

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
April 18, 2016

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Hund
Councilman Smith arrived at 7:36

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Joseph Triarsi, 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 for Police Department Awards made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Barr

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

Council President Hund called the Mayor and Police Chief to the podium

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Council President. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Tonight we are going to be celebrating our police department yearly awards. I think you will be very interested when you hear of some of the things that have taken place that our men have done an unbelievable job on. I'm proud of each and every one of you guys for going above and beyond your call of duty which happens here a lot. And without further ado I'll turn it over to Chief Matos. And I have Public Safety Director DeSimone who you will hear from later. And we'll start with our award ceremony.

Police Chief Matos: Good evening everyone. Thank you to the council for allowing this time, Mr. Mayor and Public Safety Director John DeSimone, welcome everyone to tonight's event. First off I would like to say that what you are going to hear about here tonight are just small examples of what our officers do day in and day out. Not only just our officers but every police officer throughout this country. These are the types of things we do on a day in and day out every day 365 days a year as we serve our communities. These are some of the notable events that occurred in Clark Township throughout the calendar year 2015. We will also be recognizing a citizen resident who assisted us in a specific event.

The following officers are recognized for their meritorious action in 2015.

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Recipients</u>
<u>15-12770</u>	Platoon Award	Sgt. Christopher Tuccio, Det. Alex Yanes, Det. Brian Pereira, P.O. Miguel Acabou, P.O. Sergio D'Andrea and P.O. Michael Ciaccio

On April 27, 2015 Members of Platoon B day shift received a call a male acting suspiciously on a bicycle in the area of Whittier Road. The officers of B Platoon searched the area and observed a male walking away from a residence and subsequently stopped that individual. Through their investigated efforts they located an abandoned bicycle on Emerson Drive and through on scene investigation they discovered that the individual had just burglarized a home. The bicycle was proven to be the suspect's and merchandise stolen from the home was recovered at the scene.

<u>15-33964</u>	Platoon Award	Sgt. Antonio Manata, Sgt. William Buczynski, Det. Brian Pereira, P.O. Omer Olmeda, P.O. Tom Gucwa and P.O. Michael Ciaccio
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These officers on November 15, 2015 Sgt. Manata while off duty noticed two males near his residence entering parked motor vehicles. He continued to monitor the males while notifying headquarters of the incident. During this time the males continued through the neighborhood attempting to gain access to several vehicles. Shortly after officers of the Platoon B nightshift arrived and set up a perimeter. Once the suspects were approached they took off running and were eventually apprehended by the responding officers thus prevented further burglaries in the area.

<u>15-21663</u>	Distinguished Service Award	P.O. Sergio Henriques and P.O. Michael Ciaccio
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On July 14, 2015 at 1:50 in the morning Patrolman Ciaccio responded to a report of a suspicious person outside of the Exxon Gas Station in town. Patrolman Ciaccio responded to the area and located the individual and approached him to investigate. Him along with Patrolman Henriques began their investigation and the suspect became noticeable nervous while responding to questions. He then abruptly took off running during Patrolman Ciaccio's questioning. Patrolman Ciaccio and Patrolman Henriques gave chase and apprehended the suspect some distance away. The suspect was found to be in possession of narcotics and a subsequent investigation revealed that the suspect was a wanted fugitive from the State of Georgia. He was remanded to the Union County Jail.

<u>15-38058</u>	Honorable Service Award	Sgt. Brian Renda, Det. Brandon Pitts and P.O. Andrew Medeiros
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On December 29, 2015 Patrolman Medeiros conducted a motor vehicle stop on Broadway. Through initial investigation Patrolman Medeiros observed that the individual was acting suspiciously and hesitate to his questions. Sgt. Renda and Detective Pitts responded to the scene and together they investigated the individual. They subsequently developed probable cause to search the vehicle and a search of the vehicle was conducted. Narcotics was found along with a loaded hand gun was recovered in the vehicle. The individual was arrested and remanded to the Union County Jail.

15-09251 Life Saving Award P.O. Daniel Joy, P.O. Sergio Henriques and P.O. Theodore McKeown

Being recognized tonight with the Life Saving Award I would like to call up Patrolman Danny Joy who is currently serving with the Union County Homicide Task Force, Patrolman McKeown and Patrolman Henriques. I would also like to invite resident Marc Maysonet to join us up here. Mr. Maysonet requested to be here today to personally thank the officers for their actions. These three officers on March 24, 2015 responded to a 911 call from Mr. Maysonet’s wife at their residence. Mr. Maysonet’s wife had discovered Marc was not breathing and was unconscious in his bed. Almost immediately these officers responded and began CPR on Mr. Maysonet. They subsequently used the AED delivering several shocks to Mr. Maysonet. CPR continued until Mr. Maysonet arrived at the emergency room at Rahway Hospital. And as you can see Mr. Maysonet is here tonight with us.

Mr. Maysonet: Good evening. I’ve been a resident of Clark for 30 years now. And actually I’m very proud and extremely honored to be here tonight to be able to participate in this award ceremony with these officers here. As Chief Matos said they saved my life. I suffered a massive heart attack and I was dead for about ten minutes and fortunately for me these three officers were dispatched to my home. And when they came into my home they immediately applied their use of training, their CPR expertise and were acting very quickly and appropriately and were able to bring me back. For that I’m extremely fortunate and I’m extremely grateful. I’m indebted to these men for the rest of my life. These men are my heroes. I know some people don’t understand that but they are my heroes because if it wasn’t for them I wouldn’t be standing before you right now. So I wish you Teddy, Daniel and Sergio all the best and may God Bless you and continue to protect you as you serve this community.

Police Chief Matos: Next we will be recognizing a Clark resident (Mr. Edmund Lasinski) for his actions on February 25, 2016. Mr. Lasinski at about 6:30 pm on February 25th was stepping out of his residence when he took note of an individual who was walking in his neighborhood that did not appear to be from the neighborhood. He also was walking in between cars as he appeared he was looking for something. Mr. Lasinski decided to keep an eye on the individual and called the police department. It was at that point that he observed the individual walking between two residences. During this entire time, he was relaying all this information to our dispatch who was relaying it to our officers to bring them into the area. Soon thereafter Mr. Lasinski observed a flashlight going into the residence and he knew that the individual had entered the home. He relayed that information to our officers and when the officers arrived on scene he pointed out the house so the officers knew exactly where he went. Eventually the officers surrounded the home and the individual ran out of a back door. A physical confrontation then took place between the officers and the individual and as more officers arrived Mr. Lasinski stayed on scene and directed the subsequent officers as to where the confrontation was taking place. On behalf of those officers that you assisted that night and the entire police department and your neighbors, thank you so much for your actions that night to help our officers come home safely, thank you.

To all of the officers who received awards tonight congratulations. And to all of the officers of the police department I’m very proud of each and every one of you. Thank you for all of your hard work throughout this year. Thank you all very much. Mr. Lasinski thank you very much. Mr. Maysonet lots of good health in the future and thank you all.

Public Safety Director John DeSimone: I want to congratulate all of the recipients. And very important to me and to the community. The family and friends who support these officers, if you don't do that we don't get what we got...did I say that right? But again congratulations to all.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I would like to on behalf of myself and the council thank Mr. Lasinski for your efforts in assisting the police department in the burglary suspect. That was really terrific. They were telling me about this citizen and then when I found out it was you who I've known for a long time that was just great. Marc Maysonet best of health to you of course. I just do want to point out that all the officers on that scene really did a great job to have a gentleman whom might have been dead about ten minutes here before you, healthy and normal, thank God. And I know it was Patrolman McKeown's first life save and he just kept pumping away on that chest and wouldn't stop saying I'm not going to lose my first one. But you know that's basically the attitude of the people we have here working in our department to help everyone that lives here and drives through here and stays here whatever and they did a great job. Tonight you saw just a window of what goes on here on a daily basis. A motor vehicle stop can relate to narcotics and guns and etc. and so on. So gentlemen thank you all very much for your great work. And again Ed nice to have you on board. We might have to make you like neighborhood block Captain. And Marc best of health again, thank you and have a great night.

