

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ**  
**July 20, 2015**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

Absent: Albanese, Hund

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, John Laezza, Business Administrator; Howard Lesnik, Acting Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Smith. He asked all present to participate in a moment of silence, following the salute to the Flag.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - MOMENT OF SILENCE**

This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing the Annual Schedule of meetings to the Star Ledger and the Union County LocalSource, by posting such Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in Town Hall reserved for such announcements and the filing of said Notice with the Township Clerk of Clark. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

Motion to Suspend the Regular Order of Business made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Smith directed roll call:

Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

Police Department: New Police Officers, Dominick Giusti, Mark Detore and Ronny Taborda

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Mr. President. Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen good evening and members of our Police Department, good to see you guys here tonight.

Outside of our usual council business we will be swearing in three new police officers tonight and we welcome you aboard. You are coming aboard to a very good productive well respected department. And we think you are going to be a great addition to it and we are happy to have you. Before I turn it over to Chief Matos for a second I would like to congratulate the Chief. He has officially passed his state exam which means he can officially now be called Chief, no longer interim or acting; which it never was with him because he was the choice and it was his job and he went down to pass his test. So we will be doing an official swearing in on August 21<sup>st</sup> for him. It will be a special council meeting with that being the only thing on the agenda. So come on out and support our new Chief.

Police Chief Matos: Good evening everyone. I would like to take a moment to thank the Town Council, Mr. Laezza and the Mayor for this opportunity to allow us to swear in our three new officers. Tonight we will be swearing in Officer Dominick Giusti, Officer Mark Detore and also Officer Ronny Taborda. All three of these officers prior to coming to us have already shown that they have a calling to serve the people of this state and the people of our country. Officer Giusti, a former Marine served three tours in Iraq, Officer Mark Detore a former Essex County Correction's Officer and Officer Taborda who served at the Parole State Board.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Officer Dominick Giusti

Police Chief Matos: I forgot one thing...usually when I bring people up to be sworn in I like to do a little bio about them.

Officer Giusti graduated from Union High School and after high school he served four years with the United States Marine Corp from 2002 to 2006 where he served three tours in Iraq. He has worked in the physical fitness industry and recently as a certified personal trainer. And he will start the John H. Stamler Police Academy next week and is expected to graduate in December.

Officer Detore graduated from Livingston High School in 2000. He then attended Ramapo and Kean University where he majored in Criminal Justice. He attended the Essex County Corrections Officers Academy in 2003 and has worked as a Corrections Officers since then. He will start the John H. Stamler Academy next week and is expected to graduate in December.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Office Mark Detore

Officer Taborda graduated from Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark in 2002. He then attended Montclair State University where he graduated with a BA in Criminal Justice. In 2014 Taborda attended a basic course for investigators in Sea Girt and has been working as a State Parole Officer in New Brunswick since then, today he joins us.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Office Ronny Taborda

Police Chief Matos: To Officer Giusti, Officer Taborda and Office Detore congratulations job well done so far. I know I'm going to get nothing but the best from you all. And one thing I've noticed here was Officer Giusti's father, Officer Detore's mother and Officer Taborda's mother up here, I can see the pride in your faces and it gives me great pleasure to have your sons join us. And I want to assure you that we will take very good care of them and we will look out for each other. And I want to wish you all the best and have a wonderful career here, thank you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I think the Chief summed it up very well. Gentlemen welcome, you are going to enjoy this as you know this town and for you guys who are coming from the outside to very good citizens here and to very good people here. They appreciate our police department. I get letters and calls weekly about how professional, how kind, how nice our people in blue serve our community. I'm very proud to be the Mayor of this town to have such a fine police force

doing a great job. So welcome, God Bless, stay safe and you will have some fun also along the way, thank you.

Council President Smith: Congratulations on behalf of the Council to the new officers. We look forward to getting to know you and I'm sure you will have a great tour and you will enjoy working with the Clark Police Department.

Motion to Resume the Regular Order of Business made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes good evening Mr. President. Once again members of Council, ladies and gentlemen I do have some announcements here to make. I said it earlier when I was at the podium but for those of you who are tuning in late at home I would like to send a special congratulations to Chief Pedro Matos on passing his State Chief's exam so he can officially become the Chief of Police in Clark; not that he wasn't working and doing everything well in that capacity since January. But by law the State test has to be administered and that was done and the Chief did very well in passing it. And he's been doing excellent as our Chief. He's a nice man to work with, he works very hard and puts in a lot of hours in and I see that our department is doing very well. So Pedro thank you very much, it's a pleasure.

