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Council approves township salaries

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Municipal Council approved two ordinances for final adoption setting salaries for township personnel at a meeting held on June 5.

An ordinance setting Police Department salaries for the year 1987 was approved by the council. A new three-year contract was recently signed by the Township of Clark and the Police Department represented by Clark P.B.A. Local Number 125.

For 1987 salaries will include the following: Patrolman Class A, \$31,513; Police Sergeant First Step, \$33,051; Police Sergeant Second Step, \$34,579; Police Lieutenant, First Step, \$35,482; Police Lieutenant, Second Step, \$36,921. A Police Detective will be paid an additional \$1,000 regardless of rank while assigned to detective duties.

Department of Public Safety, 0-6 months, \$23,637; 6-12 months,

\$24,425; 1-2 years, \$25,212; 2-3 years, \$26,788; 3-4 years, \$28,363; 4-5 years, \$29,940; 5-6 years, \$31,515.

A Longevity Program was also established for members of the Clark Police Department to include the following: After 5 continuous years, \$350; After 10 continuous years, \$700; After 15 continuous years, \$1,050; After 20 continuous years, \$1,400.

The council also approved 1987 salaries for management personnel for the Township of Clark. Voting against the ordinance were Councilmembers Carmine Cristiani, Bernard Hayden and Carol Pluta. Hayden said he voted "no" because of increases for council members, the council president and the mayor.

"I would like those council members who publicly repudiated their pay increases to return it to the township," said Councilman William Caruso. "I see there's no answer."

After the meeting, Councilwoman Carol Pluta remarked, "Doesn't he realize that once it's voted on it's approved. There's no way you can give something back once it is approved."

Salaries for 1987 included the following: Council Member, \$3,600; Council President, \$4,000; Township Clerk, \$38,850; Mayor, \$4,200; Planning Board Attorney, \$1,510; Board of Adjustment Attorney, \$1,510; Municipal Court Judge, \$14,710; Director of Law, \$20,580; Business Administrator, \$28,382; Director of Welfare, \$3,580; Director of Senior Citizen Affairs, \$1,500; Director of Recreation, \$1,650; Director of Public Works and Engineering, \$6,800; Public Works Foreman, \$27,526; Director of Revenue and Finance, \$15,750; Director of Assessments, \$32,000; Director of Public Safety, \$1,650; Police Chief, \$47,160; Director of Emergency Management, \$1,500.

Gagliardi, Zavolas emerge as winners in Mr. and Ms. ALJ Pageant



THE WINNERS in this year's Mr. and Ms. A.L.J. Pageant at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark were second-place finisher Evalynn Zavolas, Ms. A.L.J., and top-prize winner Vince Gagliardi, Mr. A.L.J.



BACK TO THE 50s...Contestants in the 1987 Mr. and Ms. ALJ Pageant during the opening dance number of the show, which was geared along the theme of "Back To The 50s" are, from left, Evalynn Zavolas, Cindy Sabath, Lynda Schubert, Lisa LoRusso and Steve Moraes.



CONTESTANTS in the 1987 Mr. and Ms. ALJ Pageant line up during the "Outfit of Your Choice" segment of the competition: From left, Vince Gagliardi, Jen Malloy,

Hilary Altman, Gia Mariano, Evalynn Zavolas, Melissa McDermont, Stacey Stewart, Cindy Sabath, Lynda Schubert, Lisa LoRusso and Steve Moraes.

A capacity crowd filled the Hough Auditorium at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School recently to witness an event which has become a tradition of sorts during the course of its relatively brief history — the Mr. and Ms. ALJ Pageant.

When the competition had ended, there were two winners — senior Vince Gagliardi, who took top prize and captured the title of Mr. ALJ, and senior Evalynn Zavolas, who finished second to earn the title of Ms. ALJ for 1987. But it was more than a night for winners. It was a night for all involved, as the 11 Johnson Regional students who entered the 1987 Pageant earned, in their own way, the attention and respect of the audience during this night of exciting and diverse entertainment.

"I loved high school — I just loved being there," explained Mr. Kurt Epps, a teacher of English at Arthur L. Johnson and the Master of Ceremonies for each of the six Pageants to date. "But, unfortunately, too many kids look at high school as a chore. So, six years ago, we started this event, the pageant, to build school spirit and to help the kids have fun. But this is only fun because the kids are well-prepared — the show was orchestrated from beginning to end. Something like this teaches the students the value of teamwork and preparation."

The pageant opened with a group dance number involving all 11 contestants, styled along the theme of this year's event, "Back To The 50s." Then the participants modeled in the outfit of their choice and formal wear. This was followed by the talent contest, in which each student performed in his or her chosen field. The final segment of the Pageant included a recorded dialogue of each student's personal thoughts and recollections as they related to their high school experience.

For the record, Mr. ALJ, Vince Gagliardi, humored the crowd with his impressions of some famous and not-so-famous personalities and Ms. ALJ, Evalynn Zavolas, impressed the audience with a dance routine.

Senior Steve Moraes used a magic act to earn third-place honors in the Pageant; senior Lynda Schubert, who took fourth place, performed a dance routine, and fifth-place finished Cindy Sabath, a senior, presented a gymnastics floor-exercise routine during the talent competition.

The remainder of the contestants in the 1987 Mr. and Ms. ALJ Pageant, led with the type of performances they presented in the talent segment of the Pageant, were: Hilary Altman (classical piano); Gia Mariano (vocal music); Jen Malloy (dramatic monologue); Melissa McDermont (vocal music); Stacey Stewart (vocal music/drama); and Lisa LoRusso (dramatic monologue).

Miss Dorothy Prydzial, who captured the title of Ms. ALJ in 1985, returned to her alma mater to serve as the co-host for the 1987 Pageant.

Regional District outlines 1987 Summer School Program

The Director of the 1987 Summer School program for the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, Manuel Pereira, has announced that brochures for the summer program are currently being distributed in students' homes throughout the Regional District and in schools both inside and outside the District.

Classes for the 1987 session will begin on Wednesday, June 24, and will conclude on Thursday, July 30. Classes will not be held on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. The Summer School program will once again be held at the David Brearley Regional High School, Monroe Avenue, Kenilworth.

Students will be offered opportunities to accelerate their educational progress through original credit courses, to review courses, to enroll in enrichment programs, and/or to join in

other special course offerings. All courses are provided free of tuition to bona-fide residents of the Regional District under the age of 21.

Adult residents may also sign up, free of charge, for specified evening programs, including a Musical Theater Workshop at David Brearley, a Vocal Music Workshop at Jonathan Dayton, a Performing Arts Workshop at Governor Livingston, and a Fine Arts Workshop at Arthur L. Johnson.

Late registration will be accepted at the Summer School Office at David Brearley at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, and at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, on a space-available basis.

Further information about specific details of Summer School in the Regional District is available through the office of the Summer School Director, Mr. Pereira, at 376-6300, ext. 240.

basis. If sufficient room exists in a course, nonresident students may be accepted.

Original credit, review and enrichment courses will run between 8 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.; special courses will run at times to be announced. Transportation will be provided for the day sessions and bus schedules will be available in the Main Office of each Regional High School prior to the start of the summer programs.



GREEN THUMBS... Union County teachers Dianne Papp (left) and Clara Murphy (right) learned about the greenhouse industry at Miele's Greenhouses in Clark during a recent agricultural tour for teachers. This tour, sponsored by the New Jersey Agricultural Society, is part of the Society's continuing efforts to encourage the teaching of agriculture in New Jersey classrooms.

Clark Police Dept. restructured

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Municipal Council approved an ordinance for first reading that would increase the superior strength of the police department at their regular meeting held on Monday night.

Councilman Fred Eckel said an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled "Police Department, Personnel Strength" would increase the number of officers by two sergeants and decrease it by one lieutenant. The total work force of superior officers will be one chief, one captain, two lieutenants, five detectives and nine sergeants. "This gives us more strength with more superiors in the field at all times," said Eckel.

Eckel also announced the advancement of four members of the Clark Police Department. Lt. Aton Danco was promoted to captain, Sgt. William Duffy was promoted to sergeant and Det. Raymond Gulbin was promoted to lieutenant, Det. Raymond Gulbin was promoted to sergeant and Police Officer Jerry Scaturro was advanced to detective. These advancements leave one vacancy in the detective bureau, said Eckel.

The council also approved an ordinance for first reading that would name the chief of police and the chief of the fire department to advisory positions on the

Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board.

A resolution was approved appointing Rose Tomchak, Theresa Ward, Edward Muchmore, Liz Mitchell, Lori Kazanowski and Sue Lordi as members of the Clark Community Pool Advisory Committee.

Also appointed by the council were Peter Campana as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment for a term that expires on December 31, 1987 and William Fidurski as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment for a term that expires on December 31, 1988.

In other business, the council:

- Authorized the Tax Collector to refund the sum of \$458.28 to Vision Mortgage Corporation, Inc. as a duplicate payment for taxes.
- Authorized the payment of \$2,938.95 to Jerome Krueger, Esq.
- Renewed Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses upon payment of fees of \$600, \$300 and \$60.
- Authorized a final increment in the sum of \$500 to Principal Account Clerk Charlotte Liotine.

—Requested the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve an appropriation of \$13,412.03 received from the State of New Jersey Recycling Program Fund.

- Awarded a contract for a townwide cleanup for 1987 to the sole bidder, Blue and White Disposal, Inc., Westfield, in the amount of \$24,960. Councilmembers Carmine Cristiani, Bernard Hayden and Carol Pluta voted against this resolution. "I do not believe we need this cleanup," said Hayden. "I think it's a waste of taxpayer's money."
- Authorized Joel C. Seltzer, Esq. to represent the Board of Adjustment and John Risso, as Construction Code Official, in defense of the case entitled Bartkus vs. Board of Adjustment at a fee of \$85 per hour not to exceed the sum of \$2,500.
- Included Lynne Miele in a resolution for gate control and emergency life

guards for the Municipal Swimming Pool Utility.

- Created an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$921.48 with respect to participation in the Supplemental Fire Service program whereby Clark must appropriate 10 percent matching funds to receive a grant of \$9,214.79.
- Approved the insertion of an item of revenue to reflect the sum of \$9,214.79.
- Approved Clark's participation in the New Jersey Supplemental Fire Services Program for 1987, confirming Jeanne Decker as the Coordinator of the program and approving the Utilization Report of Fire Chief Donald Kellerman for submission to the Division of Local Government Services.

Children improve their reading skills as they read for fun. The library has books for all ages in a wide variety of subjects from funny stories to ferris wheels.

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DePaul inducted in honor society

Josephine DePaul of Clark was recently inducted into the Jersey City State College Martha A. Flynn Nursing Honor Society. She is enrolled in the JCSC Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

The Society invites members based on academic achievement and demonstration of leadership qualities.