Brief Recess

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

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: Good evening Mr. President, members of council, ladies and gentlemen, a brief report tonight. Our spring lawn and leaf and branch cleanup which we use for our spring cleanup on our homes has been going on since mid-March. It will be concluding at the end of this month. This is the last week to get debris out through the weekend and then we will be going to our final time coming up in the community. What that does; being is you have the option and the ability to put the debris out in the street for a month and a half at your will. Now we are going to go back to starting in May you are allowed to put the branches out in the street on the third week of the month and we will pick them up on the fourth week of the month. Please remember this ladies and gentlemen. We do not want to be summoning our own citizens. I do not believe in that but we also believe that there has to be a little bit of law and order on what we are doing here. When you are dumping debris out for you know three or four weeks before the cleanup is, it does become a little bit hazardous for cars, bicyclists and for people who are walking. So please try to work with us on that, we really need your support. I've been saying it for sixteen years and I don't think some of you have got it right yet but I'm not giving up on you. So please adhere to that. We just don't want the street to become a dump, that's very important.

I would like to congratulate the Clark Little League and Clark Girls Softball for a very successful parade on opening day. It was a little chilly but it was fun. They did a great job the kids and the street sweeper took about forty-two thousand pounds of candy off of Westfield Avenue. There were no injuries from candy throwing this year.

I asked Mr. Triarsi to write a letter to RACER Trust Company. This is the court appointed bankruptcy trust that's running the Hyatt Hills, urging them to please meet with the Union County Freeholder Board on a purchase of the golf course. They are playing a little hardball, they are under a tax appeal and they would like to get that straightened out prior to meeting with Union County. So I'm glad to hear back from them but we'll see where that goes.

Tonight the township council will be voting to approve a fifty-thousand-dollar grant from the Union County Freeholder Board towards our downtown streetscape project. Last year they approved a grant of thirty thousand which means so far total we have eighty thousand dollars in grant money towards our streetscape program which discussions are starting down Westfield Avenue that are starting to heat up. Right now speaking about Westfield Avenue, if you saw today one lane was closed. The water company had their contractor out there milling the road and paving it which will be ripped up in the summer months for the entire street to be paved, so it looks pretty good. I guess a lot of people and you know we've talked to them many times about how bumpy the road was but in some communities they might call that traffic calming. So anyway I thanked the New Jersey American Water Company for that.

I would also like to thank Ralph Bernardo and the UNICO people. If you go into the main hall of our town hall where offices are some beautiful pictures that they had made into posters to represent what goes on in Clark Township throughout the year. They did that this morning and I would like to thank him for that and everything else they did, it's surely appreciated. That concludes my report for this Monday night, thank you.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President. I just want to mention two events that are coming up at our Library. One is this Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 pm. It's being sponsored by Clark UNICO. It's a discussion about a book that was written by a New Jersey Mayor, Richard Muti. He will be on hand to discuss the book, it's "Cent' Anni: The Sinatra Legend at 100". Copies of the book will be available, he will be signing them, and Clark UNICO will be serving refreshments as well. Coming up on Saturday, April 30th 11:00 to 3:00 pm the Friends of the Clark Library will have their annual membership drive called the "April Frenzy." They will also have a book sale going on from 11 to 3. They will have different raffles going on drawings and there will be a program as well. From 11 to 11:30 it will be "Spring into Shape", there will be a demonstration by 24 Hour Fitness. And at 1:00 pm coming back again this year is none other than Alvin Barr, our wine connoisseur. If you want to increase your knowledge of wine, please stop by and Al will talk about his forty-three years of tasting as a connoisseur and member of "Men of Taste." From noon to 2:30 will be, this is just an open program, "Make and Take Craft Project" and that's for children sponsored by members of the Clark Historical Society, although I'm sure adults will want to participate in that as well. The Friendly's ice truck will be on hand offering refreshments at discounted prices. And there will be refreshments served by the Friends of the Library.

This wasn't part of my report but I am pleased that the Library staff is getting trained in CPR as one of there in service training sessions. We can see tonight how important it is. Time is of the essence when there's an issue with a heart situation. And it's something that you can easily save lives with the knowledge of CPR. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. The Clark police dispatcher had the Clark Fire Department respond to 28 fire calls in March. Also the fire department asked me to please inform the residents on the dangers of having clutter impede access to a home. They did go to a fire call one time and getting into the house was a danger. And clutter could put first responders in harm's way. They cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter and they could be trapped. And another important thing is that it could be the difference between saving or losing a home. So folks you know just try to make sure that your access way to your home is clear. Nobody ever expects a fire, thank goodness most of the time there aren't any. But if there is one it could be like I said the difference between saving or losing it. So keep your access way clear. And that concludes my report.

Councilman Mazarella: Yes, thank you Council President. I have a number of items from our Department of Public Works. Grass recycling started today. All grass needs to be placed in a suitable container, no larger than thirty gallons, and placed curb side by 6:00 am on Monday mornings. No loose grass will be picked up. The Mayor touched on the spring cleanup and the branch pickup. Electronic drop off will be April 30th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the DPW yard. Please ladies and gentlemen if the gates are closed please don't drop the electronic items off in front of the gate, so please adhere to those times. And the items that they will pick up only are; fluorescent light bulbs, computers, laptops, monitors, and fax machines but no stereos, so just remember that please. An important note; there will be no electronic drop-off on May 28th because it's Memorial Day weekend and the DPW facility will be closed at that time. Root mulch is available free of charge and delivered to the township resident by calling DPW to schedule. A small truck is two to three yards and a large truck is four to six yards. They would be happy to drop it off on your driveway.

Bulky pickup continues by appointment. And this is by Ward, please visit ourclark.com to see the acceptable and unacceptable items to be put out. Metal and appliance pickup continues every Monday by appointment. April 30th is free bare root tree saplings about 1-2" in size. DPW will have about two hundred of them and it will start at 9:00 am until noon. And it's on a first come first serve basis. But they would have to be planted pretty quickly because they are bare root trees. And any groups that would like larger scale tree planting and have a project may contact Scott McCabe at scottmccabe@ourclark.com for more sapling information.

And this is important, Saturday, April 23rd Union County Household Hazardous drop off from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Union County Vo-Tech, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains. If you need more information on what you can bring and what you can't bring, please visit ucnj.org/recycle for more information. Wednesday, June 8th will be a paper shredding event here in our town. It will be between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm and that will be in the DPW facility and there will no newspapers allowed. The event can end early if the shredding truck fills up, so please get there as early as possible ladies and gentlemen. And lastly, DPW contact information for bulky, appliances, tree, potholes and other items is dpw@ourclark.com or 732-428-8402. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. From the finance committee the town remains financially sound and is able to meet its current obligations, so great job Mr. Laezza. From the Office of Emergency Management; they continue to work on the changeover of township am radio station from 1700 am to 590 am. They will eventually be able to put more information on the station that would have been done previously due to the increased recording capacity of the new system. They have also finished putting labels on the signs around town making people aware of the radio station being 590 am. They also

attended a quarterly township safety meeting on March 22nd. They continued the basic C.E.R.T class where six people signed up. And they should finish the classroom portion in early April. And they are working on getting some available dates for on hand training at the Union County Fire Academy. They held a 10 am and 7 pm quarterly local emergency planning committee meeting on March 24th and they attended the state meeting on March 23rd to get information and procedures for submitting data to get reimbursement for expenditures for January’s snowstorm and began working on putting that information together for submittal.