Today we and some of you council members attended with the Chief and others the grand opening of Applebee's in the Clark Commons. It went very nice and it looks like a beautiful store, hopefully it will do very well. I would like to remind the community on August 7<sup>th</sup> will be the official grand opening of the Clark Commons. As you know by driving through you can see that there's some stores opening one, two at a time. The activity is starting to get pretty busy in there. And they seem like they are doing very well. And the feedback on the Commons is very, very nice to hear. And the people who work in the stores, the managers that I have met so far rave about being in the Commons. So hopefully it will continue. The traffic patterns although we are down in traffic right now in the summer months here in Clark as of right now they are working well. I'm sure when we get back into September it may fill up a little bit but I still think the patterns are very positive and they are doing very well up there for everyone. Folks, just pay attention because as you drive through the Commons there are some sightseers out there that are still looking at it for the first time. Just be careful in the beginning. It's natural you know people like to drive through and look at things.

I want to mention something folks, I really don't want to open a big can of worms here. But it was said to me the other day and I was a little put back by it but the gentleman is a nice man and I consider him a friend. I don't know him very well, but we have talked over many years about different things. The gentleman came up to me about the Rahway Turf Football Field in Rahway Park and he had said to me he would like to meet with me to talk about it and I said "sure no

problem.” And he said “well I know you are for it”. And I said “whoa, whoa time out, when did I become for it?” He said “well you know you guys haven’t come to any meetings.” And I said “that’s correct and I won’t.” Folks, a public council meeting is for you the citizens or public freeholder meeting to get up and speak about the issue that you are opposing. As a Mayor or council member our venue is sitting across from a conference room table talking to the powers to be about a project or that project or any other project you want to talk about. I did meet with the County back in October. Five thousand seats proposed stadium went to twelve hundred in one meeting with them. I’ve had the Mayor of Rahway and the County Manager telling me and I have no reason not to believe these gentlemen, I’ve worked with them in the past and I’ve had nothing but success that they are not here to hurt our community and I believe they’re not. We may not agree with every intricacy in that plan, I get that too, but the Mayor of Rahway is doing it for the kids of Rahway. And if I have to be honest with you, so would I, so would I. If my kids were playing down at Veterans Field and you may not want to hear this, I’m just being honest, if you want me to be a Mayor, I will be a Mayor, if you want me to be a politician I can turn the page and say you are right, you are right, let’s get them. But knowing that this thing is probably going to happen from the day it was announced if you follow the political bouncing ball; my job became the job of a negotiator to try to make sure as many of your needs are met as humanly possible. Anytime you have a project you are going to have people for it and you are going to have people against it. We built the Clark Commons; you have people for it and you have people against it. We had a turf field built here at Johnson we did back in “06” we voted on it and there was a little group against it; not a big group, there’s pro and there’s con. Now I’m not an environmental scientist, I don’t know about all the environmental intricacies that are going on up there, those people do that, but I also know that the State DEP will be monitoring that project. When we do projects in government there’s big brother above us to monitor these things. I’ve talked to the County Manager and the Mayor of Rahway about curfews, about buffers, berms; let’s take a berm, if you don’t want to look at it they said to me they would have no problem throwing up a berm with some pine trees on it. And then I’m sure there’s going to be people that are going to say to me “well Mayor Sal now I don’t have a view of the park anymore.” You know it kind of is what it is; but as a Third Ward Councilman and not to speak for Councilman Hund, he’s been with me in my directive and working with other government officials across the conference room table. The only time I would go to a public meeting in another town or in the county or in the state is when I don’t have the venue to be able to sit down with the powers to be across from the table and have the discussion on what I think is good or bad about the project. I clearly understand how the residents of the Third Ward feel up in that neighborhood, I clearly understand that. I heard that last September going door to door in there. But please understand folks we are doing our job the way professionals are supposed to do it sitting across a conference room table. If you want rabble-rousers you kind of have the wrong guys because I have to work in a shared service operation with Union County and Rahway for as long as I’m sitting here as Mayor. I had a gentleman call me the other day, a very nice man, he said “Mayor I know how we can stop this” and I said “how’s that,” he said “sue him,” I said “for what grounds, for what,” he said “well I’m not really sure but I’m sure if you sue him you can definitely kill this project at a slow death.” I said “sir and if we sue him and spend a hundred or a hundred fifty thousand dollars in legal costs and we lose, how do you think the residents of the rest of the town are going to feel? Do you think they are going to appreciate me spending their money? No. If there’s a real reason, something that we can litigate that’s true and going to stand up in a courtroom not by your opinion but by my legal department’s opinion, then that’s a thing we can look at on

anything or any project. But at this time I don't see that and you haven't giving me any reason. We have been very frugal with our legal department. We have defended some lawsuits without initiating them for the fun of it, we respect your dollar. There have been causes here over the last three or four years that I told people, you are going to sue and you are going to lose because you are wrong. And we didn't take that position; we value your tax dollar a little too much. So please understand ladies and gentlemen, I know myself and Councilman Hund we are talking and if you have anything you want us to relay, submit on your behalf and do on your behalf we will be glad to do it. Just pick up the phone and call us, send us an email or however you want to do it we are there. But so far the issues that I was given last September/October by the citizens there we have followed up on. We have followed up on traffic and we will continue to talk about traffic. They are talking about shuttle busing people in from other locations in Rahway that's on them. I can tell you one thing Third Ward residents, if this became a problem in the Third Ward then we're going to start looking strongly at resident parking and permit parking and things of that nature. You know they had fireworks there a couple of weeks ago. I'm sure the people sat in their yard and enjoyed the fireworks. I don't think from the Chief I heard any real problems up there on the Fourth of July. There were supposed to be about ten thousand people up there. So sometimes you know like I said we kind of anticipate problems that aren't happening. But in the meantime we are happy to represent your feelings, just let us know. We've done it so far and we will continue to do it again for you. Thank you on that subject.

