

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.
December 19, 2011**

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

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

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Mazzarella. 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, Union County LocalSource, and NJTODAY.NET, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP

OFFICERS: Transcript on file in the Clerk's office

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Transcript on file in the Clerk's office

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

(No written objections were received in connection with the following Ordinance.)

Ordinance 11-24

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMAND VEHICLE, AND ANY ANCILLARY COSTS RELATED THERETO AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$40,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Council President Mazzarella opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 11-24

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Kazanowski made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 11-24, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Mazzearella directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzearella

Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-24 made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Council President Mazzearella

Discussion: None

Council President Mazzearella directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzearella

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 \$172,150.93 for the period ending December 15, 2011, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Mazzearella directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzearella

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 Mazzearella opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda.

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Kazanowski made a motion to close the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Whiting

Council President Mazzearella directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzearella

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 11-169

WHEREAS Steak and Ale of NJ Inc., has filed a verified petition requesting authorization for the local issuing authority to consider a renewal application for Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2002-33-007-004 for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 license terms pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39; and

WHEREAS after considering all the facts and circumstances related to the inactive status of this license, the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control finds that the petitioner has established good cause in accordance with the statutory requirements to warrant an application for renewal of the license; and

WHEREAS a Special Ruling dated November 29, 2011 by the Director grants authorization for the Governing Body of the Township of Clark to consider the application for renewal of the subject license and to thereupon grant or deny said application in the reasonable exercise of its discretion; and

WHEREAS the renewal application form submitted by Steak and Ale of NJ Inc. for License No. 2002-33-007-004 is complete in all respects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that they hereby approve Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2002-33-007-004 for renewal for the 2011-2012 license term.

Moved by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

Resolution 11-170

WHEREAS Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has re-appointed Antonio Inacio for the position of Municipal Court Judge; and

WHEREAS this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the re-appointment of Antonio Inacio as Municipal Court Judge whose term will commence on the 1st day of January 2012, ending December 31, 2014.

Moved and seconded by Entire Council

Discussion:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Mr. President...first off I would like to thank Council prematurely for your confirmation of my appointment to Judge Inacio back to the bench in Clark. Unlike New Jersey we appoint Judges in Clark when the term is up. Judge Inacio and I go back many, many years to high school. Tony as we knew him then, his Honor as we know him now Judge Inacio was always a good person, a people person. He was a holdover from the prior administration when I became Mayor in 2001 and there was no doubt in my mind the day I was sworn into office that someday I would be re-appointing Tony Inacio back to the Clark bench. He is a gentleman, I've been told by many, many lawyers throughout the State that he is probably if not the best that he is in the top three Municipal Court Judges in the State. He does a tremendous job, he works well with the prosecutors to the public defenders and all the attorneys that come before him, with the police officers that are here but also even with the citizens who come before him. I receive many letters from people saying that they were in court and Judge Inacio found them guilty or fined

them or whatever he did and they wanted to take a moment to thank him to me for his professionalism that he shows on the bench. He is a great guy. I'll tell you if you are bored one night and you want to come up to Clark Court one afternoon and want to watch Judge Inacio in action he is worth seeing, he's that professional in that room. If you want to get a closer look speed down the street so one of the Clark's cop will help you get here. I mean you can have an up close and personal interchange with him. But I thank you again Council, he is a great guy and Tony is a guy that's going to be here for as long as he wants to. If the people who come in someday to take our jobs when we decide to go away have any brains in their heads he will be here because he is that good. So thank you again for that appointment.

No further comments

Council President directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

Resolution 11-171

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following dates, in addition to one floating holiday of each employee's choosing, will constitute the official Township employee holiday calendar for the year 2012.

New Year's Day	Monday	01/02/2012
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday	01/16/2012
Presidents Day	Monday	02/20/2012
Good Friday	Friday	04/06/2012
Memorial Day	Monday	05/28/2012
Independence Day	Wednesday	07/04/2012
Labor Day	Monday	09/03/2012
Columbus Day	Monday	10/08/2012
Veteran's Day	Monday	11/12/2012
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	11/22/2012
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	11/23/2012
Christmas Day	Tuesday	12/25/2012

Moved by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

Resolution 11-172

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby appointed as Members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department effective this 19th day of December, 2011.

