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Mayor delivers annual address Cites '89 as year of remarkable international events, crisis at the state level, achievement locally

Several city departments were reorganized, the annual budget was held to below inflation rate

by Pat DiMaggio
At Rahway's Organization Meeting held January 2 at City Hall, Mayor Daniel L. Martin delivered his annual message to an audience composed of only ten residents, many of whom were department heads.

remarkable year," said Martin. "It has been written that in any given century, there are at most one or two years in which the world is changed forever. "This was such a year: the basic human yearnings for democracy and freedom erupted as never before—in the Far East, in Eastern Europe, all over the world. "Rather than making what

we do here seem small by comparison, these historical events instead underscore the great importance of each contribution by each person in each community where people are free to govern themselves. How fortunate we are to even have a City government, to have issues to fight about, problems to complain about, goals to

work for together and achievements to share. "And how fortunate we are to have these things in the context of free elections and representative government." Martin noted that even though the City was hit with shrinking revenues and the solid waste crisis, only one municipality in Union County had a lower local budget. Last year's budget increase of 4 percent was below the rate of inflation, stressed Martin, and amounted to half of the average budget increase of 10 percent for other Union County municipalities.

"Our greatest concern must be for those people, such as senior citizens and those of fixed incomes, who must struggle to meet the soaring property tax bill," said Martin. "These are the people who are always on my mind as mayor and must be on all of our minds. We can be proud that we are doing a good job in holding costs down, but we must all do more to get state government to stop forcing so many costs down to the people at the local level."

Administrative accomplishments of the past year included a new relationship with Hartz Mountain Industries to complete the Rahway Corporate Center, the completion and occupancy of the first building of the Rahway Corporate Center project, the installation and dedication of a new marquee at the Union County Arts Center, the reorganization and restructuring of the Office of Emergency Management, the reorganization of the Department of Assessments, the reorganization of the City's computer operations, the reorganization of the purchasing system, the reorganization of Municipal Court functions and the expansion of Rahway's involvement in self insurance programs.

"As you can see, 1989 was a busy year for City government, one of the busiest ever," continued Martin. "We achieved so many good things for our citizens and taxpayers. "This is what makes it so frustrating for local officials these days: they work so hard to make things better for their citizens, to save people money and to help them with their lives, and then they see a state caused crisis like the garbage crisis, or reductions of aid to municipalities, while the state takes the money and spends it to create thousands of new jobs and the costs of these things get picked up not by the state, but passed on to the municipalities. "Those of us in local government are made to look like the bad guys, when, in fact, it is local government officials, of both political parties, who put to shame



CO-SIGNERS . . . Joseph Hartnett (front-left) chairman of the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA), says that the authority continues to experience shortfalls in waste required to be delivered to the authority's transfer system, attributable to illegal bypass. Hence an agreement has been signed with the county's Regional Environmental Health Commission to cooperate in enforcement of waste flow directives. Shown co-signing the agreement is environmental Health Commission Chairman Angelo J. Bonanno. Looking on at the rear are Executive UCUA Director Joseph E. Kazar (left) and Environmental Health Commission Director Kevin Schuerman.



Mayor Daniel Martin



GET THE FAX . . . Chief Barry Henderson (2nd from left) accepts a check in the amount of \$2,700 from the Honorary PBA at a ceremony held last week at Rahway's Police Department. PBA President D. Powell (2nd from right) presented the check to the Police Department on December 22 to be used to finance the purchase of a Fax machine. Flanking the central figures are Captain Ed Tilton at the left and incoming PBA President V. Castagno. — Pat DIM.

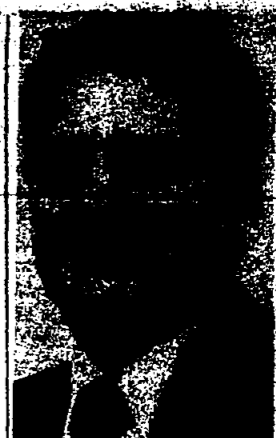
Addona selected to succeed McLeod as council president

Voted in on 4-3 party-line squeaker

Council also approves/confirms auditor, banks, UCUA officials, media for legal notices

by Pat DiMaggio
At Monday night's Organization Meeting, Rahway's Municipal Council elected a new council president to preside over the City's business for 1990. Councilman-At Large Vincent Addona was selected on a partisan vote of four Democrats in favor and three Republicans opposed. (Councilman James Cadi-gan did not attend the meeting.) "I hope this council gives you some of the support I received during the past year," said outgoing Council President Walter McLeod in offering his congratulations to Addona on his election. Addona is in his 3rd term on the governing body and is employed as a vocation teacher in Elizabeth. "I hope

this council will cooperate with me as well as with the administration," he said. "I see the same types of financial problems on the horizon that we had last year and I hope we can work together on our budget." The council also executed an agreement with Stupice Clooney & Co., Registered Municipal Accountants, to serve as auditors for the City, Free Public Library and the Water Department. The following financial institutions were approved as legal depositories for public monies: National State Bank of Elizabeth, Rahway Branch; United Jersey Bank, CTC, of N.J., Rahway Branch; Crossland Savings & Loan Association, Rahway Branch; The Summit Trust Company, Clark/Rahway Branch; The Howard Savings Bank, Clark/Rahway Branch. Legal newspapers selected by the council included The Rahway News Record, Daily Journal, Newark Star Ledger and the News Tribune.



Vincent Addona

The council also confirmed the designation of Councilman Chester Holmes as a member and Business Administrator Joseph Hartnett as an officer of the Union County Utilities Authority. The designations were approved on a vote of four in favor, Councilmembers Michael Esposito, Katherine Fulcomer and William Wauck opposed and Walter McLeod not voting.

Jan. recycle pickup schedule

The schedule for curbside pickups of recyclables during January for Rahway is as follows:
Newspaper, glass and aluminum will be collected every other week on these dates: West of RR tracks — Jan. 8 & 22 (Mondays), East of RR tracks — Jan. 9 & 23 (Tuesdays).
UCUA officials remind residents to set out their recyclables by 7:30 a.m. the day they are scheduled for collection. Residents should prepare their materials according to the following guidelines:
* Newspapers — must be clean and tied in bundles that are no more than 8 inches thick. The bundles may not include paper bags, magazines, telephone books or junk mail.
* Glass bottles and jars — must be well rinsed with all caps and lids removed. (Labels, styrofoam, metal rings and plastic do not have to be removed.) Do not break glass. Glass must be placed at the curb in sturdy, reusable containers. Only bottles and jars will be collected — no window glass, dishes, Pyrex, mirrors or crystal.
* Aluminum beverage containers — must be well rinsed and placed in a sturdy reusable container. Tin cans, paint cans and spray cans cannot be collected. (Note: A magnet will not stick to the side or bottom of a recyclable all-aluminum can.)
Glass and aluminum recyclables must be set out in separate containers. Materials placed in plastic or paper bags will not be collected.
For missed pickups, call 753-7276.



Sacramento preparation program open

This year, as in the past, St. Mary's - Rahway entire parish community is involved in our sacramento preparation program. With a series of special liturgies during the year, we pledge to support the young people of our parish with prayer, encouragement and Christian example. Our young people will not be receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation until next Spring, but they are fully involved in preparation for the reception of these sacraments. Parents wishing to enroll their children into the Sacramento preparation programs may contact Theresa Mikajlo, the Directress of Religious Education at St. Mary's at 382-0004. At least two years of instruction are required prior to the reception of First Communion, Penance and Confirmation.



PUSHING RAHWAY . . . Eva Pascuale, Director, Greater Eastern Union County Board of Realtors, with Thomas Connell (left), Rahway Community Development Director, and Alex Shipley, Rahway Council member, at the Rahway booth of the Real Estate Trade Show held recently at Holiday Inn Joliet. Fifty booths covering nine towns in the Greater Eastern Union County Board as well as bankers, mortgage companies, exterminators, locksmiths, accountants, lawyers and trades people associated with the real estate field were displayed. Support for the Rahway booth came from the Rahway Hospital, Chamber of Commerce, Rahway Women's Club, Recreation Department YM-CA, Rahway Public Schools, Kiwanis, Union County Arts Center, Rahway Historical Society, Rahway Businessmen's Holiday Flyer, Rahway Adult School, and, of course, the City of Rahway.

PSE&G offers info for homeseekers who fear high utility bills

According to an independent survey of N.J. new home seekers by Response Analysis, a Princeton-based research firm, more than 65% of respondents expressed concern about the cost of utility bills in their new home, and nearly all respondents stated that energy efficiency was an important factor in their search for and selection of a new home. Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) Company's Energy Thrift Home (ETH) program supports and encourages new home builders to construct energy-efficient communities. Features required for PSE&G's seal of energy efficiency included insulation, energy-efficient windows, ceiling and wall treatments, stripping and sanding,

tight seals; automatic setback thermostats; and high-efficiency heating, cooling and hot water systems, which assure homebuyers of high comfort levels and lower fuel bills. Information about ETH builders and the ETH program is available by calling PSE&G's Energy Conservation Center at 1-800-854-4444, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.