I want to also take a moment to thank everyone; Recreation Department Ralph Bernardo, the Clark Police Department, Clark First Aid Squad and Chief Frank Cerasa from the Fire Department and his guys for a great job on the Fourth of July fireworks show. Again we have about ten to twelve thousand people in town and the one thing that makes me so happy every year there's never one incident reported. So that is just amazing that our citizens of course who are the best and our neighbors come out to our town to see our fireworks show because some towns don't have fireworks. But anyhow they come in and have a great time and they enjoy our show and I thank them for participating and acting in such a gentlemen and lady like manner. And to all the youth in Clark and other towns that come out they too act in a young lady and gentlemen like manner, so that's just great.

Now I'm going to rival the Clark TAP on this story. Clark TAP is reporting today that the A & P food chain is closing.

Sue, Clark TAP: No I did not.

Mayor Bonaccorso: No I'm sorry, I'm sorry my mistake it wasn't the TAP, it was an article that I read. I'm also thinking about the TAP.

Sue, Clark TAP: I reported that it is staying open.

Mayor Bonaccorso: It's staying open, I'm sorry. She's reporting that it's staying open. I got a report from an insider and I don't know how true. As an insider he told me that the whole chain is closing. There was an article in the New York Post that they filed Sunday in bankruptcy court. We may be open then we make you close later. The word is Acme has bid on the Clark store as well as others. So it's going to be going through the bankruptcy court. So I know the TAP

reported today there's staying open, I have an insider scoop saying they are not, we'll see who is right in a month from now. But they are saying they are closing their Walbaums and their Pathmarks and the whole chain. It's a billion six in debt I believe that I read. But they are saying in the bankruptcy papers filed that they are going to be closing. I don't know if that's going to be sooner rather than later. But what I did also here is that the Clark location will have a supermarket in it, so then there will be rivaling between Shop Rite, Whole Foods and the new store coming in. So that's what I'm hearing, so we'll see what happens in a month or so from now.

I'm going to tell you folks something in the community. I love to deal with Sue and Liz from the TAP. They are terrific people. They do a great job. I like to have fun with them and they have great personalities to have a good time with them. So she knows there's no pun intended her but we'll see what's happens but I always likes to read what she writes and Liz writes because it's always done very professionally and I want to see if my source is right. So I had to throw it out there today, okay. That concludes my report, thank you everybody.

Township Clerk: I have the police, fire and first aid reports for the month of June 2015 received and filed in my office.

#### **REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. The Clark Volunteer Fire Department had to respond to 54 calls in June. And a great many of these calls were in the wee hours of the morning and as volunteers you have to give them a lot of credit.

Also Fire Chief Cerasa asked me to remind everyone that with this constant heat dries everything up, so please be careful when using outside grills, discarding cigarettes or anything that has to do with fire of any kind, be careful. Thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes thank you Council President. The Clark Police Department's monthly report for June; June 2015 saw a total of 3,297 calls for service of which 6 were vandalism, 11 motor vehicle and residential lockouts, 124 were alarm calls, 88 were motor vehicle accidents and 2,962 were miscellaneous calls.

My DPW report is as follows; Bulky pick-up continues by appointment by ward, appointments must be made Thursday by 3:00 pm before your scheduled ward. We do not accept construction material, toilets, paints, mattresses, box spring, tires or fencing to name a few. You can visit our website for a list of accepted items at [ourclark.com](http://ourclark.com)

Branch pick-up is next week. All branches should be out by July 26. Residents please do not put branches out before the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month. It makes it hard to keep the street clean; it clogs the storm drains in heavy rain and makes the neighborhoods look dirty.

Grass pick-up is every Monday. Grass must be in thirty gallon containers or smaller. It will not be picked up loose from the roadway. Recycling continues every other Monday; single stream

which means everything goes in one container including Styrofoam. Appliance pick up is by appointment only on Mondays.

Electronic and used motor oil and filters drop off is this Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the DPW facility behind the police station. Tree trimming continues on township trees. We are elevating low hanging branches throughout the town.

