

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
January 19, 2016

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Toal, Hund
Councilman Smith arrived at 7:52

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 Hund. 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 (Chapter 231, P.L.1975) as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing the Annual Schedule of meetings to the Star Ledger, Union County Local Source, and TAP into Clark, 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 was made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Hund directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Toal, Hund

Police Promotions: Lieutenant Pat Grady to Police Captain
Police Officer Joseph Teston to Police Sergeant
Police Officer Brandon Pitts to Detective

Appointing New Police Officer Matthew Mulroy

Mayor Bonaccorso: Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to our Council meeting. Tonight is an exciting night; we have some promotions and a new officer coming on board. It's exciting to see different people in different ranks as the department has changed over the last few years. It's a combination of a lot of years of a lot of hard work for individuals to see these promotions and I'm very proud to do promotions. At this point I'm going to turn it over to Chief Pedro Matos to add a little bit about each officer who is getting promoted tonight.

Police Chief Matos: Good evening. I would like to take a moment to thank the Town Council, Mr. Mayor, Business Administrator John Laezza and Public Safety Director John DeSimone for this time for allowing us to perform this promotion ceremony and formal swearing in of our latest members of our family.

I would like to welcome each and every one of you here to this ceremony and especially to the families of those who are getting promoted and being sworn as our newest officer. I know I can speak on your behalf that we are all very proud of the accomplishments of each and every one of these individuals. This is not an easy task to gain this promotion.

Let me take a moment to recognize some special guests who are amongst us tonight. I would like to take a moment to recognize Retired Police Chiefs from Clark Sandy Danco and Denis Connell who are in our audience tonight; Retired Police Chief from Kenilworth and Lieutenant Grady's Uncle, Ken Grady, Retired Captain James Zizza and Retired Captain James Rapp, welcome here tonight.

Tonight we will be formally promoting Lieutenant Patrick Grady to the rank of Captain, Officer Joseph Teston to the rank of Sergeant, Officer Brandon Pitts to the rank of Detective and formally swearing in our newest member Officer Matthew Mulroy to the rank of Patrolman.

At this time, I would like to ask that Lieutenant Grady and his family join us up here. Lieutenant Grady is a graduate of ALJ High School and after high school he attended Union County College and in 1994 he joined the Union County Sheriff's Department. He served in the Union County Sheriff's Department until the year of 2006, during that time he served with the Narcotic Strike Force, the Union County Gang Task Force, and the Union County Safe Neighborhood Initiative. He also served with the United States Marshall Service Fugitive Task Force. He has been with the Clark Police Department since 2006 and he has risen quickly through the ranks due to his dedication to his job. He has served as Patrol, Patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant as a Platoon Commander and he has also served as a Dare Officer for nine years. And during that entire time he has volunteered for seventeen years as a Drill Instructor with the Stamler Union County Police Academy. Tonight after his promotion he will assume command of our Investigative Bureau.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Chief. Pat I was very proud to swear you into your job as a Clark Police Officer when you got here. Knowing you since you were a little guy coaching you in baseball and knowing your family so well and your wife's family it's a real pleasure for me to do this tonight.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Grady to Police Captain.

Police Chief Matos: Next I would like to welcome up Officer Joseph Teston and his family. Officer Teston is an ALJ graduate. After high school he served in the United States Marine Corp from 2004 to 2011 in a reserve capacity, in 2005 he served a tour of duty in Iraq. He has been with the Clark Police Department since 2008 within our Patrol Division. He has distinguished himself as an outstanding officer. During the year of 2014 he was assigned with the Union County Narcotic Strike Force. After his promotion he will assume command of a Patrol Shift.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Officer Teston to Police Sergeant

Police Chief Matos: I would just like to take a moment and recognize Acting Police Chief Chris Debbie who just walked in a minute ago, welcome.

Now I would like to call up Officer Brandon Pitts and his family. Officer Pitts graduated from Union Catholic High School. He enlisted in the Army in 2003 and served five years in the United States Army in the medical field. In 2005 and 2006 he served a tour in Iraq. He joined the Union County Police Department in 2006 where he served there in their Patrol Division until 2014. During that time, he also assisted in numerous narcotics investigations with the County. In 2014 he joined our Police Department and today he will be assigned to our Investigative Bureau.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Officer Pitts to Detective

Police Chief Matos: At this time, I would like to call up our newest member Matthew Mulroy and his family. Officer Matthew Mulroy is a 2006 graduate of St. Peters Prep High School. After high school he attended St. Peters College where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. He then began work on his Master's Degree, during that time he was accepted in the United States Marine Corp Officer Cadet School in Quantico, Virginia. He attended Quantico in 2011 and then served two years active with the United States Marine Corp and served a tour in Afghanistan in 2013. In July of 2015 Matthew graduated from the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Union County and has been employed by the Union County Sheriff's Department since. Today he will be our next officer with the Township of Clark Police Department. Welcome to our family.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Police Office Matthew Mulroy

Police Chief Matos: I would like to close by saying that these promotions came in and Matthew Mulroy's appointment came with a lot of hard work and dedication throughout their careers. They have shown this through their dedication to this department, to their communities, and in a greater way to our nation. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate each and every one of you. I'm very proud of each and every one of you as I'm sure your families are. Thank you very much to everyone for being here and please take a moment to congratulate them.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Before I introduce the gentleman to my right I see all our retirees former Chiefs and Captains. But I have to do a shout out tonight to Captain Rapp, this is your coming out party. This is the first time you were introduced in public as retired.

Again congratulations to all the promoted people tonight and our new police officer. I'm sure you are going to do very well here Matt; your interview was terrific. And to the fellows in the back who are on the job each and every day for the community thank you for all you do, you are doing a terrific job here and keep up the good work. I would like to now introduce our Public Safety Director John DeSimone.

John DeSimone, Public Safety Director: I also want to offer my congratulations to all. There's one point that's very interesting. You know we have seen such a turn over the past few years in this police department. We had a lot of young officers of course and I think that's a plus. And this was not easily done; this could not have been done without strong organization from our Mayor and our Council. This department is up to capacity right now and it wasn't easy, believe me when I tell you. It's up to capacity so it can better serve you and I leave you with that. And my last words that I always say stay safe, thank you.

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

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes, thank you Mr. President, Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen good evening. I'm going to be real brief here tonight. Tonight is Tuesday the 19th and the weather man is talking about our first significant snow Friday night into Saturday here in New Jersey who knows. But I would like to remind all of the citizens who live on the streets that when the snow is falling your cars have to be removed, please do that. You know we don't want to summons anyone or tow anyone; it's not what we want to do. But the reason is because it's probably narrow and we need to get the plows down there to do an excellent job for you. So for us to do a good job we need a little cooperation. So park in your driveway, or if maybe one of your neighbors only has one car ask him if you can park your extra car there or even on your front lawn off your driveway a little bit, it will make the DPW job a lot easier. And especially when they are talking about a snow that's on a Saturday. The men will be off on Sunday obviously, so it's not like they can come back the next day when everyone goes to work and touch up the streets, you are going to have to live with it for a couple of days. So if you can help us help you we would be really grateful for that. So thank you very much in advance.

Also our Christmas tree pickup ends on the 22nd. Please have all your trees out into the street. If they are not out by then there's a good chance you will get a visit from the Clark Fire Department if you keep on lighting it, so please let's not have that happen. Councilman Barr went through a very big discussion in December on how to keep that tree fresh and I know you all listened but now it's time to get it out there into the street.

Also I'll share a good story I guess and I'm going to say good because it shows a lot of confidence and diligence. In my state of the town address I mentioned that we were approached about selling our sewer system to go out to bid. New Jersey American Water came in and sat with John and I and asked us if we would be possibly interested in it. And we went over on how it's done and it would have had to be done by a bid. And what's the upside and what's the downside and they were explaining and the water companies now a days want to get into the sewerage business. So we discussed it back and forth and they told us about a township I think it was Haddonfield, correct? Haddonfield; bought their sewerage system for twenty-eight million dollars. So of course John and I were looking at each other over the table saying "this is going to be the biggest property tax decrease in the history of Clark if we can get that lucky." So we asked the water company, we said "can you do us a favor, could you give us your professional guesstimate on what you would think the Clark Sewer System would be worth." Because if it's significant the plan was very simple for myself and the administrator, we would ask council to take that money and pay off the township debt which would have been a nice property tax decrease for everyone. So John and I are talking and you know we really are not very well versed in how much it's going to be so we're kind of giving our own guesstimates and waiting. So they gave me a call last week and they asked to come in to meet because they wanted to go over our

numbers. And unfortunately or fortunately depending how you are looking at it, it was a very short meeting. Because they went through our data and they said your sewer system isn't worth much and I said "what do you mean?" Your sewer utility is so properly run that the residents of Clark are paying dollar per dollar in which they use; there was no fat and there's no fluff in there which would give them the area to give us the money. With utilities ladies and gentlemen and I know Councilman Barr has talked about here for many years that the sewer bill when he owned a home down in Bradley Beach how much it was per quarter. Our minimal bill being \$225.00 is really unheard of throughout the State of New Jersey. So the fact that John, myself and of course Township Council are running our sewer utility with such competence, with such fairness, and honesty; that we are not using it as a piggy bank to try to get money from there to our municipal budget which you legally can do, you are allowed to do certain things, some communities used it as a piggy bank to try to raid to use for other expenses. So folks the bad news is I guess we are going to keep our sewer system if you want to call it bad news. The good news is, you are paying what you are supposed to be paying and it's very well run and organized. And John Laezza I thank you again for all your diligence daily on doing that work on behalf of myself and the Township Council. So we will continue to own it, there's no big payday for Clark and that's what happens sometimes when you do things right, your rewards are small. So that concludes my report and thank you for this evening.

Township Clerk: Thank you Mr. President. I have the police, fire and first aid reports for the month of December filed and ready for viewing in my office.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President. I have a brief report regarding the Library. I just want to mention some of the programs that are coming up. The first one is for children four and under and it involves reading where children and parents will get the basics of getting children ready to read. It's based on a program called "Ready to Read." So if you are interested in that program it's going to be this Friday, January 22nd at 10:00 am, so it's 10 to 11:30. Next week on January 28th at 6:00 pm we have a program for seniors, "Medicare Workshop What Baby Boomers Need to Know", here you will learn from two advisors Douglas Lubenow and Justin Lubenow, they will present various information in this workshop on what you need to know about Medicare and also what changes have occurred in 2016 and the five biggest mistakes made by most Medicare beneficiaries. So once again that program is January 28th on Thursday at 6:00 pm. Also on January 28th maybe you heard of paint night, some say it's a new popular fad that's been going on. But for quite a while the Library's had water color painting classes and the classes are free, that's on January 28th at 7:00 pm. And the Artist Joy Ann Lara will teach the "Basics of Water Color Painting". So each participate will create their own work of art to take home and all of the supplies will be provided. I just want to mention also the Friends of the Library in February sponsors their "Have a Heart for the Library". There will be various books on hearts and if you are interested in buying a book to donate to the Library, that is available to you.

And then finally one item on the Office of Emergency Management, Jerry Fewkes will be running C.E.R.T. classes. So if you are interested in that program contact Jerry Fewkes, you can reach him by checking on the Township's website www.ourclark.com . Thank you and that concludes my report.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. The Police Dispatcher had the Clark Volunteer Fire Department respond to 43 calls in December. I would like to mention that the Fire Department Volunteers responded to 560 calls in 2015, that's a lot of calls. And what you have to realize with the fire department it's not that there is just a certain amount of people that have to respond on a call, when there's a call everybody who is available has to respond and you go through all different times through the day, night and morning. So they did one heck of a great job. Also the fire department asked me to relay a few bits of information. One is on heating safety being that we are in the winter months now. And what they were talking about is when you have heaters or whatever you are using keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment like furnace, fireplace, wood or stove, have a three foot kids zone free from any heating units, have your heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. And also remember to turn your heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. A lot of people think well they'll leave it on but it could be dangerous. The other thing of course is install or maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. Another item that we were talking about the snow, please folks if you have a fire hydrant in front of your house please clean the snow away from it. It sounds like it's not much but in an emergency it could be very vital. And as the Mayor said keeping your cars off the streets is so important.

And one other item that I just want to add is when the Mayor was talking about Clark's Sewer Utility; the cost that it costs us. Well what he mentioned about our house that we have in Bradley Beach, the sewer utility costs us \$421.00 quarterly. So we have a pretty good place in Clark, pretty good. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes, thank you Council President. I have two reports this evening. The Mayor mentioned about removing your cars from the roadway prior to snow accumulations. But in addition to that putting snow in the roadway when you are removing snow on your sidewalks is not permitted. It causes a hazard in the roadways and we can't clean the roads efficiently. So please if you are going to remove the snow just put it on your property rather than the road. There should be no branches or leaves piled up in the roadway until late March weather permitting for us to pick-up during our spring cleanup. And bulky pickup resumes in March weather permitting, appointment is required. And there will be three recycling pickups in February, February 1st, 15th, and 29th. And lastly on DPW your electronic drop-off for this month the County is working on that and has secured allowing the residents to drop their electronic equipment at the DPW yard on January 30th between the hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. And it's for Clark residents only and your ID is required. And the location is behind 315 Westfield Avenue behind this building in the DPW yard. They are only accepting TV's, monitors, computers, tablets, 4', 6', and 8' round or "U" shaped florescent bulbs, no other items will be accepted.

Lastly on the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority...last week on January 14th our Administrator John Laezza and our Engineer Mr. O'Connor appeared at an Excess Flow Hearing at the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. Apparently last year in 2015 we've exceeded our capacity twenty-six times and that exceeds our flow rights for the year. And Clark was required to appear at this hearing to address our efforts to reduce inflow and infiltration in our sewer system and minimizing storm water as well going into the storm system. Clark has programs in place that impacts homes for illegal interconnections as part of our requirement for a certificate of

occupancy and has an ongoing program for maintenance and improvement of our sanitary sewers infrastructure in excess of the monetary amount that was mandated by the Sewerage Authority. What I mean to say is we're investing far more money in rehabilitating our sewers than the penalty that was imposed on us at the Sewerage Authority. Mr. Laezza and Mr. O'Connor also showed that the RVSA interpretation of the data points was an over simplification of the complex issue in that other valid interpretation would result in reduction of the elimination of such exceedance. What I mean to say is there was during the twenty-six there was one 15-minute interval that we've exceeded and there was another sixteen that was a duration of less than one hour. In a 24-hour period if we reached that exceedance even if it's for one minute we are imposed an exceedance. We believe that's unbelievable. I mean how can you determine that to any community. Clark has made significant investments in reducing I-I in our sewer system over the past decade. And it's up to each and every one of us to ensure that we minimize any storm water or storm water runoff going into our sewer system. Not only the community but you as the residents if you have any interconnections or if you have any sump pump connections in your slop sink or in the sewer system please re-route them because that's only costing you our taxpayers more. I would also like to add one more note on this...Mr. Laezza did an outstanding job at the Sewerage Authority making a presentation. He was to the point, he was concise, he did his homework along with Rich O'Connor and it was a fantastic presentation that he made. Two other communities came before the Sewerage Authority and quite frankly they just didn't get it. They did not have a good presentation, they did not do their due diligence in their community to eliminate I-I as we have and we will continue to do. So with that I would just like to thank again Mr. Laezza for his efforts at the Sewerage Authority and that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you. From the Finance Committee the township is in the process of finalizing our financial statements and will be ready to present the budget in late February or early March.

From the Emergency Squad an overview of 2015; The Clark Emergency Squad has completed its 74th year of service to the Township of Clark and is ready to celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2016.

This year the squad should continue to provide 24 hours a day / 7 day a week service to the residents of Clark and the township visitors, as well as providing mutual aid when needed to the surrounding towns.

Members continued to maintain their high level of medical professionalism while upgrading to new medical standards in assisting patients with medications and in keeping with the new trends in trauma care.

The Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad responded to 1,649 calls in 2015. Of these calls 1,447 were in Clark and the Squad provided mutual aid to neighboring towns 202 times with the leading towns being Linden 33, Rahway 97 and Westfield 26.

The Squad continues to support the efforts of the Township and its various organizations by proving Standby Crews during special events. The Squad provided additional crews for the following events; Fourth of July Fair & Fireworks, Tree Lighting, Veteran's Day ceremony, 9/11

Remembrance ceremony, Memorial Day Parade, ALJ Football Games, UNICO-Italian Feast, PBA Valor Ride, Blue Knights Charity Run and Relay for Life.

The Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad has also opened its building to provide service and support as follows; Monthly Blood Drives, Boy Scout Troops – tours and assistance with Ready Man badges, Girl Scout Building Tours, Boy Scout Eagle Award Ceremonies and Annual Free Senior Citizen Pancake Breakfast.

The Squad has multiple levels of membership available to those interest in joining; Cadets – Individuals under the age of 18, Regular Member – at least 18 years old, and Drivers – at least 18 years old. All training is provided free by the Squad and if anyone is interested they can email the squad at membership@clarkems.org. Thank you very much that concludes my report.

Councilman Smith: Thank you. I just want to apologize for my tardiness this evening, the New Jersey Turnpike has not been kind to me the last few weeks. So we're finding other ways to get up here.

Just a couple quick things on the Rec Department, there's still opportunities to register your children for many of the winter programs. There are also many senior and adult programs available. So if you are interested please contact Ralph Bernardo in the Rec Office or stop by, there's flyers throughout the recreation building. The Clark Family Skate Night is coming up on Saturday, January 30th at Warinanco Park, it's always a fun filled evening, so please come and attend that event. And the last thing; the Clark Community Pool although we have a blizzard coming it sounds like we have begun some renovations and upgrades and enhancements at the facility. So you will notice some new umbrellas, new stands, new fencing, just a lot of upgrades like new landscaping when we open up in the summer. So hopefully we'll get another huge turnout. And that's all I have this evening.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. The Clark Environmental Commission, the Environmental Commission will be meeting for their Reorganizational Meeting on Thursday, February 11th at 7:30 in Room 30, so please come on out, the public is welcome. The discussion will be the Reservoir and what's going on with the Reservoir. We're going to be given an update from the County and we'll have a discussion panel with the reorganization of the Environmental Commission.

Santa Claus has come and gone, he has gone back to the North Pole. But if you saw some other Council Members or myself walking we are handing out our newsletter. We've been doing this since 2011 and again I always credit Rich Kazanowski, former Third Ward Councilman for starting this whole thing. He went into my ward and started dropping his own flyers in my ward and I turned around and said "what are you doing?" and he goes the people have to know. I said you know you are absolutely right. And this year I just want to say thank you Mayor for bringing the information and it's our job to walk it to your door. So if you see us coming to your front door or sticking this in your doorknob, not in your mailbox, this is the new report and all the council members have been handing it out. I've just got mine done and I'm over at Wendell Place this Sunday, Lefferts Lane and Terhune and the other surrounding streets. So you will be seeing us bringing the information to you the residents because that's what it's about keeping you informed.

I have a question for the administration. At our workshop a month or so ago I brought up the issue of Central Avenue and Raritan Road that there had been an accident there. I was asking for some more signage or something from the County to make it easier for the drivers to determine to keep to the right instead of going left by the White Diamond. I saw the sign, the arrow signs, the lineated signs were gone. It looks like another accident occurred. Can I get some report from the Mayor's office if we can get a letter down to the County to change the signage showing that there is a separation of two lanes?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes, we've done that Brian, we are waiting to hear from the County.

Councilman Toal: I appreciate that Mayor.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I'm going to be meeting with them Friday on another issue, so I will bring it up there.

Councilman Toal: Thank you so much Mr. Mayor because I was over there Sunday and I saw a Clark Police Officer picking up additional debris from a previous accident. We've talked about this issue on the safety. There was a bad accident there a month or two ago I think it was. Again when you keep seeing this kind of stuff and then the arrow signs are gone some people are not paying attention when they are coming off Central and they are going to the left onto Raritan where the new gas station will be "Shell" you just get concerned for the residents' safety as well as our people. And thank you Mr. Mayor it's an issue when you see it there it's a concern.

John Laezza: Councilman Toal we have also contacted a traffic company to see what they can do for traffic calming at that intersection. So we are working earnestly for the last 1 ½ months on it.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. Laezza and thank you Mr. Mayor. Ladies and gentlemen when you have an issue, it's very simple, bring it to us and we are supposed to try to get it resolved. Thank you very much Mr. President, I appreciate your help. Mr. Mayor, Mr. Laezza and Chief thank you very much on this issue.

Council President Hund: For my report I have the Clark Police Department report for December 2015. They saw a total of 2,693 calls for services of which 71 were ambulance requests, 7 were fire department requests, 1 was vandalism, 31 were motor vehicle and resident lockouts, 115 were alarm calls, 89 were motor vehicle accidents, and 2,359 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total of 21 adult arrests including two for theft, 1 for simple assault, 1 for forgery and counterfeiting, 2 for stolen property, and 1 for weapon possessions, 5 for drug abuse, 1 for DUI and 8 warrants. There were a total of 10 juvenile arrests including 1 for theft, 2 for CDS, 1 short term custody and 1 offense against the family, of these one formally charged and 9 were in house dispositions. So that concludes my report on the police.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 145 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED "FEES" TO ADD A SECTION ENTITLED "RECREATION DEPARTMENT"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that Chapter 145 is hereby supplemented to authorize the Recreation Department to charge fees for programs as follows:

Preschool Programs

Mommy and Me Cooking	40.00
Total Sport Squirts	90.00
Lacrosse Squirts	90.00
Parent and Me Soccer	90.00
Parent and Me Total Sports Squirts	90.00
Tennis Squirts	120.00
Stretch N Grow	80.00
Kindertots	82.50
Introduction to Ballet	65.00
Movin and Groovin	80.00
Soccer Squirts	90.00
US Sports Institute Summer Sports Camps	90.00

Youth Programs

Scrapbooking Card Making	40.00
Making Magic	99.00
Kids Ceramics	10.00 per session
Art for All	100.00
Electronic Game Design: Platform Games	120.00
Motorized Lego Building	90.00
Cool Chemistry	99.00
Fun with Physics	99.00
Civil Engineering	108.00
Mechanical Engineering	108.00
Junior Engineers	99.00
Learn to Fly	125.00
Astronomy	75.00
Little Bakers	99.00
Cooking for Kids	35.00
Tree of Love Yoga	50.00
Comic Book Creation	99.00
Girls on the Run	185.00
Twisted Tumbling	80.00
Movin and Groovin	80.00
Zumba Kids	82.50
Hobby Quests, Designs and Trends	99.00
Hip Hop Kidz	65.00
Hip Hop Boyz	65.00
Hooked on Fishing	50.00

Intro to Rock Instruments	65.00
Drum Circle	65.00
The Actors Garage	70.00
Intro to Guitar	65.00

Youth Sports

Recreation Field Hockey equip.	20.00-30.00-55.00 depending on
Indoor Soccer	35.00
Recreation Roller Hockey	40.00
Bowling for Kids	90.00
Soccer	Varies depending on grade
Recreation Basketball	50.00
Jr. Crusader Recreation Wrestling	125.00 First child 75.00 each additional sibling
Skateboarding Scooters	40.00
Recreation Fencing	99.00
Recreation Lacrosse	150.00
Golf for Juniors	40.00
Summer Tennis	95.00
Fall Tennis Clinic	40.00
Spring Tennis Clinic	40.00
Spring into Volleyball	40.00
US Sports Institute First Play Tennis Clinic	90.00

Adult Programs

Soup and a Sandwich	35.00
Holiday Cookie Exchange	35.00
Creative Appetizers	35.00
Scrapbooking/Card Making	40.00
Ladies Night Out – Ceramics	10.00 per session
Got the Sugar Blues?	30.00
How to Stress Less and Live More	30.00
Digital Photography	75.00
Zumba	50.00
Astronomy	75.00
Y Squares Dance Club	6.00 per person per class
Square Dancing for Beginners	4.00 per person per class
Intro to Ballroom, Latin and Swing	50.00 residents 60.00 non-residents 12.00 walk-ins per night
The Vision Workshop	15.00

Adult Sports

Men's Basketball (30 and over)	Free to residents 25.00 non-residents
Adult Tennis	90.00
US Sports Institute Adult Cardio Tennis	90.00
Women's Softball	40.00

Senior Programs

Rejuvenate your Retirement	39.00 per couple
Intro to Ballroom, Latin and Swing	50.00 residents 60.00 non-residents 12.00 walk-ins per night
All other Senior Programs	Free for residents

Future changes in Programs and/or Fees shall be authorized by Resolution of the Governing Body.

Inconsistent Ordinances:

Any ordinances of the Township of Clark which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Discussion: None

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

Public Hearing February 16th

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF
CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 8, SECTION 3-30
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED
"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT"**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that Article 8, Sub-Section 30 of the Code of the Township of Clark entitled "Volunteer Fire Department" is hereby amended and supplemented, as follows:

SECTION 1: Sub-Section B (2) Line Officers, is hereby deleted and amended as follows:
(a) Battalion Chief (1)
(b) Captains (5)

(c) Officers may be appointed by the Director/Fire Chief/Fire Official as needed hereinafter.

SECTION 2: Sub-Section G is hereby amended to read "Election of officers. The Director/Fire Chief/Fire Official and Command Staff, and the Fire Department Association President, shall hold an election for the line officers, every two years, from the members of the Fire Department that are in good standing, for the positions of Battalion Chief (1) and Captains (5). The foregoing officers shall all be residents of the Township of Clark during the duration of their appointment. In the event an officer elects, pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, to relocate his/her residence from the Township of Clark, the rank of said officer shall be forfeited, and he/she shall be reduced in rank to that of a firefighter, provided, however, that the member's new residence is within three miles of the Clark Township municipal border. The biennial election shall be held during the month of October of every other year commencing December 19, 1967. The term of office shall be from October through September 30 of the next succeeding year. Officers shall be sworn in by the Township Clerk."

SECTION 3: Delete Sub-Section H (3) Lieutenants

SECTION 4: **Inconsistent Ordinances:** Any ordinances of the Township of Clark which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5: **Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication, according to law.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

PH February 16th

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and

the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Township of Clark in the County of Union finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2016 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$571,243.19 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that in the CY 2016 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Clark shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$571,243.19 and that the CY 2016 municipal budget for the Township of Clark be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

Public Hearing February 16th

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 \$143,582.32 for the period ending January 13, 2016, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese,

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

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 Hund opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

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

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-23

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PRESCRIBING THE DETAILS AND BOND FORM FOR \$5,575,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS (SERIES 2016), DATED JANUARY 29, 2016, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER TO PURCHASE SAID BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the refunding bond ordinance hereinafter described has been duly adopted and it is necessary to provide for the issuance of the refunding bonds authorized by such bond ordinance; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township"), as follows:

Section 1. There shall be issued at this time \$5,575,000 of the refunding bonds (the "Bonds") authorized pursuant to the

refunding bond ordinance adopted by the Township Council of the Township on December 21, 2015 (Ord. No. 15-19) (the "Bond Ordinance"). The Bonds are being issued to refund \$5,542,000 aggregate principal amount of the Township's outstanding General Improvement Bonds, dated August 15, 2005 and maturing in annual installments on August 15 of each year from 2016 to 2019, inclusive (the "Refunded Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (A) redeem the Refunded Bonds on March 1, 2016 at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, and (B) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Township Council hereby specifically and irrevocably elects to redeem the Refunded Bonds on March 1, 2016 at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Section 2. The Bonds shall be issued as a single issue of bonds, aggregating \$5,575,000 consisting of an issue of bonds of the minimum authorized denomination of \$100,000 each with integral multiples of \$5,000 in excess thereof, numbered in the order of their maturity. Said issue shall be payable in annual installments on August 15 in each year as follows:

\$1,585,000 in the year 2016,
\$1,690,000 in the year 2017,
\$1,715,000 in the year 2018, and
\$585,000 in the year 2019.

The Bonds shall be designated "General Improvement Refunding Bonds (Series 2016)". The indebtedness evidenced by each Bond shall be deemed to have been incurred for the purpose described in the Bond Ordinance and in this resolution.

Section 3. The Bonds shall be dated January 29, 2016, and shall bear interest from their date until their respective maturities at the rate of 1.33% per annum, payable on each February 15 and August 15, commencing August 15, 2016 (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), in each year until maturity. The Bonds shall not be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities.

Section 4. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form. Interest on the Bonds will be payable at the times stated in Section 3 of this resolution, and principal of the Bonds will be paid annually on August 15 as set forth in the maturity schedule hereinbefore stated, to the registered owners of the Bonds. Interest will be payable to owners of Bonds shown on the records of the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent (as hereinafter defined) as of the last business day of the month preceding the month in which such Interest Payment Date occurs.

The principal of and the interest on the Bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof.

Section 5. The Bonds shall be signed by the Mayor by manual or facsimile signature and by the Director of Revenue and Finance by manual or facsimile signature, the corporate seal of the Township shall be imprinted, affixed or reproduced thereon, and such seal shall be attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk by manual or facsimile signature. The Bonds will be authenticated by the manual signature of the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent.

Section 6. Each of the Bonds shall be issued in substantially the following form:

[Form of Bond]

No. R-__

\$ _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF UNION
TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BOND (SERIES 2016)

INTEREST RATE
PER ANNUM

1.33%

MATURITY DATE

AUGUST 15, 201__

DATED DATE

JANUARY 29, 2016

REGISTERED OWNER: TD BANK, N.A.

PRINCIPAL SUM: -----DOLLARS

The Township of Clark, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, located in the County of Union (hereinafter referred to as the "Township"), for value received, hereby acknowledges itself indebted and promises to pay to the REGISTERED OWNER named above, on the MATURITY DATE specified above, upon surrender hereof, the PRINCIPAL SUM stated above and to pay to the REGISTERED OWNER hereof interest thereon from the DATED DATE of this Bond until it shall mature at the INTEREST RATE PER ANNUM specified above, payable on each February 15 and August 15, commencing August 15, 2016 (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), of each year until maturity. This Bond is not subject to redemption prior to its stated maturity. The principal hereof is payable at the office of the Director of Revenue and Finance, Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New

Jersey 07066 (the "Bond Registrar/Paying Agent"). The interest so payable on any such Interest Payment Date will be paid to the person in whose name this Bond is registered on the record date for such interest, which shall be the last business day of the month preceding the month in which such Interest Payment Date occurs. Both the principal of and interest on this Bond shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof.

This Bond is one of an issue of Bonds of like date and tenor, except as to number, denomination and maturity, issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended) and pursuant to a refunding bond ordinance adopted by the Township Council of the Township on December 21, 2015 (Ord. No. 15-19) and a resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township on January 19, 2016. The Bonds are issued in minimum authorized denominations of \$100,000 each with integral multiples of \$5,000 in excess thereof.

The Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall keep at its office the books of the Township for the registration of transfer of Bonds. The transfer of this Bond may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the hereinabove mentioned resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Bond

Registrar/Paying Agent together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall deliver in exchange for this Bond a new bonds or bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of authorized denomination, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of this Bond, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, be performed or happen precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond exist, have been performed and have happened, and that this Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the Township, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of said State.

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged irrevocably to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond in accordance with its terms.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the Certification of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Township has caused this Bond to be signed by its Mayor by manual or facsimile signature and by its Director of Revenue and Finance by manual or facsimile signature and its seal to be impressed, affixed or reproduced hereon, and said seal to be attested by its Township Clerk by manual or facsimile signature, and this Bond to be dated January 29, 2016.

[SEAL]

(manual or facsimile signature)
Mayor

ATTEST:

(manual or facsimile signature)
Township Clerk

(manual or facsimile signature)
Director of Revenue and Finance

AUTHENTICATION DATE: JANUARY 29, 2016

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds described in the within-mentioned resolution, and is one of the General Improvement Refunding Bonds (Series 2016), dated January 29, 2016 of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Director of Revenue and Finance,
as Bond Registrar/Paying Agent

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

_____ ,
the within Bond, and irrevocably appoints

_____ ,
attorney-in-fact, to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without any alteration whatsoever.

Signature Guaranteed:

[End of Form of Bond]

Section 7. Bonds may, upon surrender thereof at the office of the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent, at the option of the registered owner thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

The transfer of any Bond may be registered only upon the registration books of the Township upon the surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such Bond a new Bond or Bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of such Bond so surrendered, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

In all cases in which Bonds shall be exchanged or the transfer of Bonds shall be registered hereunder, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver at the

earliest practicable time Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. All Bonds surrendered in any such exchange or registration of transfer shall forthwith be canceled by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. The Township or the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent may make a charge for shipping and out-of-pocket costs for every such exchange or registration of transfer of Bonds sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer, but no other charge shall be made for exchanging or registering the transfer of Bonds under this resolution.

As to any Bond, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal of any such Bond and the interest on any such Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond, including interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The Township shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositories or other agents and make such other arrangements as may be necessary for the registration,

registration of transfer and exchange of Bonds within a reasonable time according to the then commercial standards for the timely payment of principal and interest with respect to the Bonds. The Director of Revenue and Finance is hereby appointed registrar and paying agent for the Bonds (the "Bond Registrar/Paying Agent") subject to the right of the Township Council to appoint another Bond Registrar/Paying Agent, and, as such, shall keep at the Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey 07066, the books of the Township for the registration, registration of transfer, exchange and payment of the Bonds.

Section 8. The Mayor, the Director of Revenue and Finance and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to cause the Bonds to be prepared and to execute and deliver the Bonds upon payment of the purchase price therefor.

Section 9. The Bonds are hereby sold to TD Bank, N.A. (the "Purchaser") in accordance with its proposal received on January 7, 2016 at an interest rate of 1.33% per annum and a purchase price equal to the par amount of \$5,575,000. The sale of the Bonds at private sale upon such terms and at such purchase price is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the Township. A proposal was also received from Sterling Bank to

purchase the Bonds at par at an interest rate of 2.00% per annum.

Section 10. The Township Council hereby covenants on behalf of the Township, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Jersey, to do and perform all acts and things permitted by law and necessary to assure that interest paid on bonds, notes or other obligations of the Township (including the Bonds) be and remain excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 11. The Mayor, the Director of Revenue and Finance and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such documents and to take such actions as they determine to be necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate the issuance and sale of the Bonds and the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of all closing documents and certificates and any agreements concerning the investment of funds to be used to redeem the Refunded Bonds.

Section 12. The Director of Revenue and Finance is hereby authorized and directed to deliver the Bonds to the Purchaser upon receipt of the purchase price therefor.

Section 13. It is hereby determined and stated the Bonds are being issued in accordance with the conditions set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51(c) and N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5, which permit the issuance of refunding bonds without the prior approval of the Local Finance Board, in the Division of Local Government Services, in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the "Local Finance Board"). The Director of Revenue and Finance is hereby authorized to file a certificate with the Local Finance Board after the issuance of the Bonds stating that such conditions have been met and including financial information concerning the refunding and a certified copy of this resolution.

Section 14. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Resolution 16-24

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the proper officer or officers are hereby authorized and directed to effect transfers of 2015 Appropriation Reserves according to the following schedule.

CLARK TOWNSHIP			
RESERVE APPROPRIATION TRANSFER		<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
5-01-20-130-100	Finance – Salaries and Wages		30,500.00
5-01-20-155-200	Law – Other Expenses	5,000.00	
5-01-20-165-200	Engineering – Other Expenses	20,000.00	
5-01-25-252-200	Emergency Mgt. – Other Expenses	500.00	
5-01-26-310-200	Buildings & Grounds – Other Expenses	2,000.00	
5-01-31-435-223	Street Lighting – Other Expenses	3,000.00	
		<u>\$30,500.00</u>	<u>\$30,500.00</u>

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

Resolution 16-25

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby affirms the hiring of Giovanni Principato as part-time Fire Inspector, retroactive to May 1, 2015.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Mazarella

Council President Hund directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Hund

Resolution 16-26

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council as the Municipal Pool Utility that the following individual is hereby appointed as an Alternate Member of the Clark Community Pool Advisory Board effective January 19, 2016.

<u>Alternate Member:</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lynn Renda	(1 year term)	01/19/16 – 12/31/16

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Hund directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal. Hund

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-27

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2015 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) in accordance with the following schedule:

TAX REFUNDS 2015						
BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND
173	28		Rosemary Gillespie	204	Miller Avenue	9923.68
84	21		Tamie Walker & Brandon Stearns	44	Kathryn Street	286.22
181	15		Ramiro Castro	111 3	Maurice Avenue	2425.13
60	52		Jeffrey & Diane Joffe	1	Terry Lane	1432.72
67	31		Kristen Brennan	156	Lexington Blvd	2,737.47
Total Refunds						\$16,805.22

Resolution 16-28

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Treasurer/CFO for authorization to refund overpayment of 2015 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 refund(s) as per the following schedule.

CLARK TOWNSHIP								
SEWER REFUNDS - 2015								
	REF	#	Account #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
	15	29R	2256-0	Romulus Stoica	10	Terry Lane	overpaid	\$ 25.00

Resolution 16-29

WHEREAS Crestina A. Marujo, Ryan Inc., 741 Lehigh Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083-7626 has requested a refund of Two Hundred, Twenty Five dollars (\$225.00) due to the cancellation of Construction Permit #15-1196 (11 School Street); and

WHEREAS the Construction Official has recommended to Council that authorization for the refund 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 refund Two Hundred, Twenty-Five dollars (\$225.00) as hereinabove stated.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Hund directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Hund

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR:

Resolution 16-30

WHEREAS the Township of Clark has resolved to join the New Jersey Municipal Self Insurers' Joint Insurance Fund ("NJMSIJIF") following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS the Bylaws of NJMSIJIF require that each entity designate a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and Risk Management Plan; and

WHEREAS the Bylaws indicate that NJMSIJIF shall pay each Risk Management Consultant a fee to be established annually by the Executive Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Clark does hereby appoint Amalgamated General Agencies as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement effective 01/01/16 to 12/31/16 annexed hereto and to cause a notice of this decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).

Motion to add Resolution was made by Councilman Mazzaella, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Hund directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Hund

Motion to adopt Resolution was made by Councilman Mazzaella, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Discussion: None

Council President Hund directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Hund

Resolution 16-31

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark pursuant to P.L. 1985 and Chapter 3, Section 3-29N of the Code of the Township of Clark, that it does hereby appoint the following named individuals as Class 1B Special Law Enforcement Officers to serve for the period commencing February 1, 2016 and concluding December 31, 2016.

Giovannina Prisco

Ryan Grossmith

Brian Willey

Motion to add Resolution was made by Council President Hund, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

Motion to adopt Resolution was made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Discussion: None

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

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 Hund opened the public portion of the meeting

William Caruso, 7 School St.: Good evening. First I would like to open up by wishing you a belated Happy New Year and a Healthy New Year. I was here earlier and I watched the program of the swearing in of the members of the Police Department. I was delighted to see that we have a very young group of policemen very capable and I'm sure that the people of Clark can really feel safe at night in this town. We do have one of the best police departments I think in the State and in Union County.

I come before you tonight to tell you about a special program that we are working on with the cooperation of Mr. Laezza, the township, the American Legion and UNICO. I'm working closely with Mr. Ralph Bernardo. We are going to be hopefully placing a monument to honor all the women who served in the Armed Forces in the United States in front of City Hall adjacent to where the other monument was placed for the Purple Heart for those that may have been deceased or presently with us. We think that this honor is long overdue. The women deserve to

be recognized for all of their contributions and the time that they spent protecting us out in Vietnam and all of the other areas that the United States have engaged in conflict. To do this we had to have a fundraiser. It was suggested that we put some kind of a fundraiser together to raise the money for the monument and the Wounded Warriors Project and we are doing that. Therefore, on St. Valentine's Day we are going to be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Frank Sinatra. We are having a wonderful show and dinner there. We are bringing in Mr. Joe Carney as our MC Comedian who is going to be the MC for the show. We are bringing in what I believe is America's most impressive Frank Sinatra impersonator and he will do the complete Frank Sinatra song book that evening. We have great door prizes and we have a great dinner and I'm urging every agency in the town to please support this. I hope to see you fellows if you are available to come with your brides. I'm hoping that a lot of the other agencies around town...this flyer is being circulated by the American Legion and Ralph Bernardo's UNICO group and I am putting them out also and advising everyone. I met with the Board of Education today and they are talking about supporting it. So I urge everyone in town if you are going to be patriotic and honor these women and they justly deserve it, please attend this. It's a Sunday night, 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm, it's going to be a great show.

Council President Hund: Where is it going to be located?

William Caruso: At the Gran Centurions. Ticket price has been set at \$60.00 and it's a complete donation. All the money is going to go to the Wounded Warriors and this monument. So please make every effort to attend this. We think it's a great thing for our city. I don't know around the country if they've ever done anything like this. But I know the press was very interested when they heard about it. All the tickets...if you buy a ticket and you make out your check, make it out to Clark UNICO, Ralph Bernardo is going to be handling that entire part of it. Tickets can be purchased at the American Legion, the Gran Centurions Hall or through the UNICO contact Mr. Ralph Bernardo. Thank you very much for indulging me and letting me communicate this information. I hope we all have a St. Valentine's Day together, thank you.

Council President Hund: Thank you Mr. Caruso that sounds like a wonderful event.

Seeing no one else coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Smith

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: No further comments this evening thank you Mr. President.

Mr. Laezza: No comments.

Councilwoman Albanese: It was mentioned by our Council President; I want to congratulate our new officers. We are very proud of our police department. And I was very impressed with the Chief's summation of their background, very impressive background. So good luck to them. I

just want to mention one thing again the C.E.R.T. training, it's nine classes and they are going to be held on Tuesday nights starting in February. And the classes are 2 to 2 ½ hours and that's the Emergency Response Training. So if you want to grab a friend and come out you will get some good training from Jerry Fewkes. It covers a lot of different topics regarding Emergency Response including medical treatment, etc. If you have questions contact Jerry Fewkes, thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. Well we have all been spoiled so far by the weather, winter has finally arrived, dress properly and be careful, thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes, thank you Council President. Ladies and gentlemen you've heard the Mayor and our Chief numerous times mentioning to the residents that if you see something out there please call the police department. There have been incidents where the police have responded to possible vehicle and home alarms throughout our community or suspicious individuals that are out and about. Please; our police department needs your help to assist them, so if you see something don't hesitate to call them to respond. I've talked to a number of residents and they have told me that they are really not sure what's happening so they were reluctant to call. I told them it's better to call and if there's nothing than not to call and it's something. So please if you see something don't hesitate to call the police department. They are not going to get annoyed at you, that's what they are here for, they are here to serve and to protect you, myself and all of us. So they are willing to come and they are willing to help you. So please don't hesitate to call if you see anything that's questionable or if you don't understand something that's happening around you. If you see a vehicle that should not be there at your neighbor's house and there's nobody home next door or out and about in the roads, call our police department. Thank you and until next month stay safe.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you. As Brian pointed out regarding the Report to the People I would like to thank Angel who helped me distribute the Report to the People to the Second Ward. I'm done and if you need another copy please feel free to reach out to me at (732) 382-9719, leave a message and I'll make sure you get one. Additionally, it's cold outside bring your pets in, thank you.

Councilman Smith: Thank you. I have nothing else to add other than be safe this weekend and if we get the snow that they are calling for get the cars off the streets, it will make DPW's life easier and make your life easier traveling around town, thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. I have a couple of things. Frank you are absolutely right if you see anything call the police department. I'll give you an example; I'm coming home Sunday late at night, I feel asleep and woke up and suddenly remembered I needed something from Shop Rite. I ran to the Shop Rite and it turned icy, if you remember this past 17th of January the weather changed. So I'm driving back up Mildred Terrace heading home and what do I see, I see at the end of Mildred and Brentwood where the hill drops down, I see a car up into the curb and it didn't look right, it was actually blocking the hill. I got around it and I saw it was the Cantor of Temple Beth/Or and I got out to see if I could help him. It was sleeting rain and I got out to help a fellow Clarkite merely because it was a dangerous situation with the cars coming down Kennedy, if you are familiar with the area it can be dangerous when it is black ice. His car

was damaged where it cannot be driven, the wheel was buckled underneath it because he hit the curb solidly with the wheel turned. So his car needed to be towed out. I called 388-3434, Chief your guys are excellent. They responded immediately and they got the situation under control so no traffic could go around it where no additional accidents could occur and got the Cantor to safety and his vehicle was towed away and the blockage was removed. We then asked for salting of the road for the morning for the kids and again Mayor we thank you for your public works department. But again simple things like that as Councilman Mazzarella brings up, it's just the little things to stop and help a fellow Clarkite especially this one who's a leader of a very important religious group of ours. So again little things we could do to make it a safer and better Clark in all these conditional weathers.

Tonight forever changing our police department. Chief again thank you for taking the helm of our police department which is one of the most important along with fire and emergency. But if we don't have a safe community we have nothing.

I'm going to give you a long list here, but we lost a lot of people in the last month. I'm just going to go through it. Henry McGaha, Sr., Thelma Hanna, James Costabile, Jeannette Siegel, Aunt of Dr. Orange, Robert Vislocky, I went to school with Donna, Anthony Pedicine, Class of 1980 with me, Mr. Mandrona, Mrs. Regina Mandrona, Mr. and Mrs. Mandrona passed away within 14 days of each other, former Chief Tony Smar and Cindy Stevens another member of Class 1980, our graduating class passing away too soon.

To all of the residents of Clark a Happy New Year and a Healthy New Year. To Council President Hund a very healthy and successful year to you in making a better Clark. To all of my colleagues the same thing, let's just get this job done and let's do the people's business. Looking forward to working for you in the calendar 2016, thank you Mr. President.

Police Chief Matos: No comments thank you.

Township Clerk: No thank you.

Howard Lesnik: No thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: Mr. President I just want to mention one thing. I believe that the ice skating event that the Recreation Department is having is going to be at Woodbridge because Warinanco is closed. So this year they are going to a different venue, I just wanted to clarify that okay.

Council President Hund: Thank you very much for that. And to wrap up tonight's meeting...congratulations to all of the officers for being promoted and for our new officer that they remain safe as always and for your entire force Chief. We are going to be in the cold weather now so be safe with that. I know my son walks out in a sweatshirt and for those of you with young ones like I have and as the Mayor has they don't think that 17 degrees in cold. So for those of you put on your winter jacket and we'll see how the storm goes this weekend. Hopefully we get missed by the major accumulations and if we do stay warm and safe in your house and as Councilman Mazzarella said keep your snow on your own property.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Toal

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

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Council President

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