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Five Westfield Firefighters Pay Respects During Funeral of Worcester, Mass. Firemen

By DEBORAH MADISON
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A group of five firefighters representing Westfield's fire Department traveled to Massachusetts last Thursday to attend the funeral service for the six firemen who lost their lives in the December 2 Cold Storage Warehouse blaze in Worcester, Mass.

They joined more than 20,000 firefighters from around the world who also attended the solemn service. President Bill Clinton was among the guest speakers who addressed the families, friends and colleagues of the lost firemen.

The warehouse fire, which lasted for several days, was started by two homeless squatters who knocked over a candle during an argument, reports have said. The two individuals have pleaded "not guilty" to charges of involuntary manslaughter, according to the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

The five firemen from Westfield who attended the service were Captain James Ryan, Acting Captain Michael Brennan, Lieutenant Peter Klebaur, Lieutenant Frank Isoldi and Firefighter James Ryan, Jr.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

PAYING RESPECTS...The flag at the Westfield Fire headquarters on North Avenue flew at half-staff on December 9 in memory of the six firefighters lost in the line of duty in Worcester, Mass. on December 3. While five of the town's firefighters, Captain James Ryan, Lieutenants Frank Isoldi, Michael Brennan and Peter Klebaur and Firefighter James Ryan, Jr. traveled to Worcester to pay their respects, three firefighters paid tribute to the fallen firefighters at the fire station. Pictured, left to right, are: Firefighters Scott Mazza, Michael Ridge and Harry Keen.

Captain Ryan said the funeral service was "overwhelming" and called it the greatest show of brotherhood that a community could receive.

"We all knew that we had to be there because we know that could have been us," Captain Ryan said.

"The processional march across the Town of Worcester of thousands of firefighters in total silence, except for the soft drum tattoo and tolling church bells was deeply moving," Captain Ryan related. "From a distance, we could see the continuing wisps of dark smoke and the crane overhanging the wreckage," he added. "It was very eerie."

Captain Ryan stated that it didn't matter that the building was abandoned and occupied only by squatters. Firemen do not discriminate in who they are trying to save, the Captain related.

The Massachusetts firemen killed in the blaze were Paul Brotherton, 41; Jeremiah Lucey, 38; Lieutenant Thomas Spencer, 42; James Lyons, 34; Timothy Jackson, 51,

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Committee Begins Interviews to Fill Administrator Post

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A special selection committee formed in September by Mayor Thomas C. Jardim has begun the process of finding a new town administrator. Edward A. Gottko informed the Town Council over the summer that he would be retiring effective Saturday, January 1.

Mr. Gottko, who joined the town's payroll in 1979 as Town Engineer, has served as administrator since 1993.

Mayor Jardim told *The Westfield Leader* Tuesday that the committee interviewed four candidates on December 4 and is slated to question another six prospects this Saturday, December 18. At that point, the committee will reduce the number to three finalists. Twenty-five resumes have been received to date.

"We should be ready to select someone by the beginning of the year," said Mayor Jardim.

He expected the new administrator to be on board "by mid or late January

at the earliest."

The Mayor described the first set of interviews as "a good initial round of interviews."

Among the skills the committee is looking for are municipal administrative experience, good people skills and someone who is innovative. He said the successful candidate will face a demanding citizenry and governing body.

An advertisement published by the town on the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Web site also listed knowledge of economic development, labor negotiations, contract administration, budget preparation and personnel matters as key qualifications sought by the town. The successful candidate will oversee a budget of over \$23 million and a staff of 200 full-time employees.

"We are looking for someone who will give us stability," Mayor Jardim said.

Veteran Second Ward Councilman

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Towns Still Discussing Flouridation

By KIM KINTER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Now that the Westfield Regional Board of Health passed a resolution recommending the fluoridation of the local water supply, officials from area municipalities on the same Elizabethtown Water Company line must decide what they will do.

Because 27 municipalities — including Westfield, Mountainside, Fanwood and Scotch Plains — are served by the same Elizabethtown Water Company line, in order for Westfield to begin having fluoride added to the water all the other communities must sign on to the idea.

In Mountainside, which is one of the communities served by the Regional Health Board that passed a resolution recommending that Westfield pursue fluoridation of the town's water supply, the matter has yet to be discussed.

Acting Borough Administrator James Debbie said that he has seen a letter sent by Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim informing the borough about the fluoridation issue and asking whether the borough would be interested.

He expected the issue to be addressed soon and assumed the Regional Health Board would recommend the borough to say yes to fluoridating the water supply.