If you need to contact DPW you can call (732) 428-8402 or email [dpw@ourclark.com](mailto:dpw@ourclark.com). Public Works also has a Facebook page which is for information. You can follow us at Clark Department of Public Works on Facebook. Thank you and that concludes my report.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. You heard the Mayor talk before about the legal team and how frugal they are with your tax dollar. Mr. Laezza and the finance team are just as if not more frugal than that and because of that Clark remains to be financially sound and able to meet all of its current obligations. So thank you Mr. Laezza and the finance team.

From the Emergency Squad for the month there were a total of 122 calls, the number one call being fall victims 19, sick person 16 and breathing problems 12. Again these are volunteers who take their time out of their day away from their families to give back to the community and to serve all of you. So thank you to all the volunteers of this town. That concludes my report thank you very much.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. Just a couple of comments with regards to the Fourth of July fireworks; ladies and gentlemen that whole production of what you see for thirty-five/forty minutes goes a whole day ahead of time. Our Public Works Department comes out and they lay out all the barrels and the crowd control stuff. They do a sweep of the area of the high school field and then our police and fire do a perimeter search check to make sure everything is safe that there are no hidden or opened areas for the kids to sneak in behind the fireworks zone.

The fireworks came in that morning ladies and gentlemen around 10:30/11:00 and the fire truck came in and who is sitting next to it except the Clark Volunteer Fire Department at 10:30/11:00 in the morning on July 4<sup>th</sup>. They are sitting with a pumper truck because they have to because it's by rules and regulations of the State of New Jersey. And who else starts then to migrate around the entire football field and the high school field is our police department and our first aid squad comes onto the site. Ladies and gentlemen it is around 1:00/2:00 in the afternoon and they are onsite getting ready for the performance or the show that's going to go off at 9:00 at night or 9:10/9:15. Our volunteers, our police department, our squad members and our firemen are out there hours and hours ahead of time before that performance goes off. Doing in that heat and that weather we didn't know what the weather was going to be that day and then of course crowd control, the roads get closed and they let the crowd's come in. And again it's a great show but so much goes on behind the scenes you don't really see it. I'm onsite; I'm onsite at 3:30/4:00 because I always have nothing else to do, so I go over and watch it all come together. And again the Mayor says thank you but essentially the only thing missing this year Mr. Mayor is that your Dad wasn't there. Every year your Dad and I are sitting on the side in front of Brewer and we missed him, I'm just letting you know that we missed him a lot, okay, and we hope he is okay. And again ladies and gentlemen we hope you come out to these performances, these productions,

and these shows. They are a part of Clark, they are the spirit of the township and God it was a lot of fun. That's all Mr. President thank you.

Council President Smith: The Summer Recreation program started on July 6<sup>th</sup> and over 1200 children registered and there's been over 700 attending on a daily basis. So a great job with Ralph and his staff. If you have not registered but are still interested, you can contact Ralph Bernardo at 732-388-3600 Ext. 4 or stop by the recreation office in Brewer. The summer rec program ends on Thurs, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.

And on a hot day like this it's a great time to join the pool. Our membership is up a little bit over last year which is great. The complex has never looked better. We put a volleyball court in last year out in the grass and it's being used a lot. And the rest of the facility has been maintained and up kept. So if you are interested in joining as well, please contact Ralph in the Rec Department.

Councilman O'Connor: So they were talking about the Rec and one thing that you should know is that every Thursday is water day. And the volunteer firemen in the middle of the day who are around come with the fire trucks and they spray the kids. So again another example of people giving their time to the community and again our children are the ones that are benefitting from this. So to the Clark Fire Department thank you and have a good night with that.

**ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

(No objections have been received in connection with the proposed Ordinance)

**Ordinance 15-14**

**AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 3-47 SECTION 45 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS**

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-14

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman O'Connor made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

Motion to adopt Ordinance made by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Barr

Discussion: None

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

Ordinance Adopted

**INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 279 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK RELATED TO INFILTRATION AND INFLOW**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey (“Township”), as follows:

**Section 1. Definitions.** Section 279-1 of the Clark Township Code is amended to add and/or amend the following definitions:

**CLEARWATER** - Any storm water, natural precipitation, surface water, groundwater, surface flow, roof runoff, surface runoff, subsurface drainage, downspouts, eave troughs, rainspouts, yard drains, sump pumps, foundation drains, yard fountains, ponds, cistern overflows, pools, uncontaminated cooling water, unpolluted industrial waters to any sanitary sewer, water discharged from any air conditioning unit or system, and drainage that does not contain any sewerage or waste.

**INFLOW** - Clearwater that enters a Sanitary Sewer System intended for wastewater flows through connections, such as uncapped lateral cleanouts and openings in manhole covers and illicit connections, such as area drains, catch basins and foundation and roof drains.

**RUNOFF** - Precipitation and other surface drainage that is not infiltrated into or otherwise retained by the soil, concrete, asphalt or other surface upon which it falls.

**SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM** - All piping, lines, sewers, laterals and connections thereto, which carries or transports wastewater within the Township to trunk lines owned and maintained by the Authority to a destination at the Authority’s plant for wastewater treatment.