Dylan A. DeFalco	Michael A. Franke
62 Amelia Drive	67 Grove Street
Clark, NJ 07066	Clark, NJ 07066

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilwoman Whiting

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

Resolution 11-173

WHEREAS the Township of Clark wishes to purchase one (1) vehicle for the Fire Department from an authorized State Contract; and

WHEREAS the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. A78763; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it meets all industry standards for use by the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS the actual cost for the purchase of the (1) vehicle is expected not to exceed \$39,400.00; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract in Ordinance 11-24.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that Mall Chevrolet be awarded a State Contract for the purchase of (1) vehicle for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$39,400.00 and authorizing the Mayor and/or Business Administrator to execute same.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilwoman Whiting

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

Resolution 11-174

WHEREAS the Police Department has requested that the Township Council authorize the appropriate Township Officials to approve the authorization of the purchase of four (4) 2013 Ford Police Utility Interceptors for use by the Police Department; and

WHEREAS the Administration recommends an outright purchase payable upon delivery of the Police Vehicles:

Pricing of the Vehicles through the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System;
System Identifier 47-CPCPS
Dealer: Beyer/Warnock Fleet, 175 Route 10, East Hanover, New Jersey 07936-0524
Funded by: Ordinance 11-22
Four (4) 2013 Ford Police Utility Interceptors
Total equipment price \$112,160.00

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in the amount of \$112,160.00 funded by Ordinance 11-22 as attached hereto as a “Certification of Availability of Funds.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to purchase four (4) 2013 Ford Police Utility Interceptors purchased from Beyer/Warnock Fleet, of East Hanover, New Jersey.

Moved by Council President Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 11-175

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark pursuant to P.L. 1985, Chapter 439, and Section 2-16.14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Clark, that it does hereby appoint the following named individuals as Class 1B and Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers to serve for the period commencing January 1, 2012 and concluding December 31, 2012.

Class 1B

Anthony Beceiro
Valerie Bielski
Christine Burlew
Arthur DeVre
Francis Flicek
Richard Leonardis
Thomas McDonald
Shaun McKenna
Tom Ringwood
Margaret Stankwich
Robert Tarantino
Kelly Wray
William Wray

Class II

John DeLuca
Victor DeMarzo
Bob Janus
Michael Kovacs
Eric Mason
Michael Pollock Sr.
Paul Santoro

Resolution 11-176

WHEREAS there exists a need for an Auditor for the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS one (1) proposal was received for the professional position of Auditor and publicly opened at 10:00 am on December 7, 2011; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed all documents required by the Request for Proposal (RFP) and recommends award of professional services contract to Wiss & Company, LLP to perform the Audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards a contract for Professional Services to Wiss & Company, LLP in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

Resolution 11-177

WHEREAS there exists a need for per diem Engineering Services including the duties of the Municipal Engineer for the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS one (1) proposal was received for the position of Professional Engineering Services under the duties of the Municipal Engineer and were publicly opened at 10:00 am on December 7, 2011; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed all documents required by the Request for Proposal (RFP) and recommends award of professional services contract to the firm of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC for the year 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards a contract for Professional Services to the firm of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

Resolution 11-178

WHEREAS there exists a need for Labor Counsel for the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS three (3) proposals were received for the professional position of Labor Counsel and publicly opened at 10:00 am on December 7, 2011; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed all documents required by the Request for Proposal (RFP) and recommends award of professional services contract to Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy for the year 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards a contract for Professional Services to Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

Resolution 11-179

WHEREAS there exists a need for Bond Counsel for the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS two (2) proposal were received for the professional position of Bond Counsel and publicly opened at 10:00 am on December 7, 2011; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed all documents required by the Request for Proposals (RFP) and recommends award of professional services contract to Rogut McCarthy, LLC to the professional position of Bond Counsel for the year 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards a contract for Professional Services to Rogut McCarthy, LLC in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

Resolution 11-180

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS qualification submissions for the position of Special Counsel/Director of Law to represent the Township in litigated matters, contested tax appeals and to provide such other extraordinary legal services as may be required from time to time and to perform such services as are required by the Director of Law pursuant to ordinance were received on December 7, 2011 and publicly opened at 10:00 am; and

WHEREAS proposals were received by the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer with a recommendation to award the firm of Triarsi, Betancourt & Wukovits, LLC for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby approves a contract for professional services with Triarsi, Betancourt & Wukovits, LLC, 186 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016 to provide litigation and tax appeal services to the Township together with such other legal services as may be required by the Director of Law pursuant to ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the value of the contract is subject to the 2012 budget appropriation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

Resolution 11-181

WHEREAS it is necessary and desirable in order to insure the general health and welfare of the residents of the Township of Clark to provide uniform procedures for administering the issuance, renewal and revocation of licenses for the placement of clothing bins within the Township; and

WHEREAS the enabling legislation adopted as Ordinance 09-20 provides for enforcement by the Police Department and the Township Zoning Enforcement Officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following clothing bin operators having met all the requirements of Chapter IV, section 4-11 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Clark are hereby approved in accordance with the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Officer-In-Charge is hereby authorized and directed to issue permits to be displayed according to law effective through December 31, 2012.