And from the Clark Emergency Squad; the festivities for the squad’s Diamond Anniversary will start during the National EMS Week of May 15th to the 21st, 2016. The squad will host various activities and classes at their building as well as reaching out to the community. Scheduled events will be published May 1st. Open house will be held May 15th from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. On a sad note; the squad lost one of its beloved members, life member Tony Pannullo who served as past president for the squad. He passed at the age of 90. He was still active with the organization attending meetings, helping with building projects and still cooking for the annual senior citizen pancake breakfast that he founded. He will definitely be missed.

The call volume for the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad; they responded to 128 calls in March, year to date that’s a total of 335 calls. Of these calls for the month, 109 were Clark and others were mutual aid to other townships such as Cranford, Rahway, Westfield and Winfield Park. In reviewing the response time provided by the county dispatch center the squad’s average response time, from time of dispatch to arrival on scene for March was 6.5 minutes and again people these are volunteers. Of total calls ninety percent of the calls had an ambulance on scene in under eleven minutes. Now this is how you can help support the community, the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad also has shared its building to provide service and support as follows; monthly blood drives, and Eagle Scout honor for one member of the Boy Scout Troop 145.

And now the membership information; the squad has multiple levels of membership available to those interested in joining. Cadets are individuals under the age of 18, regular members are at least 18 years old, drivers are at least 18 years old and all training is provided free by the squad. If anyone is interested they can email the squad at membership@clarkems.org. And you heard tonight from the gentleman that the police were able to save his life, Clark Emergency Squad also saves people’s lives and it is very rewarding I’m guessing. The man was very excited and for the officers that will be something they will never forget. So that’s my report, thank you.

Councilman Smith: Thank you Council President. Quick pool report and rec report this evening. Applications are being accepted for the Clark Community Pool. Open house is Saturday, May 14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you register or apply before that you will receive two free guest passes. The summer rec program is also accepting applications for the children. It begins on Tuesday, July 5th and runs through the second week of August. It’s a six-week program, the cost is thirty dollars for the six weeks. Approximately eleven hundred Clark children attend the camp grades pre-k through eighth grade. And most of the counselors are high school students. So it’s a great program for the community.

Lastly, there’s still registration for some of our summer classes including tennis, pickle ball, golf, etc. So if you are interested, please contact Ralph Bernardo in the recreation office. And that’s all I have this evening.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. From the Environmental Commission; we are reporting Earth Day is here coming up very quickly and the Rahway River cleanup is coming up and going to be celebrated by the township. Earth Day will be honored by Boy Scout Troop 330 and Cub Scout Pack 30. Their Annual Rahway River Watershed Associated and the Annual Rahway River Cleanup shall be held on Saturday, April 23rd rain date will be Sunday the 24th. The cleanup basically involves with kids and people getting together up in Winfield at the Winfield Park Dam and basically going into along the Rahway River down to the Jackson Falls. You get a chance to see and explore areas that most Clark people don't get a chance to do. Under the supervision of Union County as well as the Township of Winfield and the Township of Clark they will be going in and basically picking up recyclables. Things that get washed down from our recyclables bins into the sewer line and get pushed out into our waterways. Which again most people don't get a chance to explore but this Saturday between 9 and 12 the efforts will be at the Winfield Park Dam which is along the Rahway River. So please come out between 9 and 12, there will be refreshments in the morning. Teams will be set out to explore the woods and to look at wildlife as well as picking up debris. So we have the Rahway River Cleanup on Earth Day as we celebrate Earth Day and then in the fall we will have the Reservoir Cleanup. So please come out and enjoy. You have your sporting events and your sporting obligations we understand that but please come out and join the kids and enjoy keeping Mother Earth clean. Thank you Mr. President.

Council President Hund: And for my report I have the monthly police department report for March; they saw a total of 3,207 calls for services of which 94 were ambulance requests, 3 were fire department requests, 7 were vandalism, 18 were motor vehicle and residential lockouts, 122 were alarm calls, 93 were motor vehicle accidents and 2,838 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total of 30 adult arrests including 3 for theft, 2 for simple assault, 1 for forgery and counterfeiting, 8 for drugs and 1 for DWI. There were a total of 8 juvenile arrests during the month. And I would also like to welcome aboard two new crossing guards that were hired, Joseph Corso and Michael Dicellis, welcome to the Clark Police Department as crossing guards. And that sums up my report.

Township Clerk: Just for the record all of those reports you just heard I have them on file in my office.

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:
INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

(Supplemental Debt Statement for the Bond Ordinance has been properly filed with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services by the Chief Financial Officer)

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake the following public improvements in, by and for the Township: (A) the Downtown Village Zone Sidewalk and Streetscape Improvements Project; and (B) the 2016 Capital Road Improvement Program at various locations, as set forth on a list on file or to be placed on file with the Township Clerk and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the list referred to in clause (B) of the preceding sentence. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$2,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. It is anticipated that a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the County of Union Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program shall be received by

the Township to finance the cost of the sidewalk and streetscape project authorized in Section 1 hereof. Said grant funds shall be applied as set forth in Section 10 hereof. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$2,000,000, and (4) \$100,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$1,900,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$100,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$100,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose.

The sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,900,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,900,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest

at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance, and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Director of Revenue and Finance who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$1,900,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Union, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of said purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency

therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion:

John Laezza: Council President, Members of Council this is a first in the long list of bond issuances that we'll be putting out in the next month or two. This is our first part of the road repaving and the start of the downtown streetscape program which will be new sidewalks and alike. This is a two-million-dollar ordinance. It will be handling at a minimum of fifteen streets; John Street, Nassau, Fulton, Liberty, Joseph, Schindler, Suburban, Florence, Kathryn, Westfield Avenue, Ivy Circle, Gertrude, Richard and Prescott Turn. That's a start and we will be having Lexington Blvd, Colonial Drive at our next meeting in May. And we are putting in those sewer lines there so we are once again upgrading our infrastructure. The people have been patient and this road paving work will start right after school closes so that the traffic will be out of the streets and we are going to be done through July, August and September. And we are happy to have this ordinance introduced. Thank you for your consideration.

No further discussion

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

Public Hearing May 2nd in Town Hall in Room 30

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 \$177,864.90 for the period ending April 14, 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 Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the citizen 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 16-53

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following individuals are hereby appointed as Members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department effective this 18th day of April, 2016.

Drew J. DiGiovanni	Christian Posso
52 Grand Street	60 Broadway
Clark, NJ 07066	Clark, NJ 07066

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

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

Resolution 16-54

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNION COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS SUBMITTED TO THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ON NOVEMBER 6, 2015

WHEREAS the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property; and

WHEREAS the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk; and

WHEREAS the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* has been developed by the Mitigation Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property; and

WHEREAS the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the Union County website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments; and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clark:

1. The Union County *Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on November 6, 2015* by the Union County Office of Emergency Management and approved on February 22, 2016 is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Township of Clark; minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.
2. The departments of the Township of Clark identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Township of Clark, and the resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.
4. The Township of Clark Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Union County Office of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted on a yearly basis by a predetermined date as agreed upon by all stakeholders.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

Resolution 16-55

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders established the 2016 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program designed to improve the infrastructure and/or stimulate development within the municipalities of Union County; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Clark has prepared and submitted an application for Westfield Avenue Streetscape Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded \$50,000 to the Township of Clark under the 2016 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Clark authorizes the proper Township Officials to accept and execute the necessary documents for the 2016 Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the Westfield Avenue Streetscape Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Clark and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Moved and seconded by the Entire Council

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

Council as ABC Board

Resolution 16-56

WHEREAS an application has been filed for a Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License Number 2002-44-002-004, issued to Clark Circle Liquors & Lounge Inc. for premises heretofore located at 77 Central Avenue, Clark, New Jersey;

WHEREAS the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark does hereby approve, effective the 16th day of May, 2016 the Place-to-Place Transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution licensed premises from its former location at 77 Central Avenue, Clark, New Jersey to its new location at 1075 Raritan Road, Clark, New Jersey and does hereby direct the Township Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: “This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to premises located at 1075 Raritan Road, Clark, New Jersey.”

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O’Connor
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O’Connor, Smith, Toal, Hund

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-57

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2016 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:

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND
89	36		Luis & Lauren Prata	28	Harrison Street	285.27
24	11		Ivio Bevacqua	55	Hillcrest Drive	842.10
68	22		Jerome & Joan Meehan	36	Emerald Place	666.47
33.06	8		Edward Pawlowski	17	Kent Place	852.67
195	32		Margaret Miciek	46	Alice Lane	540.46
33.01	12		Jose & Maria Goncalves	167	Acorn Drive	884.15
69	28	C-039	Anthony Botro & Eileen Bojar	39	School Street	238.41
56	9		Stella Bojar & Eileen Bojar	16	Garside Place	358.19
121	36		Salvatore & Alice Venditto	40	John Street	833.64
159	1		James & Cheryl Jesse	2	Blake Drive	845.49
68	34		Albert Prillo	14	Emerald Place	657.79
					Total	\$7,004.64

Resolution 16-58

WHEREAS the Treasurer/CFO has certified that sewer utility account(s) require balance adjustments; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator has reviewed and approved the sewer fee adjustment(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer/CFO be authorized to apply the sewer account balance adjustments according to the attached schedule.

SEWER BILLING ADJUSTMENT 2016										
REF	#	Account #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Original	Revised	Credit	Add'l
16	20	3184-0	Anthony Castro	104	Hart Street	Water issue	\$ 3,025.00	\$1,505.00	\$ 1,520.00	
16	21	4880-0	NJ Home Renovations Inc.	9A	Crestwood Lane	vacant	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	
16	22	541-0	Dominic Giafaglione	121	Hillcrest Drive	demo/vacant	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	
16	23	4971-0	Osceola Presbyterian Church	1685	Raritan Road	Water issue	\$ 1,665.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,440.00	
16	24	3647-0	Carolyn & Alberto Scalia	53	John Street	Well	\$ 500.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 275.00	

16	25	1998-0	Greg & Ellen Kniss	280	Madison Hill Rd	well	\$ 500.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 275.00	
16	26	1229-0	Paulo & Olivia Silva	297	Madison Hill Rd	well	\$ 500.00	\$ 269.00	\$ 231.00	
16	27	2536-0	Elizabeth Cassara	15	King Street	SCD	\$ 225.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	
16	28	215-0	Thomas & Jessica Faria	45	Rutgers Road	Water issue	\$ 1,318.76	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,093.76	
16	29	4169-0	Nicole & David Brighthouse	30	Clauss Rd	Scd-disallowed	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00		\$125.00
16	30	1295-0	Antonio & Maria Ribeiro	32	Stemmer Drive	vacant	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	
16	31	2192-1	Iselin Realty LLC		Raritan/Central	demo/vacant	\$ 225.45	\$ -	\$ 225.45	
16	32	3774-0	Roman & Jolanta Kidon	46	Denman Avenu	scd-disallowed	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00		\$125.00
16	33	937-0	Graceann Griffin	157	Stonehenge Terr	Water issue	\$ 865.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 640.00	
16	34	278-0	Tomas Lenkiewicz	52	Hawthorne Drive	demo/vacant	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	
16	35	1500-0	James Favilla	45	Dorset Drive	Water issue	\$ 945.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 560.00	
16	36	2244-0	Anthony Araneo	1146	Raritan Road	Water issue	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,280.00	
16	37	2044-0	Christian & Andrea Motsay	9	Elisa Lane	Water issue	\$ 1,187.08	\$ 225.00	\$ 962.08	
16	38	324-0	Dandra & Alvim Pimenta	74	Briarheath Lane	new residence	\$ 745.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 520.00	
16	39	802-0	Kyle Harrington	31	Meadow Road	Water issue	\$ 705.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 480.00	
16	40	5317-0	Sangiuliano Group	16	Harvey Court	house not complete	\$ 225.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 112.50	
16	41	5342-0	Sangiuliano Group	14	Harvey Court	house not complete	\$ 225.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 112.50	
16	42	5315-0	Sangiuliano Group	12	Harvey Court	house not complete	\$ 225.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 112.50	
16	43	1994-0	Marie Merwin	62	Hutchinson	scd-disallowed	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00		\$125.00
16	44	4952-0	Melissa & John Papa	814	Riverbend Drive	Water issue	\$ 625.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 400.00	
16	45	684-0	Yepez Ramiro	54	Thomas Drive	sprinkler issue	\$ 887.88	\$ 225.00	\$ 662.88	
16	46	2558-0	Kevin & Susan Purcell	52	King Street	Water issue	\$ 1,265.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 920.00	
16	47	747-0	Felix Lettini	97	Stonehenge Terr	demo/vacant	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	
16	48	4314-0	Felix Lettini	332	Valley Road	demo/vacant	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	
						Totals				\$13,297.67
										\$375.00

Resolution 16-59

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Treasurer/CFO for authorization to refund overpayment of 2016 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 - 2016		2016					
REF	#	Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
16	1R	4149-0	John Caponigro	2	Schmidt Lane	Overpayment	25.00
16	2R	4898-0	Linda Resende	6	Glenwood Terrace	Overpayment	25.00
16	3R	2035-0	Paulette Kosmoski	458	Madison Hill Rd	Overpayment	25.00
16	4R	2536-0	Elizabeth Cassara	15	King Street	Overpayment	125.00
16	5R	2566-0	Supriya and Sumeet LLC	175	Westfield Avenue	Overpayment	25.00
					Total Refunds		\$ 225.00

Resolution 16-60

WHEREAS the American Legion Post 328 has applied for Construction Permit(s) to mill, install a drain line and repave their parking lot located at 78 Westfield Avenue; and

WHEREAS the American Legion has requested that the permit fees for the parking lot project be waived; and

WHEREAS the American Legion is a Non-profit, Tax Exempt Veterans’ Organization.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Construction Official to waive the permit fees for the above mentioned project.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR: None

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

Mahmoud Radwan, 326 Carolina St.: The noise from the train has been going on and on for the last two or three months in the middle of the night. And the smell from Karnak is unbearable. Because we live

right around it past the park, it's a very bad smell and I don't know if you guys were looking at or smelling it. But where we are there is the forgotten city. So it's a very bad smell and the train, I don't know what happened it use to be very quiet but not anymore.

Mayor Bonaccorso: First off let me say you are not the forgotten city. I know where you were over sixteen years ago and I know what you are today. You didn't get your leaves cleaned up sixteen years ago or your street plowed. Councilman O'Connor had received calls from many people up on Georgia and Chief Matos here I put him as point man to get involved because he lives right around the corner from you on Picton Street. And if you like Chief you want to approach the mic and talk to the citizens of what you've heard.

