396	322
6	19,188	1,599	369
7	21,632	1,803	416
8	24,076	2,007	463
Each Additional Household Member	+ 2,444	+ 204	+ 47

#### REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Household Size	REDUCED PRICE MEALS		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 9,916	\$ 827	\$ 191
2	13,394	1,117	258
3	16,872	1,406	325
4	20,350	1,696	392
5	23,828	1,986	459
6	27,306	2,276	526
7	30,784	2,566	592
8	34,262	2,856	659
Each Additional Household Member	+ 3,478	+ 290	+ 67

Foster children are also eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Application forms are available at the schools and application can be made at any time during the school year. If a household member becomes unemployed, or the household size or income changes during the school year, parents should contact the school so that all children receive the proper benefits.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; social security numbers of all adult household members or a statement that the household member does not possess one; total household income listed by the amount received by each household member and the type of income it is; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. Households are required to report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size.

The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

The schools will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing. A hearing can be arranged for high school students by calling or writing Dr. Francis Kenny at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, 376-6300.

Hearings for elementary school students may be made by calling or writing to Dr. Paul J. Ortenzio at the Clark Board of Education, Schindler Rd., 574-9600. Once determinations are completed, school officials are required to verify a minimum of three percent of the approved free and reduced price applications on file.

In the operation of Child Nutrition Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or handicap. Also, the names of those receiving free or reduced price meals will be kept private. Children who receive free or reduced price meals benefits are treated the same as children who pay for meals. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

### 2nd Lt. Yersavich completes indoctrination

Air Force Reserve 2nd Lt. Anna E. Yersavich, daughter of Alfred V. and Margaret M. Yersavich of 59 Getrude St., Clark, has completed the U.S. Air Force military indoctrination for medical service officers at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. The course acquaints newly commissioned medical personnel with professional and administrative responsibilities as Air Force officers.

### Rahway Kiwanis Golf Tournament raises \$10,000 for Rahway Hospital

The Rahway Kiwanis Club raised over \$10,000 for Rahway Hospital through its annual golf tournament, held June 23 at the Colonia Country Club. Over 100 golfers participated in the event, which was co-chaired by Constantine Vigilante and Sal Prezioso.

Low gross winner was Edward Partenope, M.D., with a score of 80. Irwin Josephs came in second, also with a score of 80, but Dr. Partenope won on a match of scorecards. Third place went to Jerry Sheehan, with a score of 81. Robert Shaw scored 82, and Nino Mannuzza, 83.

Low net winner for the day was Robert Roche, with a score of 71. Ray Giacobbe took second with a score of 72. George Weckel, Bruce Schwartz, and Andre Yurchuck tied at 73.

The longest drive on the 18th hole was made by Charles Oates. Mary Petroziello won the putting contest. Phyllis Baiori was named "Most Honest Goller."

Closest to the pin on the 2nd hole was Irwin Josephs, at the 6th hole was Tom

Dunham, at the 13th hole was Robert Shaw, and at the 16th hole, Tom Crowell.

Special thanks go to



TROPHY FOR TOURNEY WINNER... Sal Prezioso, right, co-chairman of the third annual Rahway Hospital Golf Tournament held June 23 at the Colonia Country Club presents the low gross trophy to Dr. Edward Partenope who shot a round of 80.

Medallion Lincoln Mercury, Rahway Auto Supply, and Frystock Sales and Service for putting up automobiles as prizes for a hole-in-one.