During the December 9 regular meeting of Fanwood's governing body, Mayor Maryanne S.

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Town, CWA Negotiates for New Three-Year Contract; Action on Holy Trinity Bingo, Raffle Fee Waiver Delayed

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Town of Westfield is continuing to negotiate with representatives of Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local No. 1040 on a new contract. The current three-year pact will expire on Friday, December 31.

The CWA chapter represents 50 employees, including clerical, non-supervisory and non-uniform personnel.

Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko explained that CWA members received a 3.5 percent increase this year — the last year of their current contract.

"We are hoping to reach (an agreement) by the end of the year," he said.

The town's labor attorney, Frederick Danzer, is handling negotiations for the town, while the union is being represented by CWA officials.

Mr. Gottko also noted that the town is expected to enter into negotiations with representatives of the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Branch 30 and Teamsters Local No. 866 next fall. The contracts between the town and these two groups will expire at the end of 2000.

The Teamsters represent 40 hourly employees in the Department of Public Works, as well as a few workers in the Engineering and Building Departments.

The council will approve the 2000 salaries for members of the Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 90 this Tuesday, December 21, as per the second year of a three-year contract with the PBA.

During its December 7 meeting, the council approved, through a resolution, fire department salaries for the final year of the union's current three-year contract.

The various collective bargaining units have been averaging salary increases of 3 to 3.5 percent per year. Teamsters members received an increase of 65 cents per hour this year as part of their contract.

In other business, the Town Council is not expected to take action until the new year on a request by the Holy Trinity Home and School Association to waive the municipal fee charged for raffle and bingo licenses.

Bill Fitzpatrick represented Holy Trinity School earlier this month in seeking council action to waive the \$1,500 in fees the school pays the town each year for bingo events and raffles. That fee includes \$1,000 for 100 bingo nights and another \$500 for raffles.

Mr. Gottko explained that state regulations set a fee of \$10 per raffle where the prize money is \$400 or more. There is no charge when the prize is below \$400. The state-set fee for bingo is \$10 per event. Holy Trin-

ity pays the identical \$1,500 fee to the state Legalized Games of Chance Division.

The council, however, will take action this week to grant raffle licenses applied for by the Holy Trinity School Association and the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, as well as bingo licenses requested by Holy Trinity and the Elizabeth Seton Library Guild, another organization under the Holy Trinity Association.

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan questioned whether the council should be approving the \$1,500 in fees charged to Holy Trinity if the governing body is going to consider waiving those fees at some point next year.

Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, who served as Acting Mayor for the first hour of Tuesday's meeting, said he believes the town has been consistent the past three years in denying the request.

"But if you (the council) would like to look at it in the future, let's look at it in an ordinary manner and not in the context of approving one particular application," Mr. Goldman said.

Town Engineer Kenneth B. Marsh

recommended that the town consider changing a project that called for the replacement of a storage shed in the lower section of Tamaques Park with a storage/restroom facility.

Mr. Marsh said the town has received bids ranging from \$153,000 to \$285,000 to complete the project. He said the town has budgeted

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Mtsde. Council Sets Rules For New Parking Lot Spaces

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A lengthy discussion concerning the commuter parking spaces available in a newly constructed lot on the northeast corner of Route 22, West, across from Borough Hall in Mountainside was held Tuesday evening, as Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti and the council met for their monthly agenda setting meeting.

Borough officials decided that the 42 spaces would be allotted for commuter parking on a first-come, first-served basis if the demand was equal or less than the number of spaces available. If more than 42

applications are received, the council decided that a lottery will be conducted. Residents' applications will be given priority.

The Mayor and council stated that the cost for parking will be \$90 per quarter. Applications for the spaces must be filled out by Tuesday, February 1, 2000.

Officials decided that if the applications do not reach 42 by Tuesday, February 15, 2000, the parking spots will be made available for non-residents on a first come, first-served monthly basis of \$40 per month. It was noted, however, that if an application was received at any

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Despite Warnings About Y2K Transition, Stores Report No Mad Rush to Stockpile Supplies

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Editor's Note: This article is the second in a series on the Y2K issue.

Sales of emergency supplies have been marginal, report local store managers, despite the approaching millennium event.

Even though the media and local town officials have been advising people to stock up on canned goods, flashlights and other black-out related supplies, many stores have not seen any purchasing activity above normal seasonal levels.

Fanwood A&P's Manager Mike Buck reported that extra cases of flashlights and batteries, which they have in stock, are not moving out of the ordinary.

"People are buying the same quantities of batteries that they usually would be expected to in this pre-Christmas holiday season," Mr. Buck stated.

The A&P, like most other food chains has stocked up on extra batteries, flashlights and bottled water in preparation for what they thought would be a larger-than-usual demand.

"We have a special sale on cases of certain vegetables," Mr. Buck added, "but no-one's panicking just yet."

Donna Sevell-Leber, Secretary-Treasurer of the family owned Westfield Lumber and Home Center on North Avenue, reported that the only item she has seen move more than usual are the oil lamps.

"There have been only a few requests for generators," Ms. Sevell-Leber commented. "I think we may

see customers stock up on emergency supplies after they get their holiday shopping out of the way," she added.

CVS in Scotch Plains and Eckers in Fanwood haven't experienced any mad dash to refill prescriptions yet, according to managers for both drugstores, despite advice from media

that there will be any computer problems during the New Year transition.

According to the Federal Reserve Board's Internet Web site at

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ANGELIC DISPLAY...Last year, graphic artist Art Taylor of Mountainside designed and produced free-standing figures of the nativity surrounded by angels for the First Baptist Church in Westfield. These angels have been inspired by the Renaissance figures of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, with colors based on the restored Sistine Chapel ceiling by Michelangelo. This year, Mr. Taylor added three more angels on the ground level, changed the background and installed a crucifix on a new organ screen.

Leader Announces Early Deadline

The deadline for submitting releases for consideration for the Thursday, December 30, issue of *The Westfield Leader* is Thursday, December 23, at 5 p.m. The newspaper offices will be closed on Fridays, December 24 and 31.

Readers are invited to submit suggestions and ideas in the form of one to three sentences regarding the December 30 issue. This edition will be a collector's issue blending old and new articles and advertisements, while ushering in the new century.

All comments and suggestions may be submitted to press@goleader.com.

"We are more likely to experience power outages due to typical winter storm conditions than because of Y2K computer problems," Joey Anderson, spokesman for Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) stated. *"Be prepared as you would for a storm outage with a few extra supplies, such as flashlights and bottled water."*

and town officials to refill prescriptions early.

Terri Wiggins, Acting Manager of Eckers, suggested that customers could request a printout of their prescription activity for the year, as a safe guard against computer failures. However, Ms. Wiggins does not ex-

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Interviews Begin to Fill Administrator Position

James J. Gruba, a member of the committee, said the committee is "looking at some very qualified people" to replace Mr. Gottko.

"We have some excellent resumes. These are all current administrators in the State of New Jersey," he said, noting that most municipal administrators start out as town engineers or as municipal financial people.

While residing in Westfield or Union County is not a requirement for the position, "availability is an important criteria" the committee will consider, said Mr. Gruba.

Mr. Gottko, according to Mr. Gruba, has agreed to assist the council during the 2000 municipal budget process "in a consulting capacity." That process began in September.

In an effort to generate applicants, the town advertised the position in the state League of Municipalities' magazine and

through a professional managers' organization based in Cranford. Westfield was also well represented at the League's convention in Atlantic City in November. There, officials spread the word about the administrator opening in Westfield.

"We definitely saw a dramatic increase in the number of applications (received by the town) after the (November council) election," the Mayor admitted.

Among the applicants are some Westfield residents. The list of candidates includes a number of individuals with municipal government administrative experience, as well as persons with both private sector and municipal backgrounds.

The selection committee includes Republicans Mr. Gruba and Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, a former Westfield mayor, and Democrats James Hely, a former long-time Councilman, and Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman.

Mayor Connelly Saluted During Final Meeting

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specialty Written for The Times

Presiding over her final regular meeting as Mayor of Fanwood last Thursday, Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly was lauded by colleagues and others for her contributions to the community over a span of nearly two decades.

Mrs. Connelly, who has announced her intention to run for the Seventh Congressional District seat in 2000, will leave office as Mayor after one term at the end of this year. She will be succeeded by Republican Councilman Louis C. Jung on New Year's Day.

She was elected as Mayor in 1995, following nine years as a Borough Councilwoman. Mrs. Connelly also served as Police Commissioner and as a member of the Planning Board and the Environmental Commission.

In a surprise presentation, Mayor Connelly was honored by William Sheppard, veterans' representative to the USS New Jersey BB-627, a coalition which supports the Battleship New Jersey, and Rear Admiral Timothy B. Beard of the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command, a recently-established counterpart to the New Jersey National Guard.

Mrs. Connelly was recognized for her strong support over the past several years of the successful campaign to bring the New Jersey - the most decorated warship in United States' naval history - home to the Garden State.

Also taking part in the salute - arranged by Mr. Sheppard and Councilman Jung - was the ceremonial Honor Guard of the New Jersey 821st Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC) at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The unit has served as the Honor Guard for the "Flags Across America" program, which championed the return of the battleship for more than three years. Mrs. Connelly was named as an Honorary Command Drill Instructor - the Honor Guard's personal award for superior service - for her steadfast support of the unit. She is only the second person to receive the honor.

The Mayor, in turn, presented a resolution citing the award-winning chapter for its promotion of the ROTC program and other activities. She also presented the Mayor's Award for Civic Contribution to ROTC members who recently helped clean up the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center, formerly known as the Carriage House.

Mrs. Connelly additionally received a round of kudos from colleagues on the governing body. Councilman Jung thanked her for "giving a good part of your life" to public service. He also recounted some of her accomplishments, from her role years ago as a negotiator when Fanwood reached a settlement with the state Council on Affordable Housing, to the establishment of the annual Fanny Wood Day festival and the debut of the Millennium Clock.

Fellow Republican Councilman Stuart S. Kline concurred, saying Fanwoodians owe the Mayor "a debt of gratitude" for having put in hundreds of hours on behalf of the borough over the years.

Among the Democrats, Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz noted that Mrs. Connelly looked beyond political affiliations

to choose the right people for various positions during her tenure. She also credited the Mayor with showing her that "possibilities exist."

Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell, who has known the Mayor for some 15 years, thanked Mrs. Connelly for "your confidence in me." She said the Mayor, along with predecessors Linda d. Stender and the late Patricia MacDonald Kuran, inspired her to seek public office herself.

Local businessman and former Republican Mayoral contender Daniel P. Valentino, 3rd, presented the Mayor with a bouquet of roses as a farewell tribute. He fondly recalled how Mrs. Connelly helped out on short notice during a UNICO event, when he found himself short on volunteers, and with a fundraiser as well. Mr. Valentino praised the Mayor for being "genuine" and "a rarity in politics."

Thanking all for their tributes, Mayor Connelly said she would save her own remarks for a special meeting of the governing body which will be held on Tuesday, December 28, beginning at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to wrap up borough business for the year.

Under other matters last Thursday, Brandon Lorenz, the newest member of the Fanwood Police Department, was administered his oath of office by Mayor Connelly.

It was also announced that Adele Kenny, Director of the Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee, has been named to the borough's Historic Preservation Commission and that Matthew Glennon has been appointed as Planning Board Liaison to the Environmental Commission. Both appointments run through December of next year.

The council introduced an ordinance on first reading calling for a revision to the Borough Code whereby an individual named to serve as Borough Attorney would need to have a minimum of five years experience as an attorney, compared with the 10 years currently required.

Although no individual has been identified publicly as a prospective successor to Borough Attorney Dennis Estis, it is believed someone else will be named to the post once the new administration, with a Republican majority, takes over in January.

Councilman Jung said he felt the change in the required number of years of experience for the attorney's position should be instituted so it would match that for the municipal judge in Fanwood.

While agreeing that the minimum amount of experience for these positions should be "across the board," Mrs. Schurtz said she felt any candidate for the attorney's post should have some background in municipal government operations.

Mayor Connelly said she believed the salary of the individual should be commensurate with his or her experience.

Councilman Whittaker remarked that an individual would ideally possess experience, knowledge and "the ability to learn," since the borough attorney deals with a myriad of issues related to borough government functions.

Also unveiled on first reading last week were a pair of ordinances authorizing funds from two previous ordinances to be reallocated. The money, originally earmarked for now-completed automation of the Fanwood Memorial Library, will be used instead for the final phase of library upgrades.

Two ordinances were adopted on second reading. One approved an amendment to an ordinance passed by the council last month renewing the borough's agreement with Comcast Cablevision of New Jersey, Inc. for operation of a cable television and communications system in Fanwood.

The amendment deletes a passage from the original decree stating the cable company would contribute \$5,000 toward the cost of a consultant to work with Fanwood's Long Range Planning Committee as a condition of approval of the pact.

Comcast will still make the donation, but it will be in the form of a gift. Per regulations set forth by the state Office of Cable Television, donations as a condition of approval are only allowed if the money will be used for cable television purposes. The funds donated by Comcast are intended for downtown redevelopment efforts.

The other ordinance adopted last week limits the use of certain government-owned buildings and equipment for political fundraising. It is endorsed by New Jersey Common Cause, an organization which seeks to maintain government integrity by eliminating such potential conflicts of interest.

Finally, resolutions were passed authorizing the borough to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Forestry for trees to be planted along South Avenue, and authorizing Fanwood to receive bids for lighting fixtures in the downtown area and for storage sheds for the Public Works Department.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

A Kenilworth resident doing landscaping work in Westfield reported that he was assaulted in the roadway of Orenda Circle by another landscaper who accused the victim of taking his leaf blower. The victim, who was shoved to the ground, was not injured. No one had been charged in connection with the incident at press time.

A Nokia cellular telephone was reported stolen from a motor vehicle parked in the 600 block of Westfield Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Jewelry valued at approximately \$5,000 was reported stolen from a Rising Way home. The victim said the incident occurred in November. Police said there were no signs of forced entry.

An Ayliffe Avenue resident reported that a leather wallet containing personal papers was stolen from his motor vehicle while it was parked on the street where he lives.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

A purse containing \$100 in cash

was reported stolen from a desk drawer at a utility company office on in the 600 block of South Avenue, West.

Approximately \$450 in cash and checks was reported stolen from a South Avenue hair salon.

A cellular telephone was reported stolen from a motor vehicle parked on Mountain Avenue.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

A cellular telephone and keys were reported stolen from a closet at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located on Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

A resident of Sandra Circle reported that someone unlawfully used her credit card to access pornography sites on the Internet.

A Santa Claus and two reindeer ornaments measuring three feet high were removed from the front yard of a Salter Place residence.

Mtsde. Council Sets Rules For New Parking Lot Spaces

time from a Mountaineer resident, the non-resident would be bumped from the space at the end of any given month.

Borough Attorney John Post noted that if any resident wanted a space on a monthly basis, that could also be worked out. In addition, it was noted that more than one person living at a single residence could apply for a space.

The governing body decided that the spaces would be available to permit holders from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and that these permits will not be valid on Saturdays and Sundays.

Details about the start date for picking up applications at Borough Hall were not finalized at press time.

In other business, Councilman Keith C. Turner noted that the Recreation Committee met to discuss rate increases for the summer 2000 season at the Mountaineer Pool.

According to Mr. Turner, the fees have been increased at a rate of 3 percent across the board.

For a resident family, the rate will increase from \$190 to \$195 for the season, while a resident single pass will rise from \$95 to \$98. A resident senior pass will go up from \$55 to \$58 per season.

For non-residents, the fee will increase from \$310 to \$325 for a family; \$120 to \$155 for a single membership and \$115 to \$120 for a senior.

"Last year was the first year we increased the pool fees in many years," stated Councilman Turner.

He also expressed an interest in applying for a grant from Union County's Project Pocket Parks program to resurface the remaining tennis courts that were not done last year and also to make improvements to the field and facilities at the Deerfield and Beechwood schools.

Councilman Turner stated that he wanted to apply for a \$100,000 matching funds grant for the year 2000. He noted that the borough had applied for and received a \$25,000 matching grant in 1998 and a \$39,000 matching grant in 1999 from the same program.

Firemen Honored

The Mayor and council also discussed the increase of New Jersey Motor Vehicle fines of \$1 per ticket, mandated by the state, which will be put into a special fund for spinal cord injuries.

Finally, the Mayor stated that the borough is presently looking for someone to tape the council meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 23, at 8 p.m. for its regular broadcast on TV-35.

He noted that advertisements have run on the station for a volunteer to handle the taping, but no one had yet stepped forward. For further information about volunteering, please call Borough Hall at (908) 232-2400.

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and Joseph McGuirk, 38.

Two of the firefighters were missing from a roll-call after the firemen were ordered out of the blazing building. Four additional firefighters lost their lives when they entered the burning building searching for their two lost colleagues.

Firemen from neighboring towns have spent the last few weeks combing through the wreckage searching for the bodies of the victims, but temperatures that reached as high as 2,000 degrees during the blaze, have hampered finding their remains.

As of December 10, only two of the six victims' bodies had been recovered. By December 13, all but one of the bodies had been found.

Mayor Raymond Mariano of Worcester declared December 9 a day of mourning and the Worcester's schools and offices were shut down.

The Mayor was quoted in the Daily Globe of Worcester as saying, "Heroes are ordinary men and women who reach out every day to help their community."

The six firemen leave behind five widows and 17 children.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD RESOLUTION

I, BERNARD A. HEENEY, TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AT A MEETING HELD DECEMBER 7, 1999.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1999.

Bernard A. Heeney
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE DECEMBER 7, 1999

WHEREAS, The RBA Group is currently under contract with the Town to provide professional services required for a Traffic Calming Study of certain roads; and

WHEREAS, the RBA Group reviewed a number of roads in Town and, with advice from the Traffic Calming Advisory Committee, has focused on Rahway Avenue for implementation of a traffic calming pilot project; and

WHEREAS, one of the roads considered by the RBA Group was East Broad Street from Gallows Hill Road to Euclid Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Town Council has determined that a study of traffic calming measures should be conducted for the aforesaid section of East Broad Street in conjunction with consideration of lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, Town Council directed the Town Engineer to solicit a proposal from the RBA Group for a professional services contract to evaluate Traffic calming measures for East Broad along with a study of lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the RBA Group submitted a proposal dated November 30, 1999, to provide the aforesaid professional services for a fee of \$16,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has reviewed the aforesaid proposal and recommends that a professional services contract in the amount of \$16,000.00 be awarded to the RBA Group pursuant to the proposal dated November 30, 1999; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose from A&E, Other Expenses, Account No. 9-001-100-252;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield that the aforementioned contract for professional services to conduct a traffic calming study and evaluation of speed limit for East Broad Street from Gallows Hill Road to Euclid Avenue be awarded to the RBA Group, One Evergreen Place, P.O. Box 1927, Morristown, New Jersey in the lump sum amount of \$16,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this professional services contract is awarded without public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (Public Contracts Law); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fees under this contract be charged to Account No. 9-001-100-252; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in The Westfield Leader as Public Notice of action taken in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2000

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8D (Open Public Meetings Act), the Westfield Planning Board wishes to advise the public of its meeting dates. Meetings, at which formal action will be taken, are on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise stipulated, and are held at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey in the Council Chambers on the following dates:

January 3, 2000
February 7, 2000
March 6, 2000
April 3, 2000
May 1, 2000
June 5, 2000
July 3, 2000

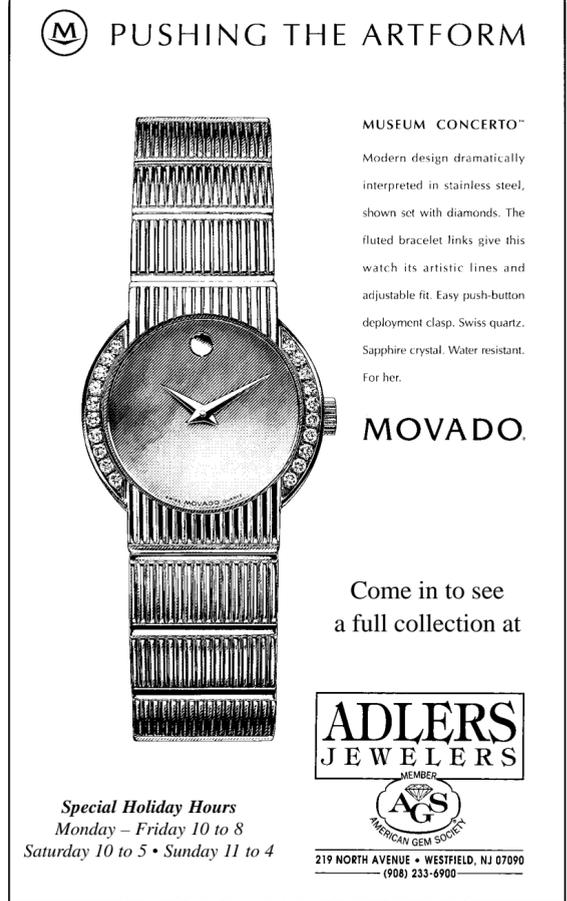
August 7, 2000
September 11, 2000
October 2, 2000
November 6, 2000
December 4, 2000
January 8, 2001
February 5, 2001

The Board will also meet at 7:30 p.m. on these dates in the Mayor's Conference Room for a work session which the public may attend but may not participate in.

Applications and plans to be considered at these meetings will be on file in the office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kenneth B. Marsh, Secretary
Westfield Planning Board
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Ingrid McKinley for The Westfield Leader and The Times
MAKING A NEW FRIEND...Second graders from Westfield had a chance to pet this horse at the Watchung Stables in Mountaineer on December 3 during Union County's annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony.

Collector's Edition

Last Issue of the 1900's

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