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State aid to city increased

Rahway's allocation more than doubled...to \$1.1M
Mayor lauds Hartnett, Deverin

After some initial confusion about the amount of State aid to be received by Rahway this year, the City's allocation has been increased from \$300,000 to \$1,100,000. "This is great

their worth," he added. Martin added, "Of course, you always seek more and would like to get more, but you have to face fiscal realities and run as tight a ship as you can."

The Mayor went on to explain that "in a matter of only three days, the State government was turned completely around." "Other towns got some extra help also," Martin noted, "and I'm con-

year to the average taxpayer." "Percentage-wise, we will as usual be less than the schools and the County and have a lean, efficient operation," Martin said.

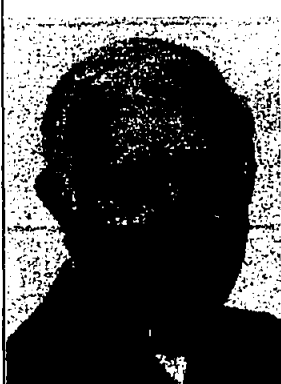
The Mayor noted that, in Union County, Rahway will

receive the highest amount of municipal aid of any of the 14 municipalities, with only the larger urban communities of Elizabeth and Plainfield slated to receive more. "Again, this is a testimonial to the outstanding job our City Administrator

does," the Mayor said. Administrator Hartnett told the paper, "As taxpayers of Rahway, we all owe a debt of gratitude to Assemblyman Deverin. He deserves all the credit in the world."



Joe Hartnett



Assemblyman Deverin



Mayor Martin

news for Rahway," Mayor Daniel L. Martin told the News-Record, "and is a real tribute to the skill and tenacity of our City Administrator, Joseph Hartnett, and the dedication of Assemblyman Thomas Deverin, who worked side-by-side with Mr. Hartnett in getting these aid funds restored for our taxpayers."

The Mayor pointed out that "no other community in the State comparable to Rahway in size and demographics received more grant funding; we were number one for our class." "It's situations like these where capable managers prove

The Mayor said his administration was "stunned" when originally told by the State Rahway would receive only \$300,000 this year. "They told us we had \$1,650,000 in cash surplus laying around in unneeded school taxes," Martin explained. "Mr. Hartnett knew this wasn't true and immediately went to work on getting the State to correct its position," the Mayor said.

After convincing Mr. Deverin of how the State was wrong and how Rahway taxpayers would be unfairly treated by a seven percent increase for municipal government, or about \$100 for the

vinced it was the talent of our Administrator and the help of our Assemblyman which benefitted all these towns and Rahway, too."

The Mayor commented, "We still have a tough job ahead of us budget-wise because we're going to have to squeeze another \$350,000 out of the budget to get under our budget cap." "We can and we will take all measures necessary to do this," he said.

Taxpayers, the Mayor explained to the News-Record, "we would now expect roughly a seven percent increase for municipal government, or about \$100 for the



UP SHE GOES... Sort of like an old-fashioned "house-raising," a carefully coordinated group effort sets a large section of new fence in place at Rahway's Madden Field. The volunteer workers are members of the Rahway Fire Dept., who decided to donate their own time to satisfying this need of the Citizen's Youth Recreation Committee (CYRC).



IS IT STRAIGHT? CYRC president Bob Burnett (left) looks on approvingly as Rahway fire fighters Dave Taylor, Jim Jordan and Daryl Rutter voluntarily help erect a new backdrop and dugout area for the recreation committee at Rahway's Madden Field.

School art program loses 3 teachers

Budget defeat by voters blamed

by Pat DiMaggio

Rahway's school art program suffered a serious setback last week when the Board of Education voted not to reappoint three district art teachers. At a meeting held on June 26, the board voted not to reappoint the art teachers and approved the involuntary transfer of art teacher Catherine Rotondo from the elementary level to the High School for the 1990-91 school year.

Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette explained that in order to recall 40 staff members from the Reduction in Force (RIF) list, it was necessary to leave the three art teachers unemployed. RIF notices were sent out two months ago in response to the board's budget defeat by voters in the schools election.

The board then agreed to a \$469,000 reduction in its budget as ordered by the City Council.

Brunette said that the art program will continue in the district and will be carried out by elementary classroom

teachers. "We had to make some decision about how many positions we could get back from RIF," explained Brunette. "Our ultimate objective is to work this out and recall all the staff members if funds are available. We are not in the position of thinking the art program is not important, but in order to get some people back, some had to be left out. Our decision was to call the majority back."

The board also voted to approve a contract with ServiceMaster, Inc. to provide maintenance and custodial services for a two-year period at the following annual contracted prices: July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991, \$140,000; July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992, \$140,000 plus increase not to exceed 7 percent.

Before adopting the budget in April, the board voted to reduce their maintenance and custodial account by \$60,000. That reduction is reflected in the new contract, according to Brunette.

In other business the board:

- Approved Richard Thompson and Clarence Luck as custodial appointments at interim salaries of \$18,413 each.

- Appointed Paul Davis as head custodian at the High School at \$25,142.

- Approved a voluntary transfer of Wallace Wellington, Franklin School custodian, from night shift to mid-day shift.

- Appointed Dorothy Krivko as accounts payable/receivable clerk in the business office at \$15,900.

- Accepted the resignation of Mary Beth North, special education teacher at Grover Cleveland School at \$25,000.

- Appointed Denise Welch as a speech language specialist at \$27,904.

- Approved the voluntary transfer of James Lad-

ley, physical education/health teacher from the Intermediate/High School to full time at the High School.

- Added Theodore Sattur to the Substitute Teacher List.

- Created and posted a 10-month clerical position for the central administrative offices.

- Authorized Michael Tally, area supervisor, to work two additional weeks on Math curriculum, locally funded.

- Authorized Diane Canessa and Robin Shipley for summer curriculum work in Math locally funded.

- Authorized Jacquelyn Torricello and Elaine Ross for summer employment, fully state funded.

- Approved submission and acceptance of Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$21,513 for a project entitled Drug Free Schools and Communities.

- Voluntarily transferred Karen Lewis from Madison School special education to Roosevelt School special education.

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Students honored for achievement

Board of Ed also approves coaching appointments and salaries

by Pat DiMaggio

District students were honored for their achievements by Rahway's Board of Education at the Board's regular meeting held last week.

The board commended Madison School students Tiffany Pinto and Korynne Whizler for winning the Rahway Community Action Organization Poster Contest. Hilary Rotondo, a senior high school student, was honored for placing 1st in the 7th Congressional District Competition, and the school was awarded \$100 for the purchase of educational materials.

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The board also approved the following coaching appointments for the 1990-91 school year: Girls soccer — head coach J. Caggiano, \$3,441; and assistant D. Shockey, \$2,438; football — assistant, J. Perillo, \$2,438; cheerleading — head coach, P. Dempsey, \$3,037 and assistant, V. Wroblewski, \$1,425; girls tennis — head coach, M. Fernandez, \$1,475; wrestling — head coach, Fred Stuber, \$3,687 and assistant, R. Stevens, \$2,438; girls basketball — head coach, J. Zwiebel, \$3,741; assistant G. Currow, \$3,687 and assistant, J. Ladley, \$3,687; winter track — head coach, R. Jackson, \$3,564 and assistant, D. Shockey, \$1,721; bowling — head coach, H. Reiser, \$1,475; swimming — head coach, R. Nolan, \$2,335 and assistant, R. Ervick, \$1,721; boys basketball — head coach, W. Dolan, \$3,564, assistant W. Roesch, \$3,037 and assistant A. Shipley, \$3,037; volleyball — head coach, R. Candiloro, \$1,966 and assistant, V. White, \$1,475; spring track — head coach, R. Jackson, \$3,564 and assistant, D. Shockey, \$1,721; girls softball — head coach, H. Reiser, \$3,564 and assistant, R. Collucci, \$3,037.

Also approved by the board were the following coaching appointments for the 1990-91 school year: Football — assistant, G. DeSavio, \$2,887; assistant, R. Candiloro, \$3,687; boys basketball — head coach, R. Collucci, \$4,302; assistant, K. Farrell, \$3,037; girls softball — assistant, J. Zwiebel, \$2,406.

P.D. to auction abandoned cars

Council also applies for road funds

By Pat DiMaggio

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be towing and storage charges, and Traffic Sgt. Edward Hansen.

The Police Department's last auction, held June 9 for the sale of bicycles and related parts, netted the City treasury \$268, said Sgt. Hansen.

The Council also approved a resolution for State Aid to Municipalities under the 1986 N. J. Transportation