Police Chief Matos: I was on the phone with an individual who is the head of the engineering department for this stretch of the railroad track. And he had given me his word that all the equipment that they had been storing on the site, not the railroad ties, the rail cars that they had there that they were unloading the railroad ties from and a piece of machinery that they had there was going to be removed on Friday. I don't believe it was removed because the trains were blowing the horn as they went through over the weekend. Now there's federal safety regulations that the conductors who come through the area whenever they believe that there's something on the track they have to blow the horn. There's nothing we can do about that. There's no specific location where they have to blow the horn, if the conductor believes that there's something on the track he has to blow the horn. So what's happening is conductors that are coming through that area that are not from the area, not Conrail, there's other railroad carriers that come through. The Conrail crew I spoke to, that individual assured me that they know that that piece of equipment was there so they are not the ones that are blowing their horn. It's out of state carriers coming through. He has been trying to notify these out of state carriers. One resident has been texting him every time he hears a horn so that he can then look at the manifest, look at the schedule and kind of know what crew is coming through and to let them know not to blow the horn that there's equipment that's there is stationary. He assured me that all these rail cars and that piece of machinery that they have is going to be removed off the siting because it's not on the track, it's on the siting on Friday and like I said that wasn't done.

The second issue is with the smell. They pre-positioned God knows how many railroad ties in that area there. In the next coming months he told me in October that they are going to come back and replace the railroad ties on three miles of length of track that goes through Clark. So they have these railroad ties that are pre-positioned there. These railroad ties obviously are pressure treated, they have I believe it's called creosote and the odor is pretty strong. The individual I spoke to mentioned the odor and he basically said there's nothing that they can do about it.

Mahmoud Radwan: The smell is not from the railroad. The smell is from Karnak.

Mayor Bonaccorso: No it's not, that's from the creosote sir.

Police Chief Matos: Just because I live in the area there are sometimes where I do smell smells from Karnak. I also smell odors from Kerry and L'Oréal. I live in your neighborhood; I live right down the street from you. So Kerry is not so bad it's usually food spices but with Karnak I do get that tar smell. But right now I have been on Georgia Street and that strong smell you are smelling is the railroad ties that they pre-positioned there. And I'll be on the phone again with him in the morning because initially I was told July that they were going to do this project but then he told me October. So I'm going to try to figure

out exactly when this is going to happen. The other thing I'm going to ask is if this is going in October why do these things have to be positioned there in March. But there seems to be some confusion that's when this is going to happen because he told some people July but he also told me October. I don't know if he meant that's when it's going to be completed in October.

Maria Esteves, 84 Georgia St.: Why do they store the stock over there, that's not their property, right?

Police Chief Matos: That is their property.

Maria Esteves: Like if they have a yard in Newark and the yard (tape inaudible). Why can't they store all of their equipment?

Police Chief Matos: Because they are not going to be bringing thousands of railroad ties every day from Newark to the job site. The way it was explain to me is they have this machine and when this project starts this machine is going to pull into the siting for that day it's going to load up how many railroad ties it needs. It's like going to be automated because there's going to be several machines that are going to be doing this project, one lifts the track up, one pulls out the old ties and the other puts in the new ties. They are going to be doing a fairly lengthy length of track.

Maria Esteves: Tape inaudible due to not being at microphone (questioning regarding the start time)

Police Chief Matos: That's a good question but I don't have an answer for you. If it does start in October it doesn't make any sense to pre-position this stuff.

Maria Esteves: And actually my home is right there, (tape inaudible). They come in the morning, I don't know how they get in there and there's trucks parked there, there's trucks with cranes and everything. And they come and take the stuff out and around 4:00 they bring it back and they park all the stuff on the side track, it's a side track there. And by parking it there when the train goes by they blow the horn and they blow the horn and our houses are I would say two hundred yards from the track (Mayor Bonaccorso: two hundred feet maybe.) and if you are asleep you would actually jump out of bed, that's how loud it is. And so they should find a way not to leave the stuff parked there because they will leave it there for weeks until we start complaining and then after a while they come and remove it. They left the containers there for four weeks and they started unloading them after we started complaining. They were there for three weeks before they started unloading them.

Police Chief Matos: Those rail cars came from Georgia I believe with the railroad ties in them. They brought them there, I don't know exactly when they started to unload them, but the plan was unload them and position the railroad ties at that location. The railroad cars are gone none.

Maria Esteves: Yes, they are out and they put them on the side. But they started emptying them after I started talking to Pat. Because they were there for three whole weeks just parked there.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Maria I know you folks have questions and unfortunately we do not have answers. We are trying to get answers. I know the Councilman is on the phone with me immediately. I in turn asked the Chief to please work through this especially since he is in the neighborhood so there's a bit of a vested interest. Unfortunately, as we've talked to you before in the past years the rail is under federal

regulations and they almost are autonomous to any municipalities. Like we can call and ask those questions tomorrow about why are you stacking the ties there so many months in advance and the people are smelling creosote. We can even go as far as sending out not only our health department but the Union County Health Department to see if there's any reason that we can get to get rid of it. We want you folks to understand it takes an act of congress sometimes to deal with these people. When we were just trying to get the grass cut behind the fence years ago, it was a job, to get the weeds cut was a majorly job dealing with these people. The Chief and I were out on the tracks when this first happened, not this incident but the last incident that happened. We were down there in the morning talking to these people and they give you the same answer. Unfortunately, the people on the tracks don't really know why you are leaving the stuff there, well we were told that's where we have to leave it. There's no rhyme or reason to what they do, so we do understand your frustration. We're sorry we can't do nothing quicker or better or be more decisive and definitive for you, it's just that we just can tell you that we are going to continue to try. The Chief said he will be on the phone tomorrow with them and I know he will be because he is a man of his word and keeps his word and he works hard for our community. So he's not going to blow you off, we're not blowing you off, but unfortunately folks we don't have a lot of answers for you either and that's the truth.

Maria Esteves: Like today was the hottest day, today it actually hurts breathing outside. And I have another question. You know on the side by the extra track, there's one that the curve starts at the fitness center. Why can't that be cleaned and prepared so instead of them parking the things on the side where the trains can see them they can store it in the side there.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Maria why, I don't know the answer. What I'm going to guess is they don't want to spend the money to do it, that's what I'm going to guess.

Maria Esteves: Because by now they even block that area.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Let me tell you something...I can't say on public TV what I say on the other end of the cell phone. When the councilman calls me and says "Mayor I got a call from Georgia Street" I know exactly what it is. He doesn't have to tell me it's a dead skunk in the road, there's a tank going down the road, I know exactly what it is the minute he says that. And what I say in reply can't be used on public TV. Because dealing with the railroad is a nightmare. I've been doing it now for sixteen years and you know we've talked about this in the past. It's always they have to blow the horn, we go to work with Westfield to get the "no whistle zone" and that's worked out better. Now they see the stuff there, they have to hit the horn and like the Chief told me last week, it's not the Conrail people, they know it's a train on the side or a car on the side whatever you call it. It's these trains that are coming from out of state that do not know the terrain in the area that sees something and they are blowing on the horn. We apologize, we know what it's like. Believe me I grew up on Victoria Drive and live on Featherbed Lane and I know the horns as well as you do over the years and they are annoying, they really are. But please understand we just can't do that for you, we wish we could, it wouldn't be happening if we could. They have no rhyme, they have no reason, they just do what they want. And then we're chasing them with the work of the Chief. And in the past Chief Connell was also very instrumental in working with me on the railroad but it's very, very difficult. So we feel what you are saying and all and can tell you we'll just keep plugging away for you to hopefully have some better answers.

Police Chief Matos: And just to add...the individual I spoke to last week he basically told me that they are moving the equipment that was there...out of the way to prevent some of the horn blowing. But as far as the smell he knows it's regulations, I don't know exactly.

Maria Esteves: Is that safe for us to breath that?

Police Chief Matos: I don't know. I can't say.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Look folks I don't know...I worked with creosote in my lifetime. Years ago as a landscape contractor we would go we would build railroad tie walls before the pressure treated stuff came out, it was creosote. And we would cut it with a chainsaw, we lift them, we stacked them, we nailed it to them and we did that all day long. So I don't know if it's so health hazardous or just stinks. Folks look I understand about the health side of it. I just told you I will dispatch our health officer there tomorrow and I will go to the county health official if I have to for them to be there. With all due respect to all admit it's something not good it becomes a health hazard this and that. I don't know that and I'm not sure if some of you really know that. We can get that checked out for you. Does it smell? Absolutely I agree with you, I know it does. But is it something that is going to kill you off, I don't think so because I don't think they would be allowed to use it. So I mean the railroad would have to have some kind of liability in this.

Michael Ilewski, 60 Georgia St.: In the light of everything that's going in this country and what's going on in California with the gas leak and what's happening with flint in Michigan. I mean doesn't this put a worry not only for us who live here but for you the town's reputation and New Jersey's reputation, I mean you have to be somewhat concerned. And I don't think that this is just something where you can say I'm sorry and you've done this for the past sixteen years. But this seems to be more action taken and more resolve on the part of your citizens. I mean there's maybe four or five of us here but there could be twenty next week and we could complain to the state but no excuses, there's no excuses for this.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right and we have done everything we can on a local level. Your Congressman is Leonard Lance, start calling his office also. Again I don't know if you understand government whether you have local, county, and federal.

Michael Ilewski: I mean I worked in (tape inaudible) in Washington, DC. I understand the government pretty well.

Mayor Bonaccorso: You should understand better than me when you get involved with federal government, you are getting involved with a ball that doesn't bounce very high. Again we are the gutter, all the stuff washes into the municipality. If I can do this for you it would have been done that's all I can tell you. We can beat this to 2:00 or 3:00 this morning, it's not getting done unless they help us. Leonard Lance in Westfield is your Congressman. Get on the phone with him also, so will we. The train is a nightmare and I'm sure you knew that when you bought your home that this could be a potential problem there. We've dealt with this thing for years and we are doing the best we can. Other than that folks we're not trying to be rude. You certainly should know by the conversation from Councilman O'Connor for myself to the Police Chief that it didn't fall on deaf ears that we are trying to do something. But it's hard to draw blood out of a rock. And we will continue to work for you. That's all I can promise you. If you want me to say it's going to be out of there by tomorrow at 4:00, I'm not saying that.

Michael Ilewski: No that's not what I'm saying. But I mean just at least some sort of clearness of what's going on.

Police Chief Matos: We can't guarantee that because we don't dictate what happens on that property. The railroad can literally look at this tomorrow and say and go "we don't care." We can put pressure on them and we can hope that they can do something for us that would help the residents. They didn't advise us that they were doing this. We didn't find out till you found out.

Michael Ilewski: I mean I'm worried about the smell. I mean we all have different issues here, there's the noise and there's the smell. But I think the smell is what worries me, I mean it's just not healthy. I have trouble breathing, I have allergies. How do I know that this isn't going to get worse? How do I know this is not going to be serious in the next few months? I mean this is a liability for Clark.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We agree with you it's a railroad liability. It's very hard to work with these people it's been a history, Maria you know, since the 90's we were working together back there. We talked to you about a simple as getting weeds cut, it was trying to get teeth pulled to get it done. It's not like you call New Jersey American Water or the gas company or the electric company and we have contact people and they are (tape inaudible) to the municipalities the best way that they can, they really do. And they will send people out there like that. Chief Connell who was the Police Chief twice removed from Chief Matos was a rail enthusiast and had contacts in Conrail to get the weeds done and even that was almost like pulling teeth to get done. All your concerns are duly noted. We are concerned about your concerns. We are going to move forward to help you as far as we can. I just can't promise you and that's the truth. If you want me to lie to you I still won't do that. I'm sorry I'm being honest, it's not a blasé I don't care, it's the truth. If you know who I am and you know when I do want something done in this town it will get done by morning. If I had an avenue I would tell you by tomorrow morning those ties would be going and you could bet, they would be going. This is federal, they look at you and go "too bad, we can't do nothing about it." We cannot summons them as a municipality. So it is frustrating for you and then for us because we feel your frustration. So that's the plain truth. I think you can see dialogue is gone on behalf of your people on Georgia Street. But I'm not going to lie, not in twenty years of government, have I done that yet to the citizens of this town and I'm not starting tonight. If we can we will but we promise you the effort, that I can promise you, I just don't know what the end result is going to be.

Michael Ilewski: Alright well I mean we can do more research on our part, you can do research on your part and we can work together.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Sure work together absolutely. We would love that we have no problem with that, our phone lines are opened. You know who the three people are that you can contact and we would be glad to help you, feel free, we get it, we understand. So please don't take it like we don't, we care but this pushing a big boulder up hill, it's not an easy one I can tell you.

Nick Buschio, 69 Georgia St.: I appreciate the involvement before. But the problem is more serious than anybody seems to think. The concentration of the railroad ties that are stacked along the side and the heat today was especially bad to the point where we are having a hard time breathing. It's just not the noise, it's not just the fact that you know we don't like the smell, it affects our health, okay. I understand you all have been involved so far but I need to hear that there will be a sense of urgency in dealing with the problem. And I'm not implying that you haven't done anything yet, but we just can't live with the

situation. The train blowing the whistle I understand if there's work being done on the railroad but Sunday night 2 or 3:00 in the morning there's no reason to blow the whistle, there's nobody on the tracks, there's nothing going on the tracks but it just seems that the engineers just love to pull the whistle, okay. To say that well they are autonomous and we really don't have any power...give money to our town. A homeowner needs a permit if they want to put a shed up, if we do the driveway, if we want to do anything on our property and then there's Conrail that they can use their property to just stack thousands of railroad ties under the sun with the creosote. I understand your business and the fact that you dealt with railroad ties but these were for the most part railroad ties not brand new.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Nick as we said to you earlier, tomorrow I'm going to have the County Health Department out there for you, we are going to go from there. Chief Matos said to you earlier if you listened to the Police Chief's dialogue that the people who are blowing the whistle at Sunday night at 2:00 in the morning we don't even believe them to be Conrail trains. They are probably trains coming from out of the state who see something on the track and they blow the whistle. They have told the Police Chief the Conrail engineers know that that equipment is parked on the side and there's no need to blow it. If other people are using the tracks coming across country, then those are the people who are probably doing it. That's what they told us and that's what we are telling you.

Nick Buschio: Conrail owns the track. (Mayor Bonaccorso: right) If somebody uses that track they are responsible to Conrail to a certain extent, Conrail can do something about it, okay.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We explained how the engineer if he sees something on the track by federal regulations has the opportunity to blow the whistle. That's all we can tell you.

Nick Buschio: You can hear the train five minutes before it gets there. (Mayor Bonaccorso: I understand) Once it's there and there's something on the track and he blows the whistle, there wouldn't be any time to do anything about it anyway, it would be too late.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Nick we're only telling you what they are telling us. We are not making this up. I live across the street from the railroad like you do being 1 ½ block away. I grew up across from the reservoir on that railroad and I know it as well as you do, we are just not debating you. Please it's kind of like we're getting into a dialogue that okay are you right or are you wrong. We're telling you what they tell us, whether it's right or wrong Nick I'm only telling you, there's nothing more I can do other than say to you we're going to try for you.

Nick Buschio: As long as we accept it they are going to keep doing it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We are not accepting it. Is there anybody out here that can literally get up here and say any time you made a call to Councilman O'Connor or my office that we let it fall on deaf ears. That would be the biggest lie in Clark tonight if anybody got up to say that. We are doing what we can. Unfortunately, unlike most politicians we're not going to sit here and tell you it's going to be okay. We're going to sit here and promise you effort, we're going to promise you our best and we are going to deal with what happens. We can't make them do it, it's federally regulated. You are right if you want to put up a fence or a shed you need to come to us, that's agreeable, this is a federal regulation. State law supersedes county law, local law. Federal law supersedes state, county and local. That's the government in which we live in.

Nick Buschio: And they can stack anything they want...

Mayor Bonaccorso: Okay you are not going to listen that's fine. If you aren't going to listen what am I arguing with, what am I'm trying to educate you to? I'm telling you the truth, it's their property and they are under federal regulation. If I can get those railroad ties moved, I promise you I will try for you.

Nick Buschio: It's a health issue. Can we call the EPA?

Mayor Bonaccorso: They just got there when today?

Councilman O'Connor : No a couple weeks now.

Mayor Bonaccorso: A couple weeks now. I haven't heard about this but I guess because of the sun today. Okay we are going to do all this for you come tomorrow, we have no problem. Delia is going to come up and say the same thing again, we are working for you. Nick I don't lie to you; I'm not going to promise you. I'm going to tell you that we are going to try our best that's all I can do for you. And hopefully our best will get rid of those railroad ties for you. (Nick Buschio: thank you) We will give you that effort.

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia St.: I lost my part on here about creosote. But according to some of the investigation that I've done there are several different kinds of creosote. Some can be toxic; some can be carcinogenic. And as a cancer survivor I feel that I should let you know what they've discovered through the EPA through OSHA with exposure to creosote but I lost the page.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Delia it's not necessary to read us the definition.

Delia Collins: I'm a citizen here I can talk.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Okay you can talk but I'm going to tell you again unless you want to read definitions. Tomorrow morning the County Health Department will be notified by my office. (Delia Collins: good) When they tell you it's toxic I will be the person delivering that to you and if they say it's not, you probably tell me it is but I still will be the person delivering that to you. (Delia Collins: okay) I mean I'm not here to debate what has carcinogenic in it or not. You have a problem and we're trying to help. (Delia Collins: okay) Thank you that's all I can tell you.

Delia Collins: Explaining the health issues of creosote. Now you come over to 72 Georgia Street and you try to sit in the backyard with the garbage trains going through which never came through until a couple years ago. And then with the removal of the dirt from Hyatt Hills when they were building that you came out and that got settled. The engines spouting off results of the engine going at night and then we had to have the fire department come out because it was dry. Mr. Toal you should be worried about contamination into the soil because there is a brook back there that goes into the reservoir. They have no barrier between the soil and the creosote where they are being stored. They are stored on the siting and they are also stored on the area that may not even be their property. Because they have only a certain amount of property between the lines and a part of Clark that nobody knows who owns it.

Delia Collins continues with saying no straight answers are given.

Councilman O'Connor: And I that's what the Chief had said that he was going to try to find out again tomorrow because he had addressed it that people are getting different answers. So he is going to call this guy back today. Some said July, some said October, so the Chief does have a contact that he is going to try to get better information for you.

Delia Collins: And I think that Conrail or CSX whoever is doing this they should have a responsibility and accountability to our township. And they all should have let us know ahead of time that this creosote was sitting back there. One of the other neighbors found out today or yesterday that they are going to come and put a cover over it to prevent the smell. And it's in two spots, it's next door to me and right behind Maria's house.

Councilman O'Connor: Chief can you check on that as well about getting the covers for the creosote, if that's going to happen, thank you.

Police Chief Matos: If they cover it I doubt it if it's going to do much but I we'll find out exactly.

Councilman O'Connor: Right, if they are saying it lets just find out if it's true or not. Again the information is only as good as you get and I understand that.

Delia Collins: It seems we are getting different answers when people call. And the gentleman that has been speaking to different people, I know he has problems with you know more than our area. But it's just I understood from years ago that there was from the track there was like an eight foot owned property by Conrail and then after that it was others' properties. It could be Karnak or it could be 24 Hour Fitness you know their properties there I think its owned by the Villa Family but I'm not sure or Ginesi okay.

Mayor Bonaccorso: The fact we don't understand it's a federal thing and we get your frustration and we are trying to help you, your calls were returned (Delia Collins: I only made one call to Pat) whomever calls were returned we were out there. That's what we can do and we are going to continue to do it. We promised you effort, that's the one thing I can give you is effort, we have to see where it goes from there. I will be on the phone with the County and if I'm not happy enough for what goes on down at the County, I will go to the State. We will also contact Congressman Lance's office tomorrow morning and so should all of you, okay, we work together we will do it. With all due respect I don't need to come here to listen to definitions of carcinogens.

Delia Collins: But you should know.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We do know, I understand. I'm an American living in this country and I've heard about carcinogens, I get it, but I'm not an expert.

Delia Collins: Well you should call in an expert.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well that's what we are going to do. What part of the County Health Department don't we seem to understand tonight?

Delia Collins: It's the county that's why.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Who do you want me to call?

Delia Collins: The EPA.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I'll do that too for you. (Delia Collins: thank you) But you see unlike others I go through a chain of command.

Delia Collins: Well you don't live there and smell it. I can't even open up my windows. I haven't seen anyone over there looking.

Mayor Bonaccorso: No we haven't talked. The Chief just gave a dissertation about what we talked about, Councilman O'Connor has talked to people but no one has been there Delia. (Delia Collins: well I haven't seen anyone) Well look out the window we'll be there. (Delia Collins: I can't even open my windows) Well you can look out of it, move the blinds and you can see us. And Councilman Toal we will handle the DEP not the Fourth Ward Councilman. It's not her request to tell you what to do. We will through the Mayor's office handle it because he is a legislator and I'm the administrator. That's how we do business here through a chain of command. Because if you don't do that you have anarchy. Thank you.

Dario Valdivia, 9 Terry Lane: Good evening to the Council, Mayor and Mr. Administrator. You know we're talking about federal mandates or federal laws and stuff. The only thing that the railroad is going to advise the railroad labor act. The railroad labor act only goes ahead and then takes care of like safety and other kind of rules that has to do with transportation with the trains. As far as the property goes, if that's the only stretch of property that they have then they have all the right to dump there you know and to go ahead and make a move out of there you are right it's going to be tough. But as far as the whistle blowing goes, there's special orders that are put out by Conrail. If they own the property they have to put out special orders that has to be available to all the railroads that are going to be traveling through this CSX or whoever it is that goes through there and they have to abide by those special orders. That's something that you can also look into when you call to whomever you talk to at Conrail. The other thing is that they don't like black eyes through the media. I would suggest going ahead and start calling up like the media and let them know what's going on. We have the TAP right here; we should go ahead and have her write something if anything. And then you know we can also notify Congressman Lance and do whatever we need to do. And I'm glad that the Mayor also went ahead and said that he is going to get somebody that's going to look into the whole chemical thing and whatever it takes. So that's basically it and that's all you can do, you are right.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Dario your remarks are very well taken trust me and I appreciate what you are saying. And all I'm trying to say is I like to go through a chain of command. I like to go through the proper channels. If we need to go to the media outlets it's a great idea and we will do so. (Dario Valdivia: very good) The bottom line is though you know like the old saying is "wait a minute, why did you call the news channel, you never called me, I can solve that problem for you." So we are trying to work cooperatively. The only thing I can assure the citizens on Georgia Street the one entity in this town that doesn't tell us anything is the railroad. The water company, gas company, and the electric company anytime those utilities or Comcast are doing something we usual get noticed unless it's an emergency. Our biggest frustration has been with the railroad and this is going back for many, many years now. So all I can say to you is again your comments are very well taken and to the other folks we can promise effort.

