

Sewerage Costs to Increase Over 100 Percent in Towns

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Over the next four years, municipal property taxes will go up nearly \$200 per household in Westfield, Scotch Plains and Mountainside due to increasing costs from the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA). In 2001, the RVSA settled litigation requiring them to implement an

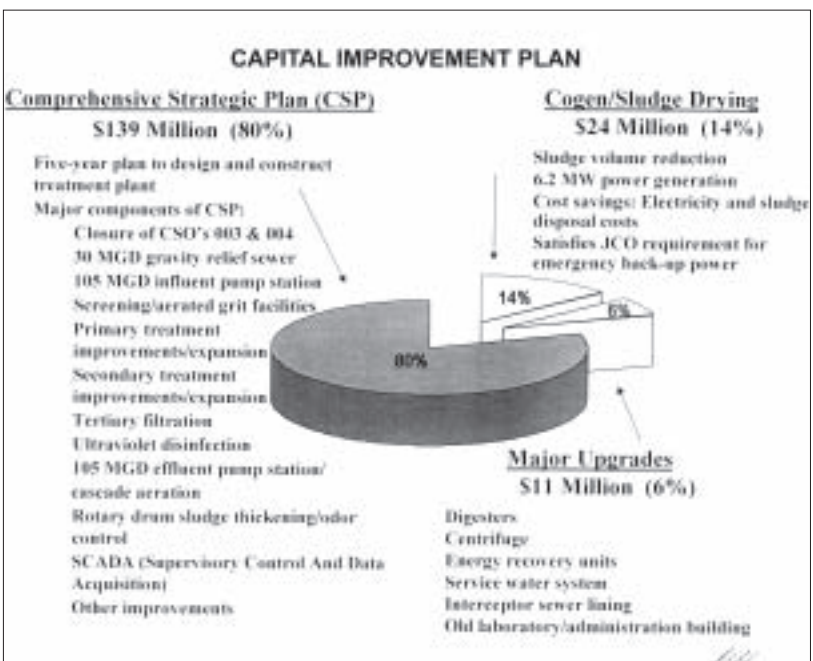
improvement plan to terminate illegal discharge into the Rahway River. The total project will cost \$174 million and includes tripling the amount of water the facility can process. Currently, the RVSA charges member towns a total of \$913 per million gallons, making it one of the least expensive authorities in the state. The

new costs will put the authority at \$2,050 per million gallons, an average for the state, according to data provided by the Atlantic County Utilities Authority. The data showed one of the most expensive authorities in the state to be North Hudson, at \$5,020 per million gallons. Westfield currently pays \$1,399,500, a price that will go up 141.4 percent to \$3,379,000. Mountainside currently pays \$388,125 and will experience a price increase of 134.2 percent, up to \$909,000. Scotch Plains currently pays \$685,125, which will go up 131.9 percent to \$1,589,000.

Debt service will ramp up from now to 2008 and will then level off during the years 2009 to 2023, ending in 2024. According to Westfield Town Administrator James Gildea, Scotch Plains Township Manager Tom Atkins and Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks, the current cost projections are significantly higher than those the



REAL ACTION...Performers provide a realistic treat to the audience at the "Kid's Kingdom" festival Sunday at the Watching Reservation during a medieval tournament show. The fair was sponsored by Union County.



Municipality	Year 2004 (Actual)	Year 2008 (Projected)	Projected 2008 vs. Actual 2004
Clark	1,458,000	3,157,000	117.9%
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Garwood	508,500	1,152,000	117.9%
Mountainside	388,125	909,000	117.9%
Rahway	1,800,375	4,043,000	117.9%
Scotch Plains	685,125	1,589,000	117.9%
Westfield	1,399,500	3,379,000	117.9%
Woodbridge	2,084,125	4,611,875	117.9%
Total Assessments	11,250,000	26,880,000	117.9%
Allocations	10,375,000	13,750,000	117.9%
Net Operating and Other Costs	875,000	3,130,000	117.9%
Debt Service Costs	11,250,000	26,880,000	117.9%

* Debt Service Costs will approximate this level during the years 2009 through 2023. Debt Service Costs of \$10.3 billion will end in the year 2024.

Republican National Convention Delegates Value Party Principles; Proud to Be in NYC

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Following Boston's Democratic Party festivities, New York City anticipates hosting this year's Republican National Convention later this month. Amid heightened security and the backdrop of the 9/11 terror attacks, the GOP will call New York home to its convention for the first time in history. According to 2004nycgop.org, 2509 delegates and 2344 alternate delegates will attend the convention. State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21), an alternate delegate, explained that alternate delegates "have similar responsibilities to the regular delegates. We attend many of the same meetings, and if a delegate isn't present, we take their place." The delegates are broken up by congressional district. The 7th congressional district consists of three delegates and three alternates. Senator Kean, Jr. said there are many different circumstances as to why a person is selected to be a delegate. "The ties that bind are working hard and advancing the Republican Party message." Local politicians and influential GOP members, including Senator Kean, Jr., former Westfield Mayor

and State Senator Richard Bagger (R-21), Congressman Mike Ferguson (R-7) and Janet Frigerio, will attend this year's convention. While their experiences are varied, all of the delegates said that the energy exuded by a convention is awesome. "It's an enormous celebration of democracy," Senator Bagger said, commenting on his second convention as a delegate. "There's nothing quite like it. It's full of energy and enthusiasm, as was evident in Boston for the DNC. It will be no different in

New York than was seen in Philadelphia [in 2000]. There is so much energy and electricity in these events. It's not a lot of votes or policy, but it's the kickoff to the general election I feel very patriotic about the democratic process that gives voters a choice. It's a historically significant and symbolic event." Because of the historical significance, many come to hear the keynote speakers, who often are links to the past. Mrs. Frigerio, who attended the 1996 convention that nominated

Bob Dole in San Diego, is attending for the second time. "I loved hearing (former President) Gerald Ford speak in 1996," she said. "I believe in the principles of this party and when you hear someone speak on why you share those values, it's nice to hear. There are a lot of exciting meetings, sessions and great speakers that will talk about the platform." For Senator Kean, Jr., who comes from a political family, choosing his

Non-Profit Organizations in Westfield, SP and FW Reveal Annual Finances

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The following non-profit organizations in Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood listed contributions and expenses for the 2003-2004 year. The Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) #30 of Westfield received \$69,623 from direct contributions and other support, and they spent \$77,826 on programs, management and fundraising. Police Benevolent Association #90

Westfield took in a total of \$67,309 from direct public contributions after \$13,594 was deducted by other support sources. Their expenses, which covered program and management expenses and fundraising, totaled \$77,239. The United Way of Westfield raised \$789,123 from \$772,498 in direct public contributions and \$16,625 in other support. They spent \$712,435 on programs and \$122,349 on management for a total of \$834,784 in

expenses. The Westfield Foundation received \$934,186 from direct public contributions and other support sources, and they spent \$346,885 on program and management expenses and fundraising. The Westfield Neighborhood Council collected \$118,477 in direct and indirect public contributions, and they spent \$133,707 on program and management expenses and on fundraising.

Westfield Board of Adj. Hears New Requests For Building Variances

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On Monday night, the Westfield Board of Adjustment met to hear applicants requesting variances for construction on their homes. The board also memorialized action taken at the July 12 meeting. Richard and Deanne Cheng of 705 Crescent Parkway received a variance to expand and build an addition contrary to yard setback and coverage restrictions. Neighbor Robert Winters spoke in support of the Chengs, praising them for considering the aesthetic character of the neighborhood when developing the plans. After much discussion, the board decided to postpone a ruling on James Pinkman of Westfield Service Station on Central Avenue. The request for canopies to be erected over the service pumps and new signage could not be approved without more detailed plans, which Mr. Pinkman's land surveyor and planner will submit prior to the September meeting. The board approved a request by Joseph Difrancesco of 513 Edgar Road to build a vertical addition without altering the existing setbacks. John Lee of 928 Willow Grove Road applied for a variance to build a rear addition and enclose an existing porch. Neighbor Douglas Manning expressed concern that the addition would exacerbate an existing water drainage problem for the two properties. Mr. Lee's contractor testified that the addition would not create more water problems because the natural slope of the property would remain unchanged.

Michael and Irene Kalinowski of 205 Park Street were granted a variance to construct an addition to enlarge the master bedroom above the existing space contrary to the side yard setback ordinance. The board approved an application by Michael Jacobs of 148 Ayliffe Avenue to expand over a preexisting single-level structure. Paula Golbin of 163 Euclid Avenue, North obtained a variance to upgrade her garage contrary to the ordinance requiring a five-foot setback because the current setback is 1.7 feet. Glenn and Kelly Johnson of 132 Wells Street requested permission to build an addition, citing their unusable basement as a hardship. After a plan revision to decrease coverage, the board granted approval with some changes. Keith Swanson of 470 Channing Avenue applied for a variance to expand a family room at the rear of the house. The board required Mr. Swanson to reduce the proposed addition by six inches before approving the variance. Architect Carol Hewit represented Ed Goldschmidt of 26 Hawthorne Drive, requesting a variance to widen and extend an existing front porch. The board granted the request, citing that a variance was needed mainly because of unclear wording in an ordinance that disallows porches that are partially covered by an overhang or second story. After revising his original plans for a two-car garage and addition, Gary Nikorak of 651 Maye Street received approval to expand the



CHATTING UP A STORM...Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, left, and Westfield Leader Publisher Horace Corbin, right, were guests for the pilot episode of "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer." The show will air in September and October on Westfield TV-36, Fanwood TV-34 and Scotch Plains TV-35. It is a joint effort between Scotch Plains and Westfield television.



TALKING POLITICS...Steve Krakauer, center, hosted the pilot episode of "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer" with guests State Senator Tom Kean, Jr., left, and Cranford Chronicle Editor Greg Marx.

Television Stations Cooperate On Political Talk Show Pilot

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Local television stations TV 34 of Scotch Plains and TV 36 of Westfield will cooperate on a political talk show pilot that will air jointly on both networks. Scotch Plains' TV's Bill McMeekan Jr. and Westfield's Doug Black will work together in the first major joint venture between the neighboring towns' television networks. Last Friday, both crews taped the first two episodes of "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer," a political talk show focusing on Union County issues, as well as statewide and national topics. The first show featured Assembly-

man Jon Bramnick (R-21) and Horace Corbin, publisher of The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times. The second show included State Senator Tom Kean Jr. (R-21) and Greg Marx, editor of The Cranford Chronicle and Record Press. Guests discussed issues ranging from the Westfield parking deck to Governor James McGreevey and the controversies surrounding his top fundraisers. Other lighter segments focused on playful "bets" on future events. The shows will air in September and October on TV-36 in Westfield, TV-34 in Scotch Plains and may be shown on TV-35 in Fanwood and TV-36 in New Providence as well.

Gas Station Sales Deemed Excessive by MS Council

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Tuesday's Mountainside agenda work session centered on the legality of gas stations selling certain items the board deemed excessive. Mayor Robert Vigilanti and the council conversed with local gas station owners, the majority of whom received zoning penalties for violating the borough's sign laws and land-use ordinance pertaining to the hanging of

signs and banners in unsafe or unfit locations and for excessive retail sales. "I understand gas stations have always sold maps, candies and soda, but now these stations are hanging signs and banners, which are in violation of the town's code first of all," Mayor Vigilanti said. "But also I'm concerned about selling the rugs, flowers and cases of water etc. In essence, you are creating a mini mart.

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The Fanwood Community Foundation received \$3,104 from direct public contributions and spent \$800 on program expenses.

The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad received \$251,317 from direct public contributions after distributing \$69,114 of their total contribution revenue to other sources of support. Their expenses totaled \$269,361 - \$189,914 went towards program expenses, \$71,815 went towards management expenses and \$7,632 went towards fundraising efforts.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad received \$178,111 from direct and indirect public contributions and from other support, including \$29,000 in government grants. They spent \$155,270 on programs, management and fundraising.

The Visiting Health Services of Union County took in \$1,835,024 - \$1,436,193 from program service revenue, \$26,770 from direct and indirect public contributions, \$313,928 from government grants and \$58,133 from other support sources. They spent \$1,821,169 on \$1,635,371 worth of program expenses and \$185,798 worth of management expenses.

The New Jersey Hospice Organization raised a total of \$201,311 from direct contributions, program service revenue and other sources. Expenses totaled \$209,964, including \$173,972 in program expenses.

The Hepatitis C Association raised \$49,983 from direct public contributions and \$298 from other support for total revenue of \$50,281. They spent \$32,575 on program and management expenses.

The YMCA of Westfield raised \$6,556,215 - \$320,133 from direct and indirect public contributions, \$3,836,389 from program service revenue and \$2,399,693 from other sources. Their expenses totaled \$6,462,145 - \$5,664,874 devoted to program expenses, \$699,471 to management, \$13,000 to fundraising and \$84,800 to payments to affiliates.

The YMCA of Fanwood-Scotch Plains amassed a total of \$4,659,104 from \$121,753 in direct public contributions, \$18,206 in indirect contributions, \$2,837,682 in program service revenue and \$1,681,463 in other support. Expenses totaled \$4,151,746, including \$3,241,015 in program expenses, \$752,447 in management expenses, \$84,840 in fundraising expenses and \$73,444 in payments to affiliates.

The American Legion Martin Wallberg Post #3 of Westfield received \$50,285 in direct public contributions and from other sources of support. Their expenses, divided between programs and management, totaled \$44,286.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars #11467 of Westfield collected \$4,357 from direct public contributions and other support, and they spent a total of \$2,651 on program and management expenses, fundraising and payments to affiliates.

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, based in Westfield, raised \$1,022,882 in total, \$993,829 from program service revenue and the rest from public contributions and other support. They spent a total of \$1,085,346 - \$968,769 on program expenses, \$113,271 on management expenses and \$3,306 on fundraising.

The Westfield Symphony received a total of \$388,780 from direct public contributions, government grants, program service revenue and other support sources. Their expenses, including program and management expenses and fundraising, totaled \$246,015.

The Little Opera Company of New Jersey, based in Scotch Plains, raised \$15,900 from direct public contributions, government grants and other support, spending \$15,000 on programs.

Friends of Mindowaskin Park received a total of \$23,107, the net profit from direct public contributions after \$5,463 was taken out by

other supporters. They spent \$7,826 on programs and management.

The Education Fund of Westfield raised \$85,469 from direct public contributions and other sources of support, spending \$76,643 on programs and \$2,607 on management for a total of \$79,250 in expenses.

The Union County Educational Services Foundation, based in Westfield, received \$81,750 from \$79,615 in direct public contributions and \$2,135 in other support. Their total expenses of \$73,353 included \$23,613 in program expenses, \$4,170 in management expenses and \$45,570 in fundraising expenses.

The College Club of Fanwood - Scotch Plains raised \$37,778, mainly from direct public contributions. Between program expenses, management expenses and fundraising, they spent a total of \$26,164.

The Westfield High School (WHS) Ice Hockey Association raised \$84,224 from direct public contributions, program service revenue and other support, and they spent \$74,645 that was mainly used for program expenses and fundraising.

The WHS Marching Band Parents Association received \$85,878 from direct public contributions after giving \$1,003 to other sources of support. Expenses totaling \$103,821 went toward programs, management and fundraising efforts, totaled.

The Westfield School Boosters Association received a net of \$80,853 after giving \$5,952 to other sources of support. They spent a total of \$79,536 on programs, management and fundraising efforts.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association received \$195,907, all from direct public contributions. They spent \$193,410, devoting \$120,986 to programs.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Blue Raider Athletic Booster Club raised \$41,007 from contributions, programs and other support. They spent \$56,418, \$47,965 of which went toward program expenses.

Friends of Cranford High School Ice Hockey received \$30,195 in direct public contributions. They spent \$29,975 in total, all but \$2,000 of which went towards program expenses.

The Parent School Association of Union County Magnet High School received \$12,689 and spent \$11,467 on programs and management and in payments to affiliates.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at the Benjamin School in Westfield collected \$94,163 from direct contributions and \$4,018 from other support sources, totaling \$98,181. Their expenses totaled \$87,381 - \$76,073 for programs, \$1,943 for management and \$9,365 for fundraising.

The PTO at Jefferson School in Westfield amassed \$98,833, \$97,322 of which came from direct public contributions, and they spent \$96,685, \$60,165 of which went towards fundraising.

The PTO at McKinley School in Westfield collected \$25,001 from direct contributions. \$11,557 was spent: \$10,295 for fundraising, \$1,050 for program expenses and \$212 for management expenses.

The PTO at Tamaques School received \$96,188 from \$88,624 in direct public contributions, \$4,488 in program service revenue and \$3,076 in other support. They spent a total of \$87,259 - \$29,929 on program expenses, \$4,794 on management expenses and \$52,536 on fundraising.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of J. Ackerman Coles School in Scotch Plains amassed \$34,409, mainly from direct contributions. The majority of the \$62,349 spent went towards program expenses.

The PTA of Scotch Plains School One received \$26,453, mainly from direct contributions, and they spent \$23,644, \$16,834 of which went towards fundraising.

The PTA of the William J. McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains received \$66,417 from direct contributions and \$2,094 from other sources, giving them total revenue of \$68,511. They spent \$116,324 - \$84,874 was used towards management expenses and the remaining \$31,450 was used for fundraising purposes.

More non-profits will be listed in next week's newspaper.



MEET THE PRESS...The Westfield Leader publisher Horace Corbin, left, and Cranford Chronicle Editor Greg Marx, second from right, chatted with Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, right, and State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. during "UC CHAT with Steve Krakauer."

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favorite convention event is a hard decision, but he noted that it was his father who stuck out in his mind.

"My favorite moment was when my father gave the keynote speech in 1988 in New Orleans," he said. "I loved the sheer energy and the positive attitude you got after listening to him. But truthfully, all the speakers bring a different background and perspective to the fold."

For Senator Bagger, his memories of past conventions are slightly different. He is an at-large alternate delegate who is elected throughout the state, whereas an alternate delegate is chosen from specific congressional districts. While this is his second convention, he has run more than twice.

"This is my third time running," he said. "I lost a bid once in 1980 when I was in college. I pledged to George H.W. Bush when he ran against Reagan. They ran against each other in the primaries and whichever candidate wins chooses their delegates to go to the convention. It was a rare time when the next president would run against the eventual vice president and successor."

This time around though, the attention rests squarely on President George W. Bush's shoulders. The GOP will showcase California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who will address the delegates throughout the convention.

"We will boast great leadership in Rudy Giuliani, John McCain and Arnold Schwarzenegger. These are very impressive people," Senator Kean, Jr. said.

However, President Bush is the focal point. He will deliver the Republican Party's platform and make the party's case to its base. He is the man the audience came to see.

"During the speech by the president, it will be hard not to be standing on a chair cheering," Senator Bagger said. "It's like a political rock concert. They have a terrific lineup of speakers. Mayor Giuliani is someone I have great admiration for. He was a great mayor and a national leader."

"I'm very excited to hear President Bush speak," Mrs. Frigerio said. "These next five years are critical in how they will affect the lives of my children. I believe a change in administration, considering the current circumstances, would be

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kitchen and a bedroom exceeding maximum lot coverage.

The board heard a request by William Higgins of 526 Hanford Place to construct a two-story addition in the rear of the house that would exceed maximum lot coverage by 0.5 percent. A variance was granted for the addition, with a deed restriction that if the applicant ever vacates the property, he must remove the existing handicap ramp in the front of the house.

Ido Zairi of 548 Washington Street requested a series of variances to erect an addition for a child's bedroom, family room and bathroom. Chairman Vince Wilt said the board would deny the current request, and he asked the applicant to return to the September meeting with revised plans to reduce the lot coverage.

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towns received in 2001. Mr. Atkins requested that the RVSA detail the specifics of the cost increases.

The RVSA is governed by a Board of Commissioners that includes representatives from Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield and Woodbridge. While other communities, including Fanwood, are also connected to the RVSA, they do not have members on the board.

Additionally, Chairman Frank Mazzarella from Clark sent a letter to the member towns asking them to consider billing individual homeowners for the sewerage costs, rather than including it in the tax bill. Residents are currently billed by the assessment of their homes. In order to change the way residents are billed, it would take a unanimous vote by the commissioners. Because the sewerage cost is included in the tax bill, it is tax-deductible for residents.

Scotch Plains representative Joan Papan, who said she was against the idea, said that "it did come up, but the large percentage of commissioners were against it." She did not know of the chairman's letter.

Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks said that although the council touched on the topic, he felt it was premature to make any decisions about it.

He did say that allowing the RVSA to do its own billing would "create another layer of bureaucracy."

He added that non-profits would be billed for sewerage. They are not billed now because they don't pay property tax.

However, the township is "going to be realizing some incredibly high increases" from RVSA, which in part are because of the improvement project. He said that the township previously received projections on their share of the RVSA and the actual numbers "greatly exceeds projections." He said that the increases need to be investigated.

Scotch Plains' northern end is part of the RVSA, while most of the southern side is connected to the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority (PARSA).

Scotch Plains Township Manager Tom Atkins said that if the RVSA switches to individual billing and PARSA does not, RVSA members will not only be paying their RVSA bills, but also a portion of PARSA

through their taxes, even though they are not getting the service.

Westfield representative Allen Chin, vice chairman of the commission, said, "I want to see how the mayor and town council feel...I don't really have a position." He did say that it would cost the RVSA more to bill people individually.

Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti said, "I don't have any idea how they would have the jurisdiction to do that (bill individuals)."

He questioned what recourse the authority would have to make sure people paid, unlike the town, which has the ability to take a house. He said that a separate company or utility would have to be formed and wondered if it was the work of the Democratic Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The RVSA was organized in 1928 as the "Rahway Valley Joint Meeting." In 1951, the original nine member municipalities entered into a new agreement, forming the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. This agreement was revised in 1995.

The wastewater, which has gone through the treatment process, is released into the Arthur Kill, and the waste by-products that remain are sent to the sludge handling and processing facilities. RVSA operates three gravity thickener tanks, two gravity belt mechanical thickeners, three anaerobic digestion tanks, four sludge storage tanks and a sludge dewatering facility. The sludge dewatering facility became fully operational in 1991. It processes the wet sludge into a drier product, which is then removed by contractors for beneficial reuse, including land reclamation and agricultural application.

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That's fine if they were built to be that and zoned to be that, but you can't take your existing and go against zoning to make a mini mart."

Borough Attorney John Post suggested that the board delineate a range of permitted retail sales and others perceived as accessory use. He stressed that the language of the ruling be specific about what items can and cannot be sold. He also reminded the board of standard items that gas stations traditionally sell, such as antifreeze and oil.

"A line of demarcation must be drawn between over-the-counter and machine sales for each establishment," Mr. Post said.

"I think the gas station owners need to have an understanding that you bought a gas station, not a mini mart," Councilman Keith Turner said.

"We're not going to allow it; at least I would be against it. You are going to have people coming in just to buy a

cup of coffee and a soda and not gas. Gas is your primary source of income, not a cup of coffee. If you're not making enough money on gas, your business is in trouble. You'd need to close the gas station and make a mini mart. I don't buy for one second that a gas station doesn't make money off gasoline."

In other business, the board read through the agenda for the upcoming week. The board will authorize the advertising for the sale of a surplus police vehicle. Also, the borough must adhere to the state's mandate of increasing traffic violations and non-moving violations by \$3, a ruling Mayor Vigilanti called "another gift from Trenton."

The board will authorize the advertisement for the sale of unclaimed evidence. "What is that? Do we have DNA or what?" Mayor Vigilanti asked jokingly.

Police Chief James Debbie explained, "an attorney (Candace Singer) was arrested some time ago and the borough is maintaining in public storage a collection of bike items she burglarized, including handlebars and wheels."

The board will refund the veteran's deduction on Block 15.N Lot 31 in the amount of \$250, as requested by the Tax Assessor. The 2004 non-union employee salary increase and amended salary ordinance will be discussed. The board will appoint Andrew Diamond, Gregory Beldon and Jason Ropelski to the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department. The board will address a raffle application from the Knights of Columbus #1 New Jersey Chapter for an off-premise prize raffle.

Mayor Vigilanti also mentioned that the town would look to add a street clock by the Valley National Bank commemorating Mountainside's 1895 establishment. Mayor Vigilanti envisions a brick fencing and patio surrounding a Victorian clock in the vein of those of Fanwood, Garwood and Clark. He has received positive feedback from Valley National Bank and the clock company who designed Fanwood's digital atomic clock nearby the Fanwood train station.

"Think about it," Mayor Vigilanti said. "It would be a beautiful asset to our town to put right in the center with '1895' memorializing the borough."

The board will conduct second reading and public hearing on an ordinance amending borough code chapter 7-10, traffic, as it relates to the governance of parking along Bristol Road South. The council will issue first reading and introduction on two ordinances. One amends the borough code chapter IX, building and housing, to establish the requirement of a survey for construction of any new foundation. The other ordinance amends a prior law, fixing salary ranges for certain municipal employees.

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