**SEWER LATERAL** - Any pipe, line or sewer which runs across, through or from any real property and connecting to any portion of the Sanitary Sewer System.

**Section 2.** Section 279-2 of the Clark Township Code is amended as follows:

No person shall directly or indirectly discharge, or permit to be discharged, Clearwater into the Sanitary Sewer System.

- A. No person shall tie into a connection between any conductor used to carry Clearwater, such as, without limitation, a sump pump, roof drain, foundation drain, or other surface drain (collectively “Device”), and the Sanitary Sewer System.

- B. No owner shall sell or lease real property, which is improved with a building, without first obtaining from the Township, a Certificate of Continued Occupancy, which shall include that the owner certifies that no Device is connected to the Sanitary Sewer System. No purchaser or tenant shall purchase or rent such real property unless the seller has provided the purchaser or tenant with the required Certificate of Continued Occupancy prior to closing of the sale or finalization of the rental.

**Section 3.** Section 279-10 of the Clark Township Code is amended as follows:

The Authority, its supervising engineer and any other duly authorized employees and/or agents of the Authority and/or the Township, by and through its building inspector, code enforcement officer, fire sub code official and/or any other person or employee duly appointed and bearing proper credentials and identification (collectively, "Inspector"), may, subject to law, undertake inspections or tests as the Inspector deems necessary and appropriate to determine whether the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 279 is being violated. In connection with such inspections, such person or persons shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of such inspection, observations, measurement, sampling and testing (collectively "Inspections") in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Any Inspections may only take place after written notice, mailed to the address of the property in question, at least five (5) business days in advance of the Inspection. Inspections shall be conducted on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or by appointment. The Township, Authority or their respective representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes, including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper or other industries, beyond such point which has a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge in the sewers of waterways or facilities for waste treatment.

- A. The Inspector shall be permitted immediate entry onto real property to undertake inspections or tests for violations of Section 279-2 of the Clark Township Code if, in the sole opinion of the Inspector, an actual emergency exists tending to create an immediate danger to the public health and safety.
- B. The owner of the property shall make all areas of the building to be tested or inspected available to the Inspector.
- C. If, in the sole opinion of the Inspector, any violations are found, the violations shall be eliminated at the owner's expense. Such corrective work shall be completed within ten (10) days of the date the Inspector notifies the owner of the deficiency, in writing, mailed to the address of the property in question.
- D. In the event violations are identified, the Inspector shall re-inspect the property either upon notice from the owner that the violation has been corrected or within fifteen (15) days from the date of the notice of violation, whichever first occurs.

- E. If the property owner fails to undertake such corrective work within the times specified herein, the Township shall be authorized and permitted to make such repairs or replacements and to assess the owner of the property for the cost thereof, plus (10%) percent or \$50.00, whichever is greater for administrative costs. Such assessment shall constitute a lien against the property until paid in the same manner as real estate taxes constitute a lien against the property.

**Section 4.** Section 279-26 of the Township Code is amended as follows.

- A. When the Inspector determines that there has been a violation of any provision of this Chapter, written notice of the violation shall be given to the owner and any occupant of the property by mail. The violator(s) shall be given ten (10) days from the date of mailing of the notice in which to remedy the violation or contact the Building Department to set up a timetable for compliance.
- B. If the violation is not remedied within the ten-day period, the violator shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$250.00, plus costs for this first violation. Each date on which such violation occurs or exits, shall constitute a separate violation of this Chapter.
- C. Repeat offenses under this Chapter shall be subject to increased fines as provided for below. As used in this Section, "repeat offenses" means a second or subsequent violation of the same requirement or provision of this Chapter for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. The increased fine for repeat offenses shall be as follows:
  - 1. the fine for any offense, which is a first, repeat offense shall be \$500.00, plus costs; and
  - 2. the fine for any offense, which is a second repeat offense or any subsequent repeat offense shall be \$750.00, plus costs.
- D. In addition to other remedies under this Chapter, the Township may bring an action against the owner of the property for which the violation exists for the costs incurred in cleaning up and abating the offending condition. In any such action, the Township shall be entitled to recover its costs of suit, together with reasonable attorneys' fees, experts' fees, if applicable.

**Section 5.** Severability.

Should any clause, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance be deemed illegal or unconscionable by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6.** Inconsistency.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Barr

Discussion: None

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

Public Hearing August 17<sup>th</sup>

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** Councilman O'Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee made a motion to approve the payment of claims on current and capital expenditures in the amount of \$322,782.01 for the period ending July 13, 2015, seconded by Council President Smith

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

**CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:**

Each person addressing the Council shall first give his/her name and address to the Clerk. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and shall not exceed 10 minutes in duration.

