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Budget adoption 'on hold'; state seeks clarification

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Township Council decided not to adopt the 1987 municipal budget at their regular meeting held last week due to the state's request for more information.

According to Council President Joseph Pozniak, the state has requested more information about the Capital Projects and Supplemental Safe Neighborhood Program accounts. The public hearing and final adoption will be rescheduled.

hospitalization, major medical, dental, prescription, state pension and life insurance plans. Councilmembers Carmine Cristiani, Carol Pluta and Bernard Hayden voted against this resolution.

Authorized the township clerk to process the required purchase order covering the purchase of a new snow blower.

Authorized the installation of an additional street light in the vicinity of 6 Oak Street.

Urged the treasurer of the State of New Jersey to withdraw state funds from any banking institution which charges the public credit card interest rates in excess of 5 percent over the current prime rate.

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Council defeats emergency funds

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Municipal Council called a special meeting Tuesday night to approve emergency temporary appropriations, but the resolutions were defeated by a 3 to 3 vote.

and wages and \$70,700 for social security and other items. Councilman Robert Ellenport said that failure to approve the resolutions will result in lay-off notices to be sent to Township employees. "There is no money available for salaries after the next payroll period,"

before the budget is passed," said Ellenport. The next payroll period is after the first week of May, according to Ellenport.

The council hopes to call a meeting on May 4 to try to reintroduce the resolutions and for possible final adoption of the budget.

Council head names committee members

by Pat DiMaggio
Municipal Council President Joseph Pozniak appointed the following committees to serve the township for the next three months.

Safety Committee, Chairman Fred Eckel, William Caruso, Public Works Committee, Chairman Fred Eckel, William Caruso, Legislation Committee, Chairman Robert Ellenport, Carol Pluta, Finance Committee, Chairman Robert Ellenport, Fred Eckel, Carmine Cristiani, Pool Committee, Chairman Fred Eckel, Joseph Pozniak.

Library Liaison, Robert Ellenport, Public Safety Liaison, Fred Eckel, Recreation Liaison, William Caruso, First Aid Squad Liaison, Joseph Pozniak, Board of Education Liaison, Robert Ellenport, Senior

Citizens Liaison, Joseph Pozniak.
The following is a list of fees for the Clark Swimming Pool for the 1987 year: Swim lessons (with Red Cross Registration), \$7; Swim team, \$5; Lost I.D. cards, \$3; Senior life saving (plus Red Cross Registration fee), \$15; Guest fees, weekday, \$3 and holiday and weekend, \$5; Pool parties (per person, adult, \$3 member, \$4 guest), teeny boppers, \$1 (member), \$2 (guest); Family night, free.

Science Fair planned at AL Johnson

The Science Club at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark will sponsor its first Science Fair on Thursday evening, May 7, in the school's cafeteria.

The Science Fair, which will run from 5 to 8 p.m., will feature a large display of science and mathematical projects made by the students of Johnson Regional and the Carl Kumpf, Frank Hechly and Valley Road schools of Clark.

Prizes will be awarded for the three best projects in each of the three categories — high school, middle school and elementary school. Over 100 participants are expected for this exhibit, which is open to the public.

"The Science Fair promotes the idea of individual work in science, which, in turn, increases the students' interest in scientific-related fields," explained Mr. Ronald Marionni, the Science Department Supervisor at Arthur L. Johnson. "And this event also provides the element of community involvement with the schools and furthers cooperation between our school and the elementary schools in Clark."



DRAW ME A STORY... Tina M. Angelo, of Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, is one of 150 finalists whose artwork is exhibited in Channel Thirteen's Ninth Annual Students' Art Festival. Tina is featured with her work, titled "The Ugly Duckling," at the Festival's opening reception which was held at the

WNET/Thirteen Building on April 7. In response to the theme "Draw Me A Story," tri-state area students submitted artwork inspired by reading. The artwork will be displayed at Newark Public Library, 15 Washington Street, from June 26-July 10 and Kean College, Morris Avenue, Union, from September 10-20.

Clark Board of Ed considers budget cut recommendations

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Municipal Council made recommendations to cut the Board of Education budget at a special meeting held last Friday.

The Board of Education budget, totalling \$5,739,759 for Current Expense and \$70,000 for Capital Outlay, was defeated by voters on April 7 in the schools election. The board governs policy for Clark's elementary schools.

Councilman Robert Ellenport, also Chairman of the Finance Committee and liaison to the Board of Education, said the amount to be raised by taxes for the board was cut by \$176,974.15. "I met with our auditors, Suplec and

Cloney, and based on their audit of the budget the summary of my report to the council was to increase the anticipated revenue for the board by \$71,821, to decrease expenses by \$83,065 and there was in the capital free balance \$22,088.15 which the board had not appropriated and which the council appropriated," said Ellenport.

"As a result of these changes the amount to be raised by tax levy would be decreased by \$176,974.15. None of the expense reductions affect educational programs nor do they affect special education programs."

Reductions recommended by the council are in the administration other ex-

penses account, the teaching supplies account, transportation and other expenses account, heat for operation of the plant account and contracted services for maintenance of the plant for fire alarms, heat controls and boiler cleaning, according to Ellenport. The council approved the full \$70,000 Capital Outlay figure, although by finding the \$22,088.15 appropriation the amount to be raised by taxes for Capital Outlay was reduced to \$47,911.85, said Ellenport.

The Board of Education now must decide to accept the recommendations of the council or they can file an appeal to the county superintendent of schools.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DISPLAY PORTFOLIOS
... Glen Golden, right, assistant professor in the School of Architecture at New Jersey Institute of Technology, reviews architectural plans completed by a trio of students during the school's annual Portfolio Day. The three are, left to right, John Klinkiewicz, Mike Kiremer

and Hadley Ensign, all students at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark. They joined over 75 high school students who toured the School of Architecture's facilities, met students and faculty, and submitted portfolios for critique.

American Legion celebrates Children and Youth Month

The American Legion Clark Post 328 is one of thousands of posts which observed Children & Youth Month during April. The Safety Essay contest produced three winners from St. John the Apostle Parochial School. The winners, Jennifer Sileo, 8th grade, Sharon Kaden, 6th grade, and Michelle Fernandez, 7th grade, will receive their awards at the next post meeting.

Two boys will be selected from Arthur L. Johnson High School to attend the New Jersey Boys State program.

Harry Cooke Memorial Field in Union. The observance is one of many throughout the nation as American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units plan special events to emphasize the Legions' concern for the well-being of the nation's children and youth.

Commander McArdle explained that the Legion will continue its efforts nationwide on major areas of concern: drug abuse, missing children and teenage suicide prevention.

Locally, Post 328 and its Auxiliary have made contributions to the well-being of the children and youth of Clark through such programs as scholarships, American Legion baseball, Clark Little League, Clark Soccer League, Girls State,

a girls softball team, children's Christmas party, donating the post home for awards programs and to other non-profit organizations in Clark.

At a recent post membership meeting, it was announced the post will sponsor Boy Scout Troop 145 to purchase their American and Troop Flags with staffs.

Commander McArdle stated there is a need to participate in local matters affecting children and youth.

Dr. Robinson Museum plans Sunday tours

The Dr. William Robinson Plantation and Museum, 593 Madison Hill Rd., Clark, will be open to the public on Sunday, May 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. for guided tours of the 17th century farmhouse and its grounds by members of the Clark Historical Society.

Eleanor Warren, a member of the Society, will show a private collection of

Victorian toys. There is no charge for admission.

Built by Dr. William Robinson, believed to be Rahway's first physician, the house is one of the few examples of medieval architecture in the nation and contains many features of the Tudor period.

The Museum Shop with its variety of handcrafted items will be open.



VETS STAND TALL...Members of the Clark Veterans' Memorial Relocation Committee stand next to the township's Veterans' Memorial at its current site - a small parcel of land at the corner of Broadway and Grand Street in Clark. The committee recently received permission from the Board of Education of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 to relocate the Veterans' Memorial to a spot adjacent to the flag pole in front of the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School. Mr. Kehoe, the chairman of the committee, has termed the present location of the Veterans' Memorial "inadequate," and has said that the new site, in front of

Johnson Regional, is an appropriate place for the Memorial because it is "the focal point of the community." From left are Joe Rybak, Jim Kehoe, Eugene Kobliska, Ralph Whittle, Ray Grimes, Bill Cox, Jim Whalen, Rybak, Kehoe, Grimes and Cox are members of Clark Post 328 of the American Legion, while Kobliska, Whittle and Whalen are members of John Ruddy Post 7363 of the VFW in Clark. Don McArdle is Commander of Post 328 of the American Legion and a member of this committee. Kobliska is the VFW 7363 Commander.