

Bruns Named Assistant Admin., Senior Housing Open June 25

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GARWOOD – Borough Treasurer Sandy Bruns has been recommended as the in-house staff member to become the borough's assistant administrator, a newly created position that will serve as a backup to Borough Clerk Christina Ariemma.

Administrative Review Committee Chairwoman Ann Tarantino put forth Ms. Bruns' name at Tuesday's borough council meeting, saying a resolution would be introduced at the council's next

meeting on Tuesday, June 23, to formalize the appointment.

"She is the CFO, treasurer and, next to the administrator, has the most knowledge of the borough functions and the government procedures, making her the obvious choice," Mrs. Tarantino said.

The resolution also will set the compensation for the position at \$4,500 annually, Mrs. Tarantino said. This amount will be in addition to her salary as borough treasurer.

The announcement came in a

relatively short hour-long meeting in which Ms. Ariemma also spoke about a public works shared service agreement with Fanwood. Reading from a prepared statement, Ms. Ariemma said the details were not ready for public discussion, but that there have been negotiations with Fanwood for "certain management functions and other matters in the Department of Public Works."

Council members held a closed executive session at the last council meeting on May 26 to discuss a shared services agreement with Fanwood but no details were disclosed.

At Tuesday's meeting, Mayor Charles Lombardo, council members nor Ms. Ariemma would neither confirm nor deny reports on local blogs and Internet forums that DPW Superintendent Fred Corbett was being dismissed and replaced by Fanwood's DPW management.

"Unfortunately, at this time, they are not able to comment on that," Ms. Ariemma said.

She did say the matter would be up for discussion at the June 23 council meeting, but also said the discussion could be in open or closed session.

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missioner Robert D'Ambola said.

The committee also introduced a \$1 million bond ordinance for the swim pool utility for improvements to the town pools.

Cranford resident Leo McMahon, 90, passed away Sunday, Commissioner Hannen said. Mr. McMahon was a 55-year resident of Cranford. He worked for Western Electric and was a World War II Navy veteran. He also served on the library board of trustees. "Leo was always fighting for the taxpayer. He was our man for all seasons," Mr. Hannen said.

A viewing will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, June 11, at the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue West in Cranford, according to the obituary.

Another longtime Cranford resident, Miriam Ann Moody, passed away on May 15. She was a member of the tree advisory board and the Hanson Park Conservancy.

Mayor Andis Kalnins asked residents to attend the June 15 citi-

zens hearing to raise issues, concerns and ideas in regards to potential impacts on the study the U.S Army Corps of Engineers is conducting on the Rahway River Basin. The meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Roy E. Smith Theatre at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

During the workshop session, held on Monday evening, the committee heard a presentation about the New Jersey Pace Program.

The fire department gave a presentation on its request for a new bucket truck that will cost over \$1 million. They said the current truck is over 20 years old and costs more in repairs than its trade in value of \$50,000.

Commissioner D'Ambola has asked residents again to send in their ideas for a memorial to Old Peppy, the historic Pepperidge tree that was cut down by the township. He has suggested a cutting of the trunk housed by a gazebo and benches made from the wood of Old Peppy.

BOE Recognizes 21 Retirements

ated the reciprocal dynamic of understanding what works in the Cranford school system. Kathleen reported that final exams at Cranford High School will begin next week, Tuesday through Friday, and the senior prom will be Friday, June 19.

The board authorized the submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004 (IDEA) combined grant application for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of \$902,563. This total includes an allocation of \$6,948 for the local non-public schools within the district. Another \$874,307 represents the basic allocation and \$28,256 represents the preschool allocation. Business Administrator Robert Carfagno added that this total amount of \$902,563 is "good news," as this figure is up 6.5 percent from last year.

The board approved the out-of-district placement of 36 students who receive special-education services for extended school year (ESY) programs; Cranford is responsible for tuition, transportation and related services. ESY begins as early as Wednesday, June 24. The board

also approved the out-of-district placement of 26 students who receive special-education services for the 2015-2016 school year; Cranford is responsible for tuition and transportation.

Personnel board approval appointments included: Inessa Shor Vaccaro, student assistance coordinator, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; Julia Duyckinck, teacher of family consumer sciences, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and Linda Bove, mentoring coordinator, for the 2015-2016 school year.

In other business, the board is renewing the tuition agreement with Union County Vocational-Technical Schools for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Board member Michael Caulfield raised a new motion for a vote of confidence in Ms. Carrick as superintendent of Cranford schools, saying, "Cranford is a community whose complexion is changing" and needs an "experienced leader to help guide the school system at this time and for the foreseeable future." This vote was passed by all board members: Mary Venditti, board president; Jill Brown, vice-president; and board members Lisa Carbone, Camille Widdows, Cathy Morgese, Kurt Petschow, Jr., Daniel DeMarco, Jo Ann Boyle and Michael Caulfield voted for the motion.

The next Cranford BOE meeting will take place Monday, June 15, at the Lincoln School, located at 132 Thomas Street, Cranford, beginning at 8 p.m.

Editor's Note: On Wednesday morning a letter was received by the newspaper that was sent to the staff by Ms. Carrick announcing her retirement as superintendent from the district after seven years.

Garwood Yard Sale Is This Weekend

GARWOOD — The Borough of Garwood will hold its 19th Annual Town Wide Yard Sale this Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

In order to participate, residents must register in person at Garwood Borough Hall, located at 403 South Avenue, or they may call (908) 789-0710 or e-mail kathleen@garwood.org. A list of participating households will be available at Borough Hall during both days of the yard sale.

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