If I could get rid of those railroad ties and put a smile on a face we're going to do it, you know that's what it's about because that's what you want to do ultimately. But I will not say I guarantee it I can get that thing done because I don't know that to be true.

Dario Valdivia: I understand that. And you went ahead and said you will look into it too and that's all we can do right now.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Dario I appreciate it.

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

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: No I'm done for this evening, thank you. All I can say Georgia Street folks we will absolutely give you our best effort, that's all I can promise you. And hopefully with some patience and law and will we can get it done for you. Feel free to call my office if you have any thoughts, any ideas or concerns. I mean quite honestly with you, you don't even have to go to Councilman O'Connor, he's going to relay it over to us. If you want to keep him in the loop that's fine, I know he would like that because I would let him know anyhow. But if it's during the day or something and you want to call my office, my secretary is there you can tell her or if Mr. Laezza's is in, if I'm, not speak to him and we'll try to work for you guys the best way we know how, thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you for your comments tonight. I know it's particularly frustrating because of the heat today and that has really made it awful. As the Mayor said please call Congressman Lance's office and express your concerns. And that would be the most important thing because there is strength in numbers and as the Mayor said we have to follow a certain chain of command before we get there going through the county, etc. But by all means call Congressman Lance, thank you.

Councilman Barr: Not to be repetitive but you know and see what's going on in Clark like the Mayor said for the last sixteen years, we've done a lot and we've have continually been doing things. And I just want you people to know something and I mean this from my heart, we do care and we will try to do whatever is possible like we said with the Health Department. Don't think that we are just blowing it off, we're not, we haven't done that and we don't expect to do that. Thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes, thank you Council President. Ladies and gentlemen that came before us thank you for coming here. You've ended your frustrations. But I can tell you this that our Mayor is a man of his word. He will do everything possible that he can do. And he will contact these different agencies and see if he can get some action for that but thank you for coming before us. But don't feel ashamed that you came and you vented your frustrations, that's what we're here for, and that's what our Mayor is here for and he will do everything in his power to try to help. And until next month please try to be safe and stay well, thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you. So part of my report this evening I was going to give you an update on the railroad tracks but obviously we've got a lot of updating on railroad tracks. Thank you for getting in touch with me. Maria you did great, I know you were nervous about coming and speaking before people but I think you did a very nice job. Again I'm glad to see you here...I mean you know I hear the frustration in your voices when we talk on the phone and at least you got it all out now, right? So we are aware and we've been aware and we are going to continue to work for you to try to get this resolved. Tomorrow the Mayor is going to call the Board of Health. And again you know my number and if you are frustrated just call me up and if something different happens just call me up and I'll continue the dialogue between us. But thank you very much for coming out tonight and thank you very much for trusting me when you called me that I could get the ball rolling and I'm glad you see that it has gotten rolling, thank you.

Just two other things I'd like to talk about. One is obviously the Valor Ride, it happens every year, just hold the date Sunday, July 10th, it's going to be at the Deutscher Club again. But the last thing I want to talk about is some award that was given to the Mayor this past week. The Mayor received the "Mayor of the Year Award". So I just want to congratulate the Mayor and I know Mayor you work hard for the township, I know you've done a lot, Mr. Laezza you work hard as well for the township and I just want everyone to know if they hadn't seen the article that you were recognized as the "Mayor of the Year".

Mayor Bonaccorso: Mr. President may I. Well Pat thank you very much for bringing that up. But if you are going to bring that up, yes the Union County Chamber of Commerce chose me that but unfortunately or fortunately however you lay it out when there's something good then the Mayor gets the credit when there's something bad usually the Mayor gets the guff for it. But what I do want to say is in Clark it's a complete team effort. John who also was nominated that night for "BA for the Year". It was on the Clark Commons Project which I didn't know this fact but this was the biggest commercial building project in the county in the last two decades, the last was Jersey Gardens. At the dinner we all get up to talk about our town for five minutes and it's usually light hearted and fun and sometimes real serious depending on the subject and the wave of the country and the state. But when I got up to say I was going to speak on Clark Commons the room really broke out into applause and I said "oh I see a lot of people really enjoy it" and they clapped again. But you know I accepted the award and I'm thankful for it but the first act of that project was sitting right here on the township council when I came to you to ask you to change the zoning up there. And we had a lot of discussions about how good it can be but also what the problems could be and the big problem was of course traffic. It's team effort, it started with you guys and it worked its way right up. So I do have to publicly say if I'm the recipient, it's also because the seven of you folks up on council and the man sitting to my left who did a yeoman's job. And the other professionals and employees we have in the township who also worked there. So on behalf of all of you I accept the award and I thank you for that. Thank you.

Councilman Smith: Thank you Council President. A day like today, a warm day like today please consider getting an application and register to the Clark Community Pool. There was a lot of upgrades done through the last few years, drive by it, there's an open house on Saturday, May 14th. Please come out and walk around the facility and see what we've done to it. We have put a lot of capital improvements into the facility over the past few years.

Lastly, we are here for you as the Mayor said and as Brian says a lot of times and the rest of the council. Pick up the phone give us a call; we will fight for you whenever we can. In this instance with the railroad please give the Senators a call and your Congressman that will only help us all out to get to the bottom of it, thank you very much.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. I just want to thank the administration, the Mayor and the BA for their efforts on Kathryn Street and Prescott Turn which I'm very happy that they were added to it, thank you Mayor. When the residents speak I can be a pain Mayor but we are there on their behalf and you know that. We are trying to get things done for a while and the residents of Kathryn Street have been vocal that their street hasn't been done since 1986. I know there's a lot of other streets in this township but again we appreciate the support when I ask on their behalf for something and we finally get to it and we appreciate it very much, thank you.

For those we just lost recently; Dr. Thomas Varrastro, longtime doctor of the Township of Clark; Joseph Lanza of our Clark Public Works Department, the Lanza Family a longtime involved in the township; Mr. Henry Metz a dear friend and a friend to all; Alice Dunn, Anthony Pannullo and Virginia Sturchio. These people who have given their lives to the Township of Clark who have left us and we will never ever forget them. That's all I have tonight Mr. President, thank you very much.

John Laezza: No comments.

Township Clerk: No comments thank you.

Police Chief Matos: No thank you.

Council President Hund: Okay unfortunately my comments were taken up by Mr. O'Connor for congratulating the Mayor on his award. I also want to say that like the Mayor said that Mr. Laezza was put up for the award and I believe he should have won it and walked away with it with taking the sweep of the awards. So John you deserved that award.

I would also like to thank on behalf of the council for the policemen who received their awards tonight. Thank you for all of your service that you do for us, we gratefully appreciate it as does the community. And to the people who are still here as we all said we will work for you and we will do the best that we can to have that situation rectified for you.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

APPROVED

STEVEN M. HUND
Council President

ATTEST:

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