

REORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
January 4, 2016

The Reorganization Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:00 pm by Township Clerk, Edith L. Merkel acting as Council President Pro Tem who welcomed everyone

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Hund, O'Connor

Absent: Mazzearella, Toal

Councilman Smith arrived at 7:14

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Color Guard: Alexander Mirek, Brian Morris, Thomas Bonner and Nicholas Raab of Clark Cub Pack 145 directed by Cub Master Scott McCabe

INVOCATION Pastor Andy Dzurovcik, Zion Lutheran Church

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

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 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.

First Order of Business – Election of Council President

Township Clerk Edith Merkel opened the nominations for Council President

Motion to nominate Steve Hund as Council President made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Barr

Township Clerk called for other nominations. Seeing none nominations were closed

Motion to close nominations made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Barr

Roll Call vote on the nomination of Steve Hund as Council President

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, O'Connor

Nomination is confirmed

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Steve Hund as Council President

Council President Hund took his proper place on the dais.

Election of the Council Vice President

Motion to nominate Angel Albanese as Council Vice President made by Council President Hund, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Hund called for other nominations. Seeing none nominations were closed

Motion to close nominations made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Hund directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, O'Connor, Hund

Nomination is confirmed

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Albanese

Mayor's Appointments (Confirmation of Council by Resolution required)

Resolution 16-01

WHEREAS Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has re-appointed the following individuals as Members of the Library Board of Trustees.

Cynthia Seng	Regular Member	01/01/16 – 12/31/20
Angel Albanese	Mayor's Alternate	01/01/16 – 12/31/16

WHEREAS these appointments require the advice and consent of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it hereby confirms the above mentioned appointments to the Library Board of Trustees.

Motion to confirm made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Hund directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, O'Connor, Hund

Resolution 16-02

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby confirms the Mayor’s appointments of the following Members of the Municipal Alliance Committee for 2016 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2BB-9:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE/SECTOR</u>
Ralph Bernardo	Coordinator
Brian Soos	Chairperson/Police Dept. Youth Representative
Steve Kaelblein	Student Assistance Coordinator /PTA
Victor DeMarzo	Teen Center Youth Representative

Motion to confirm made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Hund directed roll:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, O’Connor, Hund

Mayor’s Appointments (Without confirmation of Council)

Township Clerk: First I would like to congratulate Phyllis Cupo on her retirement.

Senior Citizen Affairs

Director Henry Varriano
Assistant Director Ralph Bernardo

Mayor Bonaccorso: First off I also too would like to just echo the Clerk in thanking Phyllis Cupo for a great job she’s done for me for many years. And I would like to welcome aboard someone that I think is going to do a dynamic job in appointing Henry Varriano to that post assisted by Ralph Bernardo who does a great job at every job that he is appointed to. So I think we have a real daily double there. So congratulations and welcome, thank you.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Jerry Fewkes
Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Michael Nenortas	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Pedro Matos	Police Chief
Sal Bonaccorso	Mayor/Public Information Officer
John Laezza	Business Administrator
Frank Cerasa	Fire Chief
Laurie Sheldon	Emergency Medical Coordinator (Emerg. Squad)
Charlie W. Poyssick	Emergency Squad Captain
Pat O’Connor	Council Liaison

John DeSimone	Director of Public Safety
Nancy Raymond	Health Officer
Joseph Bonaccorso	Director of Public Works
Richard O'Connor	Township Engineer
Joseph Triarsi	Township Attorney
Dr. Thomas Kowalenko	Township Doctor
Richard Hedinger	Communications Officer
Carol Lukac	News Media Officer
Ralph Bernardo	Director of Recreation/Senior Citizens
Ed Grande	Interim Superintendent, Clark Public Schools
Robert Sarnecki	Director of Security, Clark Public Schools
Dr. Barry Orange (Veterinarian)	Lexington Animal Hospital
Scott McCabe	Clark Public Works/Fire Dept.
Dawn Jenkin	Library Director

Planning Board

Michael N. Kurawski	Class IV Member	4 year term	01/01/16 – 12/31/19
Mayor Sal Bonaccorso	Class I Member	1 year term	01/01/16 – 12/31/16
John Laezza	Class II Member	1 year term	01/01/16 – 12/31/16

Environmental Commission

Kevin Koch	Regular Member	3 year term	01/01/16 – 12/31/18
Anthony Pedro	Regular Member	3 year term	01/01/16 – 12/31/18

Traffic Advisory Board

Police Chief Pedro Matos	1 year term	01/01/16 – 01/31/16
Mayor Sal Bonaccorso		
Business Administrator, John Laezza		
Township Engineer, Richard O'Connor		
Councilman Alvin Barr, Chairman, Public Safety Committee		
Traffic Bureau Lieutenant Mike Pollock		
Interim Superintendent Clark Public Schools, Edward Grande		

Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee (Public Improvements)

Councilwoman Angel Albanese	Regular Member	1 year term	01/01/16 – 12/31/16
Councilman Frank Mazzarella	Alternate	1 year term	01/01/16 – 12/31/16

Union County Transportation Advisory Board

Councilman Hund	1 year term	01/01/16 – 12/31/16
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Union County Utility Authority Solid Waste Advisory Board

Councilman Brian Toal	Regular Member	1 year term	01/01/16 – 12/31/16
Councilman Frank Mazzarella	Alternate	1 year term	01/01/16 – 12/31/16

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 Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close this portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

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

Council's Appointments (Resolutions)

Resolution 16-03

WHEREAS the Township of Clark is a member of the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund and the New Jersey Municipal Self Insurers Joint Insurance Fund requires the appointment of Fund Commissioners to represent the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following appointments are hereby effective January 1, 2016 and concluding December 31, 2016.

FUND COMMISSIONER

John Laezza

ALTERNATE

Councilman Alvin Barr

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

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

Resolution 16-04

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby re-appointed to the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee effective January 1, 2016

Regular Member (Social Services)

Term

Councilman Alvin Barr 01/01/16 – 12/31/16
42 Malvern Drive
Clark, New Jersey 07066
Alternate Member

Councilman Brian Toal 01/01/16 – 12/31/16
116 Dorset Drive
Clark, New Jersey 07066

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body hereby acknowledges the following Mayoral Appointments

<u>Regular Member (Public Improvements)</u>	<u>Term</u>
Councilwoman Angel Albanese 33 Victoria Drive Clark, New Jersey 07066	01/01/16 – 12/31/16

Alternate Member

Councilman Frank Mazzarella 01/01/16 – 12/31/16
1 Fairview Road
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

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

Resolution 16-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby re-appointed to the Planning Board effective January 1, 2016.

CLASS III MEMBER

Councilman Frank Mazzarella 01/01/16– 12/31/16
(Council's Representative to Board)

ALTERNATE I

Michael Triola 01/01/16 – 12/31/17
400 Oak Ridge Road
Clark, NJ 07066

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Smith

Resolution 16-08

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council as the Municipal Pool Utility that the following individuals are hereby re-appointed as Members of the Clark Community Pool Advisory Board effective January 1, 2016.

<u>Regular Members:</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lorrie Williamson	(1 year term)	01/01/16 – 12/31/16
Jennifer Freese	(1 year term)	01/01/16 – 12/31/16
Linda Marhold	(2 year term)	01/01/16 – 12/31/17

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

Council President Hund directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, O’Connor, Smith, Hund

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 16-09

BE IT RESOLVED the Township Council does hereby desire to enter into a Cash Management Plan for the Township of Clark pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for deposits, investment of certain public funds, and the assurance that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest or dividend bearing accounts. (Copy of Plan to be made part of the Resolution); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark at a meeting held on January 4, 2016 that the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to utilize as depositories any banking institution which can provide a Government Unit Deposit Protection Act Certificate issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the designated officials authorized to make deposits and investments under the plan, are the Township Administrator, and the Township Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township Council authorizes and directs the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer and other officials to follow the Cash Management Plan as may be modified from time to time effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY 2016

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

This Cash Management Plan (the “Plan”) is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits (“Deposits”) and investment (“Permitted Investments”) of certain public funds of the Township, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest or dividend bearing accounts or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the Maximum within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

II. CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY.

A. Objectives: The priority of investing policies shall be, in order of Descending Importance, security, liquidity, and yield.

1. Security: The safety of principal is the foremost objective of the cash management plan. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The objective is to mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk.

2. Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk of loss due to failure of the security

issuer or backer. Credit risk may be mitigated by:

- (a) Limiting investments to the safest types of securities.
- (b) Pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries, and advisors with which an entity will do business.
- (c) Diversifying the investment portfolio so that potential losses on individual securities will be minimized.

3. Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in general interest rates.

Interest rate risk may be mitigated by:

- (a) Structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and
- (b) By investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities.

4. Liquidity: The investment portfolio must remain sufficiently liquid to meet all structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands (static liquidity). Furthermore, since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the portfolio should consist largely of securities with active secondary or resale markets (dynamic liquidity).

5. Yield: The investment portfolio must be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of least importance compared to

the safety and liquidity objective described above. The core of investments are limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed. The Chief Financial Officer shall carefully evaluate any investment offering above market yields. Securities shall not be sold prior to maturity with the following exceptions.

- (a) A declining credit security could be sold early to minimize the loss of principal.
- (b) A security swap would improve the quality, yield, or target duration in the portfolio.
- (c) Liquidity needs of the local unit require that the security be sold.

B. Standard of Care

1. Prudence

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the “prudent person” standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio in accordance with the State Law and this policy. The Chief Financial Officer, acting in accordance with written procedures and this cash management plan and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security’s credit risk or market price changes, provided deviation from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and the liquidity and the sale of securities are carried out in accordance with the terms of the cash management plan and policy.

Investments shall be made with the judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

2. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

The designated officials involved in the investment process shall not have personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability

to make impartial decisions. Actions of individuals involved in administering the cash management plan shall be governed by the Local Government Ethics Law. They shall disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. The designated officials shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of the Township.

3. Delegation of Authority

Authority to manage the cash management plan is granted to the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14. Responsibility for the operations of the cash management plan is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of the policy and the written procedures established by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials.

III. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN

A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Township (and any other that may be needed during the plan period).

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| Current Fund | Dog License Fund |
| Capital Fund | Housing Development Fund |
| Insurance Trust Fund | Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund |
| Other Trust Fund | |
| Pool Utility Fund | |

And the following interest accounts:

Payroll Agency Account

IV. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN

The Township Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Township Treasurer (The "Designated Official") are hereby jointly or severally authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making any such Deposits or any Permitted Investments, such officials of the Township are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made a written copy of this Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgment kept on file with such officials.

V. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan. The Chief Financial Officer may designate other institutions, during the period of this plan, as deemed necessary for successful accomplishment of the plan objectives:

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| TD Bank | Columbia Bank |
| Community Bank | Investors |
| Wells Fargo | Provident Savings Bank |
| Bank of America | Santander Bank |

Also, for purposes of investing, all institutions presenting a GUDPA certificate may be used. All such depositories shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Officials referred to in Section IV above.

VI. DESIGNATION OF BROKERAGE FIRMS AND DEALERS WITH WHOM THE DESIGNATED OFFICIALS MAY DEAL.

The following brokerage firms and/or dealers and other institutions are hereby designated as firms with whom the Designated Officials of the Township referred to in this Plan may deal for purposes of buying and selling securities identified in the Plan as Permitted Investments or otherwise providing for Deposits. The Designated Officials of the Township referred to Section IV above may designate additional brokerage firms and/or dealers. All such brokerage firms and/or dealers shall acknowledge in writing receipts of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Officials referred to in Section IV above.

Columbia Savings Bank

VII. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following

Permitted Investments:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of American or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part of within which the school district is located;
- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units.
- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (c.52:18A-90.4); or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and of this subsection a;
 - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c236 (C.17:9-4 1); and

- (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposed of the above language, the terms “government money market mutual fund” and “local government investment pool” shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

- (a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the “Investment Company Act of 1940”, 15U.S.C. sec.80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec270.2a-7.
- (b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17C.F.R. sec 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and
- (c) which has:
 - (i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
 - (ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the “Investment Advisor Act of 1940”, 15 U.S.C. sec 80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool

An investment pool:

- (a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;
- (b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec.270.2a-7and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;
- (d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act”, P.L. 1968, c410 (c.51:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for

disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;

(e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and

(f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9(C.49:3-56 and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities

VIII. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN.

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Township, then such instrument or security shall be covered by all custodial agreements with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey.

Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Township to assure that there is not unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits.

IX. TERM OF PLAN

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Attached

to this Plan is a resolution of the Governing Body of the Township approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Council, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

Resolution 16-10

WHEREAS the 2015 Municipal Budget totaled \$20,019,234.91; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Municipal Budget for 2016 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget less Capital appropriations and Debt services; and

WHEREAS the total amount that may be introduced as a Temporary Budget for 2016 is \$4,966,216.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following line items are hereby adopted as the Temporary Budget for 2016 in the total amount of \$4,959,000.00 exclusive of debt service.

CLARK TOWNSHIP				
TEMPORARY BUDGET - 2016				
Dept#	DEPARTMENT	SALARIES	OTHER	TOTAL
20-100	Administration	\$ 62,000.00	25,000.00	\$ 87,000.00
20-110	Mayor's Office	20,000.00	4,000.00	24,000.00
20-111	Municipal Council	13,000.00	8,000.00	21,000.00
20-120	Clerk	44,000.00	8,000.00	52,000.00
20-121	Clerk - Elections	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
20-130	Financial Administration	63,000.00	16,000.00	79,000.00
20-145	Revenue Administration	18,000.00	6,000.00	24,000.00
20-150	Tax Assessor	28,000.00	15,000.00	43,000.00
20-155	Legal Services	9,000.00	35,000.00	44,000.00
20-165	Engineering Services	-	50,000.00	50,000.00
21-180	Planning Board	2,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
21-185	Zoning Board of Adjustment		3,000.00	

		3,000.00		6,000.00
22-195	Code Enforcement	90,000.00	10,000.00	100,000.00
23-210	Ins & Bonding	-	500,000.00	500,000.00
23-220	Health Benefits	-	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
23-222	Life Insurance	-	6,000.00	6,000.00
23-223	Disability	-	12,000.00	12,000.00
25-240	Police	1,300,000.00	80,000.00	1,380,000.00
25-250	911	155,000.00	12,000.00	167,000.00
25-252	Emergency Management	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
25-265	Public Safety	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
25-266	Fire Bureau	15,000.00	24,000.00	39,000.00
25-267	Fire Hydrant	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
25-268	Fire Prevention	25,000.00	5,000.00	30,000.00
26-290	Streets and Roads	300,000.00	100,000.00	400,000.00
26-291	Traffic Lights	-	-	-
26-305	Grass	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
26-306	Leaves	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
26-307	Recycling	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
26-308	Cleanup	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
26-310	Building and Grounds	52,000.00	50,000.00	102,000.00
26-313	Shade Tree	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
26-325	Municipal Services Act	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
27-330	Public Health Services	25,000.00	3,000.00	28,000.00
27-331	Senior Citizens	10,000.00	3,000.00	13,000.00
27-365	Visiting Nurse	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
28-370	Recreation	35,000.00	5,000.00	40,000.00
29-390	Municipal Library	-	100,000.00	100,000.00
30-420	Celebration of Public Events	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
31-430	Utilities	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
31-435	Street Lighting	-	50,000.00	50,000.00
31-440	Utilities - Telephone	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
31-460	Utilities - Gasoline	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
32-465	Recycling Tax	-	-	-
36-472	Social Security - FICA	-	150,000.00	150,000.00
36-476	Unemployment Comp.	-	2,000.00	

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36-477	DCRP	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
42-102	Interlocal Svc-Bd of Ed	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
43-490	Municipal Court	60,000.00	7,000.00	67,000.00
		\$ 2,332,000.00	\$ 2,627,000.00	\$ 4,959,000.00
44-901	Capital Improvements	-	150,000.00	150,000.00
45-920	Bond Principal	-	1,570,000.00	1,570,000.00
45-925	BAN Principal	-	1,132,000.00	1,132,000.00
45-930	Bond Interest	-	214,753.00	214,753.00
45-935	Note Interest	-	83,000.00	83,000.00
46-871	Deferred Charges	-	-	-
		\$ -	\$ 3,149,753.00	\$ 3,149,753.00
		\$ 2,332,000.00	\$ 5,776,753.00	\$ 8,108,753.00

Resolution 16-11

WHEREAS the Municipal Sewer Budget for 2015 totaled \$2,993,564.00; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Sewer Budget for 2016 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget which is \$785,810.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following line items are hereby adopted as the Temporary Sewer Budget for 2016 in the total amount of \$400,000.00.

Salaries and Wages	\$200,000.00
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	\$200,000.00

Resolution 16-12

WHEREAS the Municipal Pool Budget for 2015 totaled \$340,252.00; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Pool Budget for 2016 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget which is \$89,316.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, and State of New Jersey that the following line item is hereby adopted as the Temporary Pool Budget for 2016 in the total amount of \$85,000.00.

Miscellaneous Other Expenses \$85,000.00

Resolution 16-13

WHEREAS the Petty Cash balances of the Police Chief and Pool Director were turned over as of 10:00 a.m., December 31, 2015 to the Treasurer's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that there has been established a Petty Cash Fund for the Year 2016 and the Treasurer's Office is hereby authorized to issue checks to the following department heads:

Police Chief \$150.00
Pool Director \$300.00

Resolution 16-14

WHEREAS NJSA 54:4-67 permits the Governing Body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes and/or municipal fees as provided by law; and

WHEREAS NJSA 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes and/or municipal fees becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes and/or municipal fees in excess of \$1,500.00 be delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes and/or municipal fees as provided by law.
2. Authorize Tax Collector to sell prior years delinquent taxes and/or municipal fees.
3. Effective January 1, 2016, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.

4. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.

5. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in an official newspaper of the Township of Clark.

6. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Township Clerk to the Tax Collector, Township Attorney, and Township Auditor for the Township of Clark.

Resolution 16-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the funds of the Township of Clark be subject to withdrawal upon checks signed by any two of the following:

- Mayor
- Business Administrator
- Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that checks drawn upon the payroll account and agency account shall require the signature of any two of the following:

- Mayor
- Business Administrator
- Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

Resolution 16-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark in the County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Union County Local Source and the Star Ledger be designated as the 2016 Official Newspapers to which notices and other matters are to be provided under the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 to 10:21) for the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that TAP into Clark be and hereby is designated as the Electronic News Source to which notices and other matters are to be provided under the Open Public Meetings Act.

Resolution 16-17

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby authorize the Administration and/or Township Clerk to advertise for upcoming Bids for

all necessary government operations including capital projects and swim pool requirements for the year 2016.

Resolution 16-18

WHEREAS in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 each public agency shall designate an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer or **P.A.C.O.**; and

WHEREAS the **P.A.C.O.** is the liaison between the Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts (the Division) and the Public Agency and is the Public Agency point of contact for all matters concerning implementation and administration of the statute; and

WHEREAS the **P.A.C.O.** is also responsible for administering contracting procedures pertaining to equal employment opportunity regarding both the Public Agency and the service providers; and

WHEREAS the service provider shall include but shall not be limited to goods and services vendors, professional service vendors and construction contractors; and

WHEREAS the **P.A.C.O.** must have the authority to recommend changes to effectively support the implementation of the statute and its regulations; and

WHEREAS each year, all Public Agencies are required to submit the name, title, address, telephone, number, fax and e-mail address of the **P.A.C.O.** designated by the Public Agency to the Division no later than January 10th of each year; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Public Agency to update the **P.A.C.O.** designation at any time during the year if any changes are made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it hereby designates, John Laezza, Business Administrator as the Public Agency Compliance Officer, effective January 1, 2016 for a period of one year ending December 31, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Department of the Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts.

Resolution 16-19

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS,

AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS it is the policy of the Township of Clark to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that the policy adopted April 20, 2015 (Resolution 15-58) continues in full force and effect as follows:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Township by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Township shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Township's business or using the facilities or property of the local Township.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Township to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Township.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Business Administrator has established written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Business Administrator has established written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Township as

well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Business Administrator has established a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Business administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Township. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Township's web site.

Resolution 16-20

WHEREAS the Municipal Land Use Law and in particular N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.2 authorizes the Township to offset the cost of professional fees incurred by it in connection with Township's or its Administrative Boards' review of applications for development, the preparation of documents and the inspection of developments and improvements under construction; and

WHEREAS the fees or charges to be assessed in connection therewith shall be based upon a schedule to be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.2 that the following 2016 fee schedule as the same may be periodically updated yearly, for in-house review of applications for development, review and preparation of documents, inspection of improvements or other charges authorized by the Municipal Land Use Law is hereby approved.

ESCROW FEE SCHEDULE (In-House)
Plan Review, Site Inspection & Testing Fees

<u>Title Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Work Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Township Engineer	Richard O'Connor Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC	-0-	As needed	As follows:
Principal		-0-	As needed	\$150.00
Project Manager		-0-	As needed	\$140.00
Licensed Professional Engineer/Surveyor or Planner		-0-	As needed	\$135.00
Staff Engineer		-0-	As needed	\$ 88.00
Senior Engineering Technician		-0-	As needed	\$ 88.00
Engineering Technician/Survey Technician		-0-	As needed	\$ 75.00
Field Inspector		-0-	As needed	\$ 75.00
Junior Engineering Technician		-0-	As needed	\$ 65.00

Clerical		-0-	As needed	\$ 55.00
Reimbursable Items		-0-	As needed	At Cost
Planning Board	Kelly Carey	-0-	As needed	\$150.00
Attorney	DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, PC			
Board of Adjustment	Howard Spialter	-0-	As needed	\$150.00
Attorney				

Resolution 16-21

WHEREAS in the past, the Township of Clark has availed itself of the right to purchase materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS it is desirable from time-to-time to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into on behalf of the State by the said Division without the necessity of advertising for bids, or in the cases where no bids have been received; and

WHEREAS it is contemplated that it will be necessary or desirable to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under such contract or contracts entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by said Division during the year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the purchases by the Township of Clark, through the several municipal departments shall be purchased under a contract or contracts for such materials, supplies or equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury, in those cases where it is desirable and in the best interest of the Township of Clark, and in those cases where bids have been sought by advertisement therefore and no bids are received.
2. That a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Administrator, all Department Heads of the Township of Clark, Township Auditor, and any other party of interest.

Resolution 16-22

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it does hereby authorize the Administration to submit grant applications

for upcoming grant opportunities for all necessary government operations including capital projects and swim pool requirements for the year 2016.

Motion to adopt Constant Agenda made by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2016

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Pat O'Connor, Chairman
Angel Albanese
Frank Mazzarella

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Brian Toal, Chairman
Pat O'Connor
Bill Smith

PARKS & RECREATION

Bill Smith, Chairman
Pat O'Connor
Angel Albanese

PUBLIC WORKS

Frank Mazzarella, Chairman
Bill Smith
Steve Hund

PUBLIC SAFETY

Al Barr, Chairman
Frank Mazzarella
Steve Hund

COUNCIL LIAISON

Police Department

Steve Hund

Emergency Squad

Pat O'Connor

Environmental Commission

Brian Toal

Fire Department

Al Barr

Public Works

Frank Mazzarella

Public Library

Angel Albanese

Recreation

Bill Smith

Senior Citizens

Al Barr

Emergency Management

Pat O'Connor

Board of Education

Angel Albanese

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

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

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

MAYOR’S STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS

Good evening, Cub Scout members, members of Council, members of my Administration, Board of Education members, members of the Clergy, my family, friends, and citizens of Clark—
Happy New Year to you all.

It is an honor and privilege to stand before you today as I enter into my 16th year as your Mayor.

So much has been accomplished over the past 15 years in the Township of Clark, thanks to the hard work and dedication not only from this administration and Council, but from you, the citizens of this great town. Without your cooperation and appreciation, our proven success would not be what it is today.

Our success thus far, has been due to one crucial component: teamwork and I thank you all for that. It is because of our ability to work together; professionally, competently, and most of all; with integrity, that has enabled this administration to work successfully, not only on a local level, but with the County and State as well.

It is a pleasure to work together as a team, without the obstacles of personal agendas along the way. After all, it is all of us who benefit in the end. When you build a strong, stable, safe, and happy community with a top-notch school system, property values go up, and the Township as a whole becomes more desirable. From singles to seniors—we all benefit inevitably.

Thank you to all of our recreational boards, coaches, players, and parents who all work so hard together—to achieve, to learn, to grow, and most of all, to have fun. The time you generously give to our children, aide in nurturing our future leaders.

It is the sense of pride and community, as well as overall success and desirability that puts Clark Township as one of New Jersey’s top places to live.

Speaking of children, I want to thank my children, Christina, Kellie, and Joey, and my wife Geraldine. Thank you for all your patience, your confidence, and for your love; without that I would not be here.

This administration has achieved great things, and will continue to do so, undoubtedly, throughout the coming years.

As for my friends on Council, Angel Albanese, Al Barr, Frank Mazarella, Pat O’ Connor, Brian Toal, Bill Smith, and Steve Hund. I thank you all for your continued cooperation, dedication, compassion, and friendship throughout the years. We have achieved so much together, and I look forward to achieving even more.

Council President Steve Hund, the best of luck to you. Anything you need, just ask. It has always been a pleasure working with you.

Councilman Bill Smith, thank you for your past year as Council President. As always, you did a great job.

I would also like to thank John Laezza, and all of my administration, department heads and employees. We would be a shell if it were not for all of your commitment and dedication.

Clark Township is running very well, but my focus is to make it even better. The plan that has made Clark a county, state, and a nationally recognized town is something we are proud of. Look around: we are cleaner, nicer, and have so much more to offer than all the towns around us. But, I know that people still want more, and I am willing to accommodate your needs. Safety and service for our home town will always be a priority.

All services that Clark residents have grown accustomed to will continue, such as bulky clean-up, branch clean-up, grass clean-up, Fourth of July fireworks, Breakfast with Santa, Tree-lighting festivities, the Easter Egg Hunt, Senior Breakfasts, Senior BBQ's, senior bus, existing and new recreational programs...and many more to come!

Giving our children the best quality of life is first and foremost, as they are our future. To our seniors, thank you for giving us the fruits of your hard work to help establish this great town, the place where I grew up. Let us continue to serve our seniors, as well as preserve the future for our children.

As gate keepers of the present, we hold the keys as to what's to come for Clark. Our Township is already one of the leading towns in the county with regards to providing services to our citizens, as well as the recreational services available to every age group. And we are leaders in public safety, thanks to our Police Department. Also, thank you especially to our Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad. You save our town each year, not only with your work and service, but you save us in our budget with your efforts and love for our community. Thank you!

This year I will deliver a budget to the Township Council with a zero point tax increase for the first time in my 15 year tenure.

Is this an election year ploy? No! Fifteen (15) years ago we chose a path of honesty with our municipal finances. We will ask you only for what we need!

Prior to my tenure as Mayor, when I sat on the Municipal Council, we would have "Election-year-zero-point-increase," and then would suffer the consequences in non-election years. "Smoke and Mirrors" financing is how it used to be.

In past elections, myself and members of our council team ran on 2, 3, and 4 point increases...and won! We asked for what was needed-nothing more. We never cut a service for our citizens.

Just this year, we funded new dash camera and body cameras for our police department, and purchased two new fire trucks for our fire department. Great financial management (thank you John Laezza). An increase in ratables is the reason why.

I would like to talk about the Clark Commons for a moment. Wow. Better than I could have imagined. We put a lot of time and effort into working on a vision. We made numerous demands of the developer, and we received the classiest of shopping centers in the area.

By the way...where's all the traffic? Proper planning, professionalism, and team work is what that traffic pattern a success.

The Police Department reports no major incidents in the last 6 months that the center has been open. Great police patrol, and quality reputation have made Clark Commons a safe and desirable place to eat and shop...right here in town.

The future of Clark is bright! We are waiting to welcome L'Oreal's ½ billion dollar Research and Development Center...more tax relief!!

We recently have been approached with a concept of selling our sewer system. An interesting concept, however, way too early to discuss. This could potentially bring millions of dollars back to our tax payers. More details of this are in the works, as my research team is investigating further on this, assuredly.

Also, we are looking to put a 3 man road repair crew together to focus on fixing our streets, providing longevity, and making our travels more pleasurable and safe.

With regards to our Board of Education, who will receive the most out of our new ratables, I hope for them to join us in a zero-point tax budget this year. During my tenure, we have always had a cooperative working relationship with the Board of Education. Not the case in other townships. I hope to continue this for the benefit of the tax payers.

Well...with no tax increase, services at peak performance, safety always a priority, recreation running better than any other town, NJ Family Magazine ranking Clark in 2015 as "one of the best places to raise a family." The secret is out (But we all knew it for a long time). What can I say? Let the good times roll, and let's keep them rolling.

I would like to mention our Recreation Department and Ralph Bernardo. Simply, the best Recreation Director in NJ. Thank you Ralph, your staff, and your volunteers for all that you do.

To close today, I have to thank our Department of Public Works. We have by far the most public works services to offer in all of Union County. Take for instance this year's leaf clean-up. They went through Clark 15 times. I remember the days in Clark they collected just two times! Branches, grass, bulky clean-up, and the list goes on and on. Thank you again for your outstanding service.

At this time, I would like to say, it's an honor and a privilege to be your Mayor. Thank you. May God bless you all and May God Bless our wonderful Township of Clark.

COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Council President. Good evening and welcome everyone. Thank you Pastor Andy for your words this evening and thank you to Scott McCabe and the Color Guard and Cub Scouts who did an excellent job in opening our meeting this evening.

I don't want to repeat what the Mayor said. I do appreciate all the teamwork and the fun we do have in getting our jobs done here. I think the main message that was made is that we work hard here and I know for myself is one of continuous improvement. And the Mayor cited many examples throughout the past fifteen years but also this past year in particular with the new development. I do also want to thank the staff at the Library, our Director Dawn Jenkin and the staff there. We do have improvements going on at the Library in terms of the facility itself and also the services that it does provide. As far as this past year I want to thank our outgoing President Bill Smith for a great job, well done. And congratulations to our new Council President Steve Hund, you will have my support and I'm sure you will do a great job this year. And to our township employees and directors just a sincere message of gratitude and thanks for all your hard work. Thank you John for all of your work in keeping our ship headed on a great course. It's really amazing to have the opportunity to work with you John and your team and it's really appreciated by myself and I know for the council as well. Special thanks to you Mayor and also to my co-council members I look forward to working with you this upcoming year. And as the Mayor said I also want to thank all of our volunteers on all the various committees in the town, the boards they serve on, our fire and rescue staff for a job well done and tireless efforts on no matter what time the call of duty comes. And I also want to welcome all of our new volunteers who were newly appointed this year. That's what makes Clark a great town to live in and I just feel so lucky to have the opportunity to live in Clark, to serve the citizens of Clark, and I'm looking forward to the greatest year ever. I'm appreciative of my family, my husband Bob, my sons Taylor and James for all their support in everything that I do in the township here. And I also want to wish everyone a Healthy Happy New Year and peace to all, thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. First off I would just like to say Happy New Year to everybody. Congratulations to all of our new appointees. I thank Bill Smith as our past President and congratulate our new Council President Steve Hund. And actually very simply I just want to say because we sincerely care I have no doubt that Clark will continue to be the great town that it is, thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you. I would like to say hello and welcome to 2016. I hope each of you had a great New Year and are ready to take on the New Year. Looking back on 2015 it was a year of change not just for Clark but for the Second Ward. Back in 2013 the council approved the rezoning of a vacant parcel of land known as US Gypsum to allow for a useful retail center that would breathe life into this town and produce jobs. Not only would this project create a center of town which we've been lacking forever, it would also improve our tax revenue from about two hundred and ninety-eight thousand dollars to about 1.2 million dollars. This increase of revenue would further allow our township to stay financially sound while continuing

to provide the residents of Clark all of the services they have come to expect. Fast forward to 2015 where the Clark Commons is now a reality, a bustling hub of retail and food stores which has created jobs and has improved our tax revenue. Getting Clark Commons to the reality it came to be, came with many questions, concerns and doubts. As 2015 closed out many of those concerns never came to fruition specifically the traffic. As we enter 2016 which will be the first full year of Clark Commons we'll continue to monitor and address questions as they arise. Also in 2015 a holding company purchased ten parcel of land on Terminal Avenue. At this point we have heard nothing from the group regarding their plans with the property. If any information becomes available in the coming year I'll be sure to keep you all abreast of the information through my comments at the council meetings. Construction on senior housing site which is Woodcrest at Clark continues with another building nearly complete. In a conversation with the management company I was told that the occupancy rate is nearly one hundred percent.

From the finance side I'm happy to report that the township continued to have sufficient cash flow throughout the year to meet all of our financial obligations and that the departments stayed on budget. For 2016 I expect the township to continue on its positive path forward not only meeting our financial needs but the needs of the residents of the Second Ward and the entire township.

At the last meeting I had stated that on reorganization day I would announce the members, or the officers I should say, of the Emergency Squad which I will do now. The Emergency Squad is broken up into the administrative and operational aspects. The administrative officers are President Ron Wesloski, Vice President Mike Carrig, Treasurer, Dave Newby; Recording Secretary is a vacant position, Corresponding Secretary, Charles J. Poysick, Sr., Trustees George Olear, Lorraine Pozrotta and Laurie Sheldon. On the operational side is Captain Charlie Poysick, Assistant Captain Laurie Sheldon, 1st Lt. Michael Birritteri, 2nd Lt. Daniel Sheldon, 1st Sgt. Michael Chabak, 2nd Sgt. Michael Joy, and 3rd Sgt. Brian Butterly. Thank you all for what you do for this township.

The Council is here to help, please feel free to reach out to any one of us as we are all here committed to the success and prosperity of this township. As technology continues to become a bigger and bigger part of our lives I encourage the residents of the Second Ward as well as the township to friend me on Facebook at Councilman O'Connor to keep up to date with the happenings in and around town. I also have as well another avenue to get in touch with me in addition to is my home phone number of (732) 382-9719 and my email address at patrickjayoconnor@gmail.com . Thank you very much and congratulations Steve on your appointment to Council President and thank you Bill very much for all the hard work you did in 2015. And that concludes my comments thank you.

Councilman Smith: Thank you everyone for your kind words as past president. Steve good luck to you this year, you will enjoy it. I had a scripted speech but I was in a lot of traffic and the Mayor covered a lot of it this evening so I'm going to put that aside right now and just talk from the heart.

I've been in town twenty-two years now and I was very involved from the beginning and the last three years as a councilman. My wife and I got married and we moved here so I'm going to

thank my wife Susan for all her support and now I have my two daughters Dominique and Gabriella who are students over at Arthur L. Johnson High School. The Mayor hit a lot of points that I wanted to hit tonight and I know the rest of the council also hit on them. But zero taxes; you don't hear that too often and hopefully the Board of Education as the Mayor eluded too will also follow that up as well but we'll see how their budget comes in. But the services we offer and continue to offer and things that we will improve and increase over the coming years. There's a lot to behold for a township of this size, there's many larger towns. We're a Republican town in a Democratic County. We work closely with the Freeholders and we get a lot from the county. So I want to thank the Mayor for all of his hard work and Mr. Laezza with the county and the Freeholders on that, that's a big support for us.

Lastly the development, I know a lot of people resist change but we have the Clark Commons, we have the senior housing and we have Miele's Property. I know one of our main focuses this year will be the Downtown Westfield Avenue Corridor. There's been some improvements down there but there's many more to go, so hopefully this year we'll see a much grander scheme of things going on down there. With that I just want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and looking forward to 2016 with my fellow councilmen and the administration, thank you.

Council President Hund: As Councilman Smith just said he had a prepared statement I had a prepared statement as well which covers mostly everything that everyone had said already. But if you would just bear with me while I go through this it will be a quick one for you.

I would like to start off my thanking my lovely wife Cara and my three sons Cameron, Brandon, and Aidan for supporting me during my first year as a councilman. I would also like to thank my in-laws Richard and Barbara Superak who are long time Clark residents who I have had many discussions with regarding how the township should be run and what I should tell Mayor Sal what to do almost every time we have a dinner together. I want to thank Bill Smith for the excellent job he has done as Council President in 2015 and for mentoring me during the year. I would also like to thank Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, Business Administrator John Laezza, my fellow councilmen and councilwoman and Town Clerk Edie Merkel for their advice and support during the year.

I am honored that my fellow council members have the confidence in me to elect me as Council President for 2016. I'm excited to be working with the administration and council during the next year to continue to make Clark a wonderful town to live in and raise our children in. As a town we offer the most services to our residents as the Mayor had pointed out in Union County by far. As an administration we will continue to be fiscally responsible for the residents of Clark. We will continue to look at innovative ways which will enhance our financial position. In 2015 we saw the successful completion opening of the Clark Commons as Councilman O'Connor said. I have had the opportunity to speak with a few managers of the stores and in each of my discussions they said to me we've outgrown any projections that we've had, every single store is successful in the Clark Commons. And pointing out the Commons will begin to add considerable tax revenue towards the township's budget. In 2015 a committee to improve Westfield Avenue was formed and I plan on working closely with our Mayor, Business Administrator and the committee members to formulate ideas. Through our efforts we'll make sure you see

improvements during the year on Westfield Avenue. We'll also continue to make sure the entire town receives our attention.

As a council we continue to review legislation and make decisions which are in the best interest of you the citizens of Clark. The council members are extremely accessible to you the residents of Clark. As Councilman O'Connor has pointed out he has his Facebook page and it's a great way to communicate. I also have a Facebook page and I invite Third Ward residents as well as all residents of the town to friend me to be updated on things that are occurring during the day in the town. We value your ideas and concerns so we encourage you to communicate with us. One of the best ways to communicate with us will be to attend our monthly council meetings that we have. I would also like to thank the Cub Scouts for coming out tonight, they did a fantastic job. In closing I'm looking forward to being the Council President and wish all of you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2016.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes if you don't mind Mr. President. Scott we would like you to introduce the boys in Cub Scouts who are here tonight. We want to thank them for being here.

Scott McCabe: Boys from Cub Pack 145 present tonight are Alexander Mirek, Brian Morris, Thomas Bonner and Nicholas Rabb.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Welcome to our meeting and thank you for doing that. It was very patriotic of you to do that here tonight for us and we do appreciate your service to us and to the community. And to scouting it's a long time American tradition, so thank you very much.

You know Mr. President after my speech I don't want to take up too much more time. But I would just like to say to everyone here you know I always mention John and I have our Attorney Joe Triarsi and Edie Merkel and Scott as our Superintendent and Chief Matos, Ralph is here tonight, and Jerry Fewkes the Emergency Coordinator Director. You know to run a town it takes the work of a lot of people and the cooperation of a lot of people together. And sometimes personalities conflict and maybe clash from time to time and that's okay it's healthy just as long as it's in passion for trying to get a job done for everybody in the community. And we have been very fortunate to have a very good group of people. And when I was watching the list get read down for the Emergency Management Jerry and I'm listening to all of the names on it and I'm saying that's a group that when we meet we know there's usually a disaster coming, so we like to keep that committee as quiet as possible this year. But you know when you have a Hurricane Sandy and a Hurricane Irene and you know thirty inch snowstorms and you are worried about power lines going down and you know young babies and the elderly it weighs on a lot of people's mind and we are very lucky in Clark to have a very good team. And the one thing I will say about the members and a lot of them are retired now. When I first took over as Mayor right before my first day we had a twenty-inch snowstorm. And I went to the Emergency Management meeting and I said wow this should be something to hear about and I went there and everybody really knew what they were doing and I said "this job of Mayor is going to be easy just as long as you have good people around" and that's the key. You know you have to have people who are dedicated and work hard and we do. And you know look is anything ever perfect, the answer is no. But I can tell you one thing the people in the positions here try to be as many times as they can as humanly possible. And the key is that we are human and you know sometimes can make

an error and we just want to always catch it, fix it, and move on with it. So thank you everybody, I hope we have a great 2016 together, it will be a pleasure, thank you.

John Laezza: Yes Mr. President. Congratulations on your new position. 2016 is a good year. Clark is an old township so I just want to alert the residents that there's a lot of infrastructure work that will be going on in this community. When you dig up streets, you dig up old streets, you dig old pipes you have problems. We are sorry for any inconvenience but we are going to keep the infrastructure sound, so be patient and we'll try to be as quick as possible to get it done properly, and with that Happy New Year to everybody.

Township Clerk: Thank you Mr. President. I just want to say Happy New Year but I do have one housekeeping item. There was an oversight on the next meeting agenda (Workshop) it say's 430 Westfield Avenue, so I just want to correct that so nobody runs across the street for the next meeting, it's going to be here. It will not be televised so if you are at home and you want to come on out we're here. So that's it thank you.

Police Chief Matos: Just want to say Happy New Year to you all. Congratulations Councilman Hund and great job Bill Smith that you did last year. And it's been a pleasure to work with all of you.

BENEDICTION: Pastor Andy Dzurovcik, Zion Lutheran Church

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

APPROVED



STEVEN M. HUND
Council President

ATTEST:



EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