Clothing Bin Operators

Location of Bins

**American Recycling Technologies
98 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 290-North
Great Neck, NY 11021**

78 Westfield Ave. (3 bins)

**H & M Leasing
1245 Marconi Blvd.
Copiague, NY 11726**

76 Central Ave. (2 bins)

**Northeastern Import-Export, Inc.
80 Crossways Drive East
Bohemia, NY 11716**

**430 Westfield Ave. (5 bins)
45 Central Ave. (4 bins)
6 Broadway (2 bins)**

**We Collect Clothes for a Cause
625 Wortman Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208**

**52 Westfield Ave. (2 bins)
111 Valley Rd. (1 bin)
1030 Raritan Rd. (1 bin)
140 Central Ave. (2 bins)**

**Giving Back for America
PO Box 293
Avenel, NJ 07001**

1074 Raritan Road (1 bin)

Resolution 11-182

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2011 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 the following refunds:

CLARK TOWNSHIP						
TAX REFUNDS - 2011						
BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND
88.01	50		Kenneth Knapp	1	19 KATHRYN ST	\$1802.62
140.01	3		DE LIMA	54	GEORGIA ST	\$2053.62
					TOTAL AMOUNT	\$3856.24

Resolution 11-183

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Treasurer/CFO for authorization to refund overpayment of 2011 sewer fees; 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 Treasurer/CFO is hereby authorized and directed to make the following refunds as per the attached schedule.

**CLARK TOWNSHIP
SEWER REFUNDS - 2011**

REF	#	Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
11R	33	1892-0	Margo Gottfried	12	Kenneth Place	water co error	\$505.42
11R	34	3713-0	Stephen Steinberg	6	Grand Street	overpayment	\$111.47
11R	35	3470-0	American Legion Kathleen	84	Westfield Avenue	overpayment	\$2,361.83
11R	36	475-0	Borenstein	9	Acken Drive	overpayment	\$111.32
11R	37	681-0	Jerry Scaturo	135	Hillcrest	overpayment	<u>\$1,753.00</u>
						Total Refunds	\$4,843.04

Resolution 11-184

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Township of Clark advertised for bids on October 20, 2011 for the 2011 Capital Roadway Improvement Program – “Green” Vehicle Wash; and

WHEREAS six (6) bid proposals were received on November 9, 2011 at 10:00 am in accordance with specifications prepared by the Township Engineer; and

WHEREAS the bids ranged in price from \$45,664.88 submitted by Stilo Paving & Excavating to \$91,525.00 Submitted by Cypreco Industries, Inc.; and

WHEREAS Stilo Paving & Excavating, 2907 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ, 07080 submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$45,664.88 which meets the needs of the Township as specified by the Township Engineer; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations as attached hereto as a “Certification of Availability of Funds”; and

WHEREAS the Township Engineer has presented written approval for the award of the bid to Stilo Paving & Excavating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby awards a contract to Stilo Paving & Excavating in the amount of \$45,664.88; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body that award is subject to review of the bid and documents by the Township Attorney who will prepare the contract.

Council President Mazzarella made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Toal

Discussion:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes on the Consent Agenda #13 Award of Contract to Stilo Paving and Excavating for a “Green” Vehicle Wash in the amount of \$45,664.88. When they say it’s not the color of it, it’s the new green theme that we are living by in the world. This is a truck wash being put in for our DPW and the water doesn’t go back into the sewer system, it goes into the ground cleaned and then into the ground...and the \$45,6 that’s being spent is a Grant from Rutgers University. So actually it’s not costing the community any money to do this and we become “green”. So I just wanted the citizens to understand that we are working as a town to become a greener town, a cleaner town and in the meantime we have someone else picking up the tab, thank you.