Council President Smith opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Toal made a motion to close the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Council as ABC Board**

**Resolution 15-89**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following Plenary Retail Consumption/Hotel License whose submitted application form is complete in all respects including payment of the renewal fee to the Township in the sum of \$2,500.00 is hereby approved for annual renewal for the License Term 2015 – 2016, effective July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2016.

2002-36-006-010      Largo Clark SPE LLC  
                                 t/a Crowne Plaza Hotel  
                                 36 Valley Road  
                                 Clark, NJ 07066

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

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**Resolution 15-90**

**WHEREAS** N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS** said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clark has received notice of an award of \$75,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Division of State Police and wishes to amend its 2015 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$75,000.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

- Miscellaneous Revenues:
  - Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services:
    - State and Federal Revenues Off-set with Appropriations:
      - Critical Facilities Generator Project

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$75,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

- General Appropriations:
  - (a) Operations Excluded from CAPS
    - State and Federal Programs Off-set by Revenues:
      - Critical Facilities Generator Project

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the sum of \$122,557.00 representing the amount required for the municipality’s share of the aforementioned undertaking or improvement appears in the Capital Account under the caption Improvements to Municipal Facilities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution will be electronically submitted in accordance with the directive of the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Moved and seconded by Entire Council

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O’Connor, Toal, Smith

**Resolution 15-91**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it does hereby authorize the Mayor and/or Business Administrator to execute a Sub-Grant Agreement with the State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Management for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program beginning June 2, 2015 and ending June 2, 2018.

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O’Connor, Toal, Smith

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**Resolution 15-92**

**WHEREAS** N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS** the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2014 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS** the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

**WHEREAS** the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments  
Recommendations

and

**WHEREAS** the members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments  
Recommendations

as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS** such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS** all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS** failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S.52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S.52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local Governing Body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director of Local Government Services, under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Moved and seconded by Entire Council

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

**Resolution 15-93**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2014 ANNUAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF SAID PLAN WITH THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clark is required to prepare a Corrective Action Plan based on the findings and recommendations contained in the Annual Audit for 2014; and

**WHEREAS** the Township is required to submit a Corrective Action Plan to the Division of Local Government Services as part of the annual audit process, and to file a copy of said Plan with the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS** the Governing Body has received the 2014 Annual Audit – Corrective Action Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the 2014 Annual Audit – Corrective Action Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to file said Corrective Action Plan with the Division of Local Government Services, and to file a copy with the Township Clerk.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O’Connor, Toal, Smith

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**Resolution 15-94**

**WHEREAS** Black Rock Enterprises, LLC has completed work on the 2014 Capital Road Improvement Program; Ayers Lane, Dawn Drive, Sheffield Way, Wilshire Way and has requested Final Payment; and

**WHEREAS** the Township Engineer recommends payment in the sum of Nine Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$9,190.69) including final quantities change order which decreases the adjusted contract amount by Seventy Six Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Fifty Six Cents (\$76,482.56); and

**WHEREAS** the Chief Financial Officer has determined sufficient funds are available in Ordinances 12-08 and 13-08 as evidenced by the Certification of Availability of funds attached.

**WHEREAS** Section 195-84 of the Code of the Township of Clark requires the posting of a Maintenance Guarantee in an amount to be determined by the Township Engineer prior to the release of the Performance Bond and Final Payment; and

**WHEREAS** the Township Engineer has determined the amount of the Maintenance Guarantee required to be posted by Black Rock Enterprises, LLC to be Thirty Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars and Twenty Six Cents (\$36,800.26).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it does hereby authorize Final Payment to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, 1316 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857 in the amount of \$9,190.69 including final quantities change order and release of the Performance Guarantee pending submission of a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$36,800.26.

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

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**Resolution 15-95**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby authorizes and directs the Business Administrator to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Scibal Associates, Inc., dba Qual-Lynx, 100 Decadon Drive, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234 to handle open claims with dates of loss prior to August 1, 2012 for a one year period commencing July 1, 2015.

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Toal

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

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**Resolution 15-96**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individual is hereby appointed as a Member of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department effective this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

Austin Pencinger  
50 Union Street  
Clark, NJ 07066

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzearella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 15-97**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION TO MODIFY THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 2011**

**WHEREAS**, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnership program; and

**WHEREAS**, substantial Federal funds provided through subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act commonly known as the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG) are allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend an existing Cooperative Agreement for the County of Union and its people to benefit from this program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Municipality of Clark and the County of Union in cooperation with each other to enter into a modification of the existing Cooperative Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Municipality of Clark that the agreement entitled "**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**," dated June 2011, for the Purpose of Inserting a Description of Activities for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 of the Union County Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnership program, and the Emergency Shelter Grant program (ESG), a copy of which is attached hereto; be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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**Resolution 15-98**

**WHEREAS** an agreement is proposed between the Township of Clark having offices at 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Landlord" and Union County Educational Services Commission, a Commission of the State of New Jersey having its office at 45 Cardinal Drive, Westfield, New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Tenant"; and

**WHEREAS** premises to be let is the Oliver B. Resch Gymnasium, containing a stage, to be made available Monday through Friday, 8:30 am through 2:30 pm commencing on September 1, 2015 and concluding on June 30, 2016 together with the second gymnasium, the Walter A. Bakum Gymnasium, to be made available on an "as needed" basis with usage, to be approved upon the request of Union County Educational Services Committee by the Business Administrator of the Township of Clark during the same term.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement (attached hereto) on behalf of the Township with the Union County Educational Services Commission, located at 45 Cardinal Drive, Westfield, New Jersey.

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**Resolution 15-99**

**WHEREAS** the Local Public Contracts Law provides exceptions to public bidding requirements whereby any contract, the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, may be negotiated and awarded by Resolution of the Governing Body in specified areas of procurement; and

**WHEREAS** NJSA 40A:11-5(f) allows for the supplying of any product or the rendering of any service by a public utility which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and

**WHEREAS** the Township's current supplier of electricity, Liberty Power, has submitted a proposal for a 12 month contract at a renewal rate of 0.09833/kWh.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark hereby affirms the New Jersey Energy Services Enrollment Agreement with Liberty Power for a 12 month period ending June 2016.

**Resolution 15-100**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it does hereby authorize the Tax Collector to settle Tax Appeals and Issue Refunds in the amounts indicated as authorized by the Tax Court of New Jersey for the following:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Refund</u>
69/7	1183 Raritan Rd	254,500	240,000	14,500	2013	
69/7	1183 Raritan Rd	254,500	240,000	14,500	2014	
					principal	\$ 2,262.30
					interest	\$ 137.54
					<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,399.84</b>
69/9	1189 Raritan Rd	343,000	300,000	43,000	2013	
69/9	1189 Raritan Rd	343,000	300,000	43,000	2014	
					principal	\$ 6,708.75
					interest	\$ 407.90
					<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,116.65</b>
142/1	Central Ave	2,358,500	2,268,900	89,600	2013	
					<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,941.32</b>
<b>Total Refunds</b>						<b>\$16,457.81</b>

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**Resolution 15-101**

**WHEREAS** in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund and/or transfer overpayment of taxes; the Mayor has recommended to Council that such authorization be granted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make refund(s) and/or transfer(s) in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>QUAL.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>REFUND</b>	<b>AMT. TRANS</b>	<b>TRANS FROM</b>	<b>TRANS TO</b>
48.02	2		Linda Bing	17	Doris Way		\$1,608.46	2015/2	2015/3
33.06	8		Edward Pawlowski	17	Kent Place		\$852.67	2015/2	2051/3
							<b>\$2,461.13</b>		

**Resolution 15-102**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that John Laezza is hereby appointed as Acting Township Clerk in the absence of Township Clerk Edith Merkel this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015 as the need may arise from time to time until December 31, 2015.

Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

**NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR:**

**Resolution 15-103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby authorize release of Performance Guarantees to Krame Development Company, Inc. posted to guarantee completion of the work at the Clark Commons site, 1255 Raritan Road (Block 144, Lots 1 & 2) upon the Township Engineer's completion of the final site inspections and determination that all improvements have been installed and constructed in accord with State and Municipal design standards and requirements and the posting of a Maintenance Bond as set forth in the Developer's Agreement and in accordance with Section 195-84 of the Code of the Township of Clark.

Motion to add resolution to agenda made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

Motion to adopt resolution was made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Each person addressing the Council shall first give his/her name and address to the Clerk. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and shall not exceed 10 minutes in duration.

Council President Smith opened the public portion of the meeting

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman O'Connor made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Toal

Council President Smith directed roll call:  
Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes thank you very quickly. I would like to thank Applebee's, they contacted me last week. Saturday they did a soft grand opening where they invited different people from the town, their company and their employees. And when they went into pay because it wasn't free they asked me where I would like the money to be donated to and I gave them the Clark Volunteer First Aid Squad. They do a great job, they raise a lot of money to support their squad and I thought that if this could help them then God Bless and we are happy to do that for them.

The other thing I would like to just touch very briefly on is up at Hyatt Hills. The company who owns Hyatt Hills right now (Racer Trust) for three or four months now have asked to take over the facility from the past golf commission which was made up of members of Clark and Cranford because they wanted to run the facility themselves. We have no problem with that since everybody on it was a volunteer and did a very good job. But they are the owners and they have that obligation if they feel like doing that. There's going to be, once our commission is dissolved there's going to be a two member commission which will be the sitting Mayors from both Clark and Cranford in perpetuity. And those will be people that will be on there on an advisory basis. They will be the liaisons back to both communities because it's still a golf course, it was built to serve both of our communities well and both Mayors will actively sit on the commission at that point once the old commission is dissolved and moving forward. So they have been running it now since the spring, I would say around April I guess mid-April, and hopefully all is doing well up there. So those are the two things I wanted to touch on. Have a great rest of the summer. We'll see you in August thank you much.

Councilman Barr: Yes I would just like congratulate our new police officers and especially our new Police Chief. And as the Mayor said be careful and have a good rest of the summer, thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes just two quick points. It's extremely hot please ladies and gentlemen if you are out working in the yard, walking or doing something hydrate yourself out there, you don't want to get heat exhaustion or heat stroke. And please don't forget to recycle; it's very, very important for our future and our children's future. Thank you and until next month stay safe.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. I know the Mayor touched on the grand opening of Clark Commons on August 7<sup>th</sup> which is a Friday; I believe its 9:00 am, am I correct? (Mayor Bonaccorso: yes) So I've been up to Clark Commons a few times and as the Mayor stated it's

getting very busy. A lot of the stores are open and whenever I'm there the stores are full which is good. But I went up to one of the people who were workers in the store and I said "how did you get this job" and they said "oh we just went online and applied." So I know there's a number of stores that are still aren't open, so maybe you would want to go online and apply. In fact I walked around the facility and some of the stores had signs up "opening soon, apply online." Some of the dates have passed and some of the store signs are still up but some of the stores still may be hiring. So that's a great opportunity for our residents to get employment for those who are looking for it.

With regard to the Valor Ride, I know I've talked a lot about that leading up to it. So the event happened, it was a beautiful day, and it was a great ride. The TAP wrote a great article about it. So again it's going to be in July of next year, so mark your calendars. So having said that there's another opportunity to ride with the law enforcement, on August 2<sup>nd</sup> the Blue Knights of New Jersey Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is having a benefit for the Valerie Fund. And this is going to be at the Deutscher Club as well on again the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. And it's going to be registration 9:00 am kick stands up at 11:00, and a picnic from 12 to 5. It is going to be an escorted ride which means police guide you through your ride, so the chances of an incident is very, very low because it is a protected ride. Again for more information give a call to (732) 770-6067. But again you can just show up and I'm sure there glad to have you there as well. Other than that I just want to say have a great month and we'll see you in August, thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. When it got up to 97 today, what was the temperature today? When it gets to 95 ladies and gentlemen just think back, take yourself back in your own mind to what it was like back in January and February when it was four degrees below zero and we had ice outside. So just take yourself to the cooling moments of memories and just say it's not that bad. Just a point of hot that was mentioned by some of the other council members, you have some in your neighborhood maybe a senior citizen, just check on them to make sure that they are okay. Seriously we had a few years ago an incident where a senior citizen was overcome by heat not having enough of cool air and air conditioning in the house, so just keep an eye on your neighbor. You know we are Clark, we take care of our own and we help each other out.

Those that we have lost in the last month; a long time member of the Sanzone Family and an old neighbor of mine, Jimmy Sanzone passed away recently and our condolences to the Sanzone Family. To Jerome Grande, anybody who grew up in Clark in the 1980's and you went to ALJ you knew who Jerome Grande was. And Jerome was Class of "86" and he was a Clark legend and legacy and he passed away recently oversees and we will never forget Jerome. And with that I just want to say keep cool and check on your neighbors. And again we will see you in the month of August, thank you Mr. President.

Council President Smith: Again I just want to commend Ralph Bernardo, the DPW, the police and the fire department for a great job on the fireworks. It was a tremendous evening. A lot of people attended and I heard great things about it, so again thank you for that. And as Brian and other Councilmen alluded to, please check on your neighbors during the heat that was yesterday, today and going to last a little bit into tomorrow. And that's all if have this evening.

Township Clerk: No thank you.

John Laezza: Thank you Council President. We are having a big push on recycling. And sometimes our recycling people and our grass people don't know the difference, so we sent our tax bills out this year and everybody got little plaques inside their tax bill. In Clark we have blue for grass and green for recycling just to keep you alert. But we would like you to put those stickers on those recycling cans so that the recycling picker uppers know which can they are picking up. So we have stickers, so use the stickers please, thank you very much that's all I have thank you.

Police Chief Matos: On August 4<sup>th</sup> between 7 and 10 pm in the ALJ parking lot the police department will be hosting its "National Night Out" event. National Night Out is design to heighten crime and drug prevention, generates support for local anticrime efforts and strengthens the neighborhood spirit. So if you can come on out and join us. We will have displays there and our officers will be speaking to the residents and passing along information on how they can keep themselves safe, prevent crime to their neighbors and to their neighborhood.

Speaking of the Valor Ride; I had a conversation with the PBA President Danny Joy...the final numbers are not in yet but he expects to have raised somewhere in the vicinity of about ten thousand dollars to support the Waterson/Dunham Scholarship Funds. So that was a great success, thank you and good night.

Howard Lesnik, Acting Attorney: No thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Smith directed roll call:

Aye: Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Smith

APPROVED

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WILLIAM F. SMITH  
Council President

ATTEST:

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EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk