

Cost of townwide cleanup increases to \$100,000

by Pat DiMaggio
Clark's Municipal Council approved additional monies for a town-wide cleanup to be operated in the spring at their regular meeting held last week.

The annual fall clean up was budgeted at more than \$45,000. Councilman Robert

Ellenport proposed changing the clean up to spring and increasing the budget appropriation by more than \$54,000 for a total of \$100,000.

"Because of the serious difficulty of dealing with solid waste collection in this township, residents have

asked what to do with their bulk items that in the past were picked up in the fall," said Ellenport in support of the resolution appropriating an additional \$54,000 for a clean up. "In 1988, we budgeted \$50,000 for fall clean up. The council applied a 5 percent reduction

to all line items, leaving us with more than \$45,000 in that account. Based on experience, we've moved to bring the amount for clean up to \$100,000. We would like this to immediately go out for bid before the summer instead of waiting for the fall."

"Am I against a clean up? Absolutely not," said Councilman Bernard Hayden, who moved to table the resolution. "I think it should go out to bid first. We should hold off to see what happens in Trenton with bills to alleviate solid waste cost."

A move to table the resolution was defeated on a vote of 3 in favor, with Councilmembers Ellenport, Pozniak and Eckel opposed. Councilman William Caruso did not attend the meeting.

"The need is great," said Councilman Pozniak in support of the \$100,000 clean up. "If we continue to delay this it will get worse."

The resolution was finally approved with a reluctant affirmative vote from Republican councilmembers.

In other business the council:

- Authorized the payment of \$5,428.07 to Bertone Associates for architectural services.
- Authorized the Public Service Electric and Gas Company to provide electrical service to the proposed fire station on Racine Road at a monthly charge of \$20.51 to be added to the normal monthly billing for the municipality.
- Authorized the installation of a sign "Children At Play" in the vicinity of 18 Fairview Road.
- Awarded a contract for operation of the food concession at the Clark Community Pool to T. and L. Coffee Shop, Dorset Drive, Clark in the amount of \$2,750.



THE KICK-OFF... Pictured, from left, during the Kick-Off for Senator Lautenberg's election campaign at the Ramada in Clark, are Councilman Joseph Pozniak,

Mayor George Nucera, Lautenberg, Marie Soyka, council candidate, and Fred Eckel, council president.

Lautenberg "kicks off" in Clark

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Clark's Democratic Organization hosted Senator Frank Lautenberg at a "Kick-off Breakfast" held Sunday at the Ramada Inn.

Senator Lautenberg is seeking election to his second term in office. During his six year tenure in the Senate, Lautenberg has fought for legislation to improve the standard of living in the highly industrial state of New Jersey.

"What are the things we care about," asked the Senator in his address to the Clark audience? "We care about basics like family life, that our kids have to have a good education and a clean environment."

"In New Jersey, we have a substantial industrial base made up primarily of chemical and pharmaceutical operators," continued Lautenberg. "We have to accommodate those jobs with a clean environment. In New Jersey, we have a good industrial base of hard working people and a good environment."

Senator Lautenberg was the driving force behind the national 21-year-old drinking age and the elimination of smoking from airline flights. He has served as a member of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and the Environ-

ment and Public Works Committee in the Senate. Since 1987, Lautenberg has chaired the Superfund and Environmental Oversight Subcommittee which oversees the federal Superfund toxic waste cleanup program. In 1985, he was a seat on the Senate Appropriations Committee and in 1987 he was picked to head the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation appropriations.

"It is important to get out there and register your view. We Democrats are sticking together."

The breakfast, chaired by Council President Fred Eckel, also hosted the team of Mayor George Nucera, Councilmembers Eckel and Joseph Pozniak and Marie Soyka, all seeking election in November.

"We are proud of what we have accomplished in the last four years," said Nucera, seeking his second term as mayor of Clark. "Within one year, we accomplished what we said we would do on our platform. Teamwork did it."

Nucera spoke about the senior citizen and youth recreation programs instituted during his tenure. "This is a great community and we would like to keep it that way," continued Nucera. "I am pleased by the amount of people involved in our children's and senior's recreation programs. This shows me there was a need there."

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Area candidates for certificates in English for speakers of other languages are from Rahway, Aram Bayraktarov, Gilberto Garcia, Ursula Nasi, and Pak Youngho; and from Clark, Pang Kung.

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