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR:

Resolution 11-185

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Township of Clark advertised for bids on October 20, 2011 for the 2011 Capital Roadway Improvement Program – Municipal Parking Lot Expansion; and

WHEREAS eight (8) bid proposals were received on November 9, 2011 at 10:00 am in accordance with specifications prepared by the Township Engineer; and

WHEREAS the bids ranged in price from \$211,342.06 to \$444,175.00; and

WHEREAS Stilo Paving & Excavating, 2907 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ, 07080 submitted the lowest responsible/responsive bid in the amount of \$228,772.65 which meets the needs of the Township as specified by the Township Engineer; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations as attached hereto as a “Certification of Availability of Funds”; and

WHEREAS the Township Engineer has presented written approval for the award of the bid to Stilo Paving & Excavating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby awards a contract to Stilo Paving & Excavating in the amount of \$228,772.65; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body that award of bid is subject to review of bid and documents by the Township Attorney who will prepare the contract.

Motion to add Resolution made by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

Motion to adopt Resolution made by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

Discussion:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Ladies and gentlemen this new parking lot that’s going to be in the front of Brewer is going to alleviate the congestion and traffic we have along the side of the building by

the gyms and the tennis courts with all of the numerous activities that we give to our people here. But once again Clark Township is going “green”. A part of this parking lot is going to be funded again through Rutgers \$77 plus thousand dollars of it. This is a “green” parking lot...again not by the color of the asphalt but what it’s going to do is it’s a special blend asphalt that when the water comes it’s going to seep back into the ground, I’m sure it’s a fabric or something underneath that it will clean the water so it goes back into the ground and not into the sewer systems and into the streams and lakes of course the Reservoir in our case and even if we use salt on it, it’s not going to hurt the environment what so ever. So once again ladies and gentlemen we are going “green” and even “greener” in Clark tonight with two resolutions you see here. And out of the about two hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars in costs Rutgers will be picking up seventy-seven thousand dollars of it, so I think it’s a great way to use taxpayers money but also deliver something we need in town and to keep the environment very friendly thank you.

Councilman Kazanowski: Mr. President...is there any time of completion for this.

John Laezza: Probably early spring.

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

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 Mazzarella opened the public portion of the meeting

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

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes Mr. President thank you...I would just like to mention on the Resolutions on #6 and #7 are fire and police vehicles for our fire department a command vehicle and vehicles for our police department. Just in case you know if anybody is wondering like wow four new police vehicles in one shot...yeah we are keeping our fleet up to date and by doing this we’ve saved a lot of money on repairs over the years. The fire department needed a bigger vehicle for command, it’s needed at fires, and the police departments needs these vehicles we’ve talked about them, it’s a cross between a expedition and a SUV Ford Explorer, it’s kind of in the middle and this will help the police officers get through rain and storms which we’ve had enough of this year and heavy blizzard conditions to serve us the citizens of Clark.

I would like to also take a moment to say that on Re-Organization night here I’m going to be appointing four new police officers. And the reason I’m mentioning this is a little bit of self-

satisfying to myself and I think to you Council because of our work over the last x amount of years and more importantly over the diligent budget processing of our Administrator John Laezza when most communities are cutting back on public safety, Clark Township is keeping this community as safe as possible. We don't spend your money like crazy people. We buy what we believe we need, we improve what we think needs to be improved and that's been a combination of myself, my administrator, and this council here to work to serve you. As you read throughout New Jersey layoffs are happening all over. We have had retirements, we are not adding new positions, we are filling retirement positions. We did our attrition in our work back in 2001 and in 2002 to have our police department ready for times like this. Captain Scherb is doing a great job with it and working very hard and our men are doing a very, very good job. So you will be seeing appointments of new police officers...and another great note for that if you watch on Re-Organization night, these are police officers that were laid off from other communities. So I think it's a humanistic type of thing that not only are we filling jobs but we're filling jobs from people who were laid off and I think that's my responsibility to get those men or women back to work, in this case it's men, to bring them here to our community. They all seem to be very, very excited to be here. We appointed two new firemen tonight. Chief Beach has done a great job for two years as he comes into his last few days here. We will thank you in January and welcome TJ then. It's just that something that I'm proud of to see. You know you see the good work of us here, the budgets that John presents and the decisions we make. At times like this it pays off and Rich as a lone Democrat on the Council who has worked very cooperatively we thank you for your cooperation at the end of this year. I thank all of Council for their cooperation throughout the year, members of my administration, and of course the public but Frank you did a great job of running the Council this year, I thank you. But this is when the good things happen when you are a little bit patient and you are getting things done and the town is staying safe and sound and that's what I'm very, very proud of.

Full transcript of Mayor and Council comments are on file in the Clerk's office

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella