

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

ROLL CALL:

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

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 Smith. He asked all present to participate in a moment of silence, following the salute to the Flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

Motion to Suspend the Regular Order of Business made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Mayor Bonaccorso: Good evening Mr. President, Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to our April Council Meeting. Tonight we are going to have a little busy early part of the meeting. We are going to have promotions of police officers and we are going to have swearing in of two new police officers, also followed by our annual police awards presentation. I would like to welcome you all and I would like to also welcome law enforcement from other agencies throughout the county and state, welcome to Clark, New Jersey. Before we get started with the promotions I'm going to have Chief Matos say a few words.

Police Chief Matos: I would like to welcome you all here tonight. This is a very prideful night for the department. We will be promoting six officers to the ranks of Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeants and Detectives. We will also be welcoming two new officers to our family. This is just an example of every police officer in this department that demonstrates that very commitment every day that they go out and serve our community. They see and experience things that most people do not wish to see or do not want to see. They do this every day with courage and silent pride. Tonight's events celebrate that courage, pride, and service that every officer in this department demonstrates on a daily basis. As we welcome our new officers Patrolman Medeiros and Patrolman Ciaccio, let tonight be an example of the courage, pride, and commitment that you will need to have a successful career in law

enforcement. Congratulations to you all. To every officer thank you for your service and commitment that you bring to this department every day.

Police Department Promotions were awarded to:

Lieutenant Vincent Concina promoted to the rank of Captain: Lieutenant Concina has served with the United States Marine Corp. prior to becoming a police officer and also attended the Union County College. Prior to joining the department in 1997 ironically Vinnie and I actually met while serving in the Marine Corp. together and then we separated for a couple years and then ironically we met back up here. He had served in the patrol division and he has been recognized with three lifesaving awards, one honorable service award, and two platoon awards and tonight after his promotion he will assume command of the patrol division.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Captain Vincent Concina

Sergeant Daniel Pitts promoted to the rank of Lieutenant: Prior to joining the police department in 1996, Sgt. Pitts served in the Navy as a Navy Medic and also attended Wagner College. He had served in the patrol division and he has been recognized with one exceptional service award, one distinguished service award, two honorable mentions, two lifesaving awards, one platoon award and one certificate of accommodation from the 200 Club of Union County. He will be assuming the position of platoon commander.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Daniel Pitts

Detective George Marmarou promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant: Prior to joining the Clark Police Department in 2007, Detective George Marmarou attended Union County College. He also joined the Union County Sheriff’s Office in 1992. He served with the Sheriff’s Office Fugitive Unit in New York/New Jersey, the narcotics task forces and he always served on the Union County SWAT and UCERT teams. He has been prior recognized with two distinguished service awards, one honorable service award, on platoon award, and one lifesaving award.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Detective Sergeant Marmarou

Detective Christopher Tuccio promoted to the rank of Sergeant: Prior to joining the Clark Police Department in 2008 Christopher Tuccio served eight years in the US Army and served a tour in Afghanistan. He also served as a DOD Department of Defense Police Office for nearly five years. He’s been prior recognized with three distinguished service awards, three platoon awards, and seven lifesaving awards and he has also been recognized by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) for efforts in DWI enforcement.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Tuccio

Patrolman Pedro Oliveira promoted to the rank of Detective: Prior to joining the Police Department in 2011 Pedro Oliveira attended Kean University. He also served five years with the Newark Police Department where he served the Patrol Division, the Anti-Crime Division and the Dignitary

Protection Units. He has been recognized with one platoon award and tonight he will be promoted to the rank of Detective.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Detective Oliveira

Patrolman Brian Pereira promoted to the rank of Detective: Prior to joining the Clark Police Department Brian Pereira attended Globe Institute of Technology in Manhattan. He served two years with the Newark Police Department and one year with the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Department. He has been recognized prior with one exceptional service award and tonight he will be promoted to the rank of Detective.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Detective Pereira

The following new officers were sworn in to the Clark Police Department:

Patrolman Andrew Medeiros
Patrolman Michael Ciaccio

Prior to joining the Clark Police Department Andrew Medeiros graduated from Ryder University and served two years at the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Department. Tonight he will be our next patrolman, congratulations.

Prior to today Michael Ciaccio served four years with the United States Marine Corp. He completed two tours in Iraq. He attended John Jay College and graduated from Farleigh Dickinson University. And he served prior two years with the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Department. Today he will become one of our family and welcome to our family.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Medeiros and Patrolman Ciaccio

Mayor Bonaccorso welcomed both officers and wishes them a long, safe, healthy, happy and successful career here in Clark.

Public Safety Director John DeSimone: Thank you Mayor. Actually I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our recently promoted Superior Officers. You know seeing what’s happening here it makes me really feel good. I wish the left wingers could be here tonight to see what the police really do. You know say something nice because we are a great bunch, we really are. But again congratulations and to our new police officers congratulations and welcome, and that’s about it, thank you.

Police Chief Matos presented the yearly service awards to the following:

14-15951 Life Saving Award (Capt. Vincent Concina, Sgt. Christopher Tuccio and P.O. Sergio D’Andrea)

For their efforts on July 4, 2014 in reviving a 19-year-old victim of an opiate overdose in the parking lot of McDonald’s Restaurant who regained consciousness and was subsequently transported to the Rahway Hospital.

**14-26087 Life Saving Award (Sgt. Andrew Wagner, P.O. Joshua Disano,
P.O. Ricardo Oliveira, P.O. Sergio Henriques)**

For their efforts on October 25, 2014, in reviving a 26-year-old victim of an opiate overdose at a Clark residence who regained consciousness and was subsequently transported to the Rahway Hospital.

***No Case # Life Saving Award (Special Police Officer Class II Robert Janus)**

For his efforts on September 27, 2014 while on vacation in California in applying the Heimlich maneuver to a choking victim, which subsequently cleared her obstructed airway enabling her to breathe on her own.

14-28237 Life Saving Award (Sgt. Kevin Shackleton, P.O. Miguel Acabou)

For their efforts on November 13, 2014 in reviving a 35-year-old victim of an opiate overdose in the parking lot the Target Department Store who regained consciousness and was subsequently transported to the Rahway Hospital.

**14-21938 Life Saving Award (Sgt. Christopher Tuccio, P.O. Ricardo Oliveira,
P.O. Marty Venezia)**

For their efforts on September 13, 2014 when responding to the scene of a motor vehicle v. pedestrian accident and ensuring the rapid transport of the critically injured victim to Rahway Hospital who ultimately survived her injuries.

**14-18760 Distinguished Service Award (Sgt. Antonio Manata, Det. Alex Yanes,
P.O. Brandon Pitts)**

For their efforts on August 8, 2014 in the pursuit and ultimate apprehension of a suspect who had struck a police vehicle in an attempt to escape and who was subsequently charged with credit card theft, resisting arrest, eluding and aggravated assault.

14-17720 Distinguished Service Award (P.O. Brian Soos, P.O. Daniel Joy)

For their collaborative efforts on July 26, 2014 when responding to the scene of a motor vehicle v. construction equipment accident on the GSP and then accompanying the combative driver on the North Star helicopter to University Hospital where he was subsequently found to be in possession of 25-30 vials of CDS.

14-12431 Distinguished Service Award (P.O. Brian Soos, P.O. Daniel Joy)

For their collaborative efforts on May 24, 2014 in the pursuit and ultimate apprehension of a suspect who was subsequently transported to a psychiatric facility and charged with eluding and theft.

15-04072 Distinguished Service Award (Det. Alex Yanes, Det. Sgt. George Marmarou)

For their collaborative actions on February 5, 2015 in the apprehension of a suspect in a bomb threat case which caused the evacuation of the Target Department Store on two separate occasions and who was subsequently charged with creating a false public alarm.

Police Chief Matos: To all of the officers here tonight who were promoted, recognized with an award, and to the two new officers I thank you for your efforts every day that you come out here. And to every officer in this room we know our jobs are not easy especially in today’s climate but we come in anyway every day with silent pride and we do our job. And that’s the way we will continue to do it every day of our lives. Thank you very much and thank you to all the families for all your support of every single officer because I know that’s not easy to be in a law enforcement family. I thank each and every one of you for coming out and celebrating with us and have a good night.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Chief a very good job on tonight’s presentation. Just quickly to echo on what the Chief said, congratulations to all promoted again, everyone who achieved awards, and everyone here in law enforcement in the room, we thank you from myself and the township council for all you do for each and every one on us every day. To our citizens at home, I think it’s important that we have our officers here so you can see their achievements, you can see what they do out here and you can be proud of our police department in Clark. And we sure all are, so congratulations, God Bless and continue great success, thank you.

Council President Smith: Before we continue I would just like to say two quick things. Congratulations to all the promotions and new officers and all the awards, a tremendous job. Also it sounds like many of the officers served in the Armed Forces, so I want to thank you for your service to our country. And to the officers from other towns, thank you for your service to your towns as well. We will take a five minute recess for anyone that would like to leave, thank you.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Mr. President good evening, and Members of Council, also ladies and gentlemen. Report tonight for the month of April; our bulk cleanup is in full, full swing right now. We actually had not only our township trash truck out today with several other trucks out trying to catch up; I guess over this cold winter with nowhere to go outside everyone stood in and cleaned their basements because we do have a lot of bulky waste out there. And that’s great, it’s a service (that) myself and the township council is very happy to provide for you. The only thing folks we’re going to ask is, please adhere to the rules. Each week of the month is for Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and accordingly the weeks...week 1 is Ward 1 etc. and so on. If you are in Ward 4 please don’t put your bulky waste out in the first, second or third week...put it out the weekend prior to the Monday of the fourth week and we will be glad to come and clean it up. What happens things get wet, things get heavier and we are paying for extra weight let’s say if it rains over you know a few days prior to that weekend and it starts to make the town look very, very cluttered. And also this isn’t the first year we’ve been doing this. So it seems like this year it’s happening a lot more than it has in the past. I know you are not going to be happy if a township official pulls up and tells you to take it off the curb or possible summons, I know you won’t be happy, so let’s not put anybody in that position to have to do that,

okay please. We are proud to give you the service and we want you to use it as much as you like but within our guidelines.

Also our branch cleanup started in March and we are going to continue in through April as we have been. But in May it starts up again branches out the third week and we will pick them up the fourth week, okay, branches out the third and we'll pick them up on the fourth week. I'll bet anybody a dollar in the Township of Clark May 1st there will be branches all over the streets. Folks again not to sound obnoxious but this is a safety hazard for people on bicycles, pedestrians, motor vehicles, and it makes the town looked clutter. If you are going to have some work done in your yard by a commercial landscape contractor who is maybe going to rip your shrubbery out, try to coordinate with him that third week if he could knock the dirt off it and send it out to the curb and we will be glad to pick that up for you.

Also potholes, we have spent an exorbitant amount of money on potholes so far this year and there's still more out there and we are on them. If you see a pothole and you haven't called it in already, call out Department of Public Works to make sure we have it on the list, we will be glad to get out there. It's a little bit of a tedious process to do. The Quarry up in Watchung where we were getting the blacktop mix from, I don't know about this week so far, but prior to it the plant was just opening, we had a late spring and sometimes our trucks are up there for an hour and a half or two hours waiting on line to get the material, so that cuts into the filling process for that day.

Also our grass cleanup will start in the month of May. The rules are all on the website and if you have any questions, please feel free to call. If you are a new homeowner in town and if any of these services you are not sure about call my office or call the Department of Public Works or look on our website www.ourclark.com and we will be glad to help you navigate through the process.

The Clark Commons is coming along very nicely. The other day Mr. Laezza and I were asked to go over to the Commons, it was the first time I actually went onto the site since they started building and I have to say it's quite impressive. We were there to take a look at the stamp for the concrete that they are going to use in front of the stores and the color scheme that they are going to use. The developer was nice enough to ask us to come over and ask for our opinion on it. It's really coming along very nicely; it's really growing, and it's very, very impressive to look at. But now for the humorous story that was involved in the day. I know folks, everybody is talking about traffic and we are too. When the road construction started up on Raritan Road and Central Avenue, I basically told everyone to stay out of Clark if you don't have to be here. I told our residents to try to stay away from that area, avoid it if you can. I avoid it, I avoid it. I know there has been a lot of conversation about traffic and this and that. Unfortunately folks construction does cause traffic, it slows down traffic and that's bad enough. The other problem I see is from the Clark Police Department, they tell me that people are just basically out there, not all, but enough ignoring their orders in the roadways getting caught in between the intersections up on the parkway circle on a connector road in through the circle and also on Raritan Road, and that becomes a little frustrating. It's a big job to be out there trying to direct this traffic. And we are just going to ask you folks if it's you whom I'm talking about, please try to adhere to what the police officer says, it will help things. The other thing is, if you don't need to be up in that area, try to stay away from it. I know we all have needs up there, I do, and you do. But just to take that way home I really think about my path that I go in an area that will help me get through there a little bit quicker and add fewer cars into the congestion. And it's going to be this way until the road

construction is done. And there's nothing we can do about that, so grin and bear it. But getting onto the humorous part of all this; Mr. Laezza and I parked out on Walnut and we walk in to the Commons using the Walnut Avenue entrance and exist however you want to call it. And it's clearly shown that you cannot enter from there. But there's a construction site out on Raritan Road where all the cars come in and out and all of the trucks come in and out of. So we took the shortcut because our meeting was down by the Walnut Avenue side. At that point we're talking to the developer and the construction manager and there's this little blue car parked in the Commons right at the exist of Walnut facing the homes on Walnut. So Mr. Laezza and I began looking at each other and we're a little baffled and the developer turns around and he's baffled. So the construction manager says "well let me go over and see what's going on with this lady." And he walks over to her and he says "ma'am can we help you, what are you doing?" and she says "well I come to go shopping" true story. Okay, here is the moral to the story; does anyone here think that the Clark Commons is opened at this point? Can you be mistaken? I can't. You want to talk about traffic, adhering to patterns, adhering to rules, folks if the good Lord came down and designed the best traffic pattern that this world would ever see, if you are going to be driving like that on that roadway, we are going to have backups to Hasbrooks Heights, trust me when I tell you. I mean it was just amazing to us that someone would pull into the Clark Commons, drive through all the construction equipment and park at the Walnut Avenue exist and say "I want to go shopping." So we have that too to contend with.

To get back to a little piece of quick business; today the township has applied for a Downtown Redevelopment Grant through the Union County Board of Freeholders. It's a matching grant 50/50 to see what we can do to begin a development on Westfield Avenue working of course with the citizens that have the downtown committee. We've sent out letters to everyone on Westfield Avenue. We asked them to form a board of some people that would work with myself, Mr. Laezza, our engineer, our police department and anyone else to try to find a beginning to a nice little downtown area on Westfield Avenue between Brandt and Madison Hill Road. I'll let you know how the grand process goes. Hopefully in a few short months we'll find that we are successful in achieving some money. It is a matching 50/50 grant, so whatever we get we have to match as a community. That concludes my report tonight, thank you very much.

Township Clerk: The police, fire, and first aid reports for the month of March, 2015 have been receive and are on file in my office.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to give my Library report. I would like to talk about one of our employees who recently retired, Rachael Strom. I guess for about more than twenty-five years I've been going to the Library pretty regularly. And as all of us do we wind up at the checkout line checking out our books, and we wear that balloon around our head that's says "don't touch me, don't talk to me." And you are in a rush because you are thinking about where you need to go, what you need to do, and when you get to the desk Rachael says "how was your day been?" and I was really shocked. I got to really check out my books and I watch Rachael and I could see that she was having a lot of conversation with the patrons. She knew most of them personally by their name and she was talking to them about where to find this, and where to find that. And she would go on and on and then at the end she would say "I hope the rest of your day is really wonderful." And Rachael was one of those urban saints, she transformed every one of the checkout

lines into ripples of good feelings which everyone I think sorely needed because we tend to be in a rush too much these days. So Rachael was living proof that our emotions are contagious. And for better or worse particularly when we pay attention to one another we do impact our people. So Rachael I want to thank you for your many years of service at the Library and for paying attention to people and for putting them in a good mood.

One final note report on other activities at the Library; I want to talk about an event that the Friends of the Library is having this Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Each year for the past few years they have had April Frenzy; it's an open house where they have a number of different programs for adults and children. They run a book sale. And one of the main purposes is to encourage citizens to join the Friends of the Library. They are going to have gift raffle drawings and new members get three free DVD rentals. So I hope you can all make it from 1:00 to 4:00. Some of the programs they are going to have in addition to the book sale; they are going to have a plant your own mini herb garden. If you want to learn about the history of Clark, we will have Councilman Toal our Historian on hand speaking. Also if you want to increase your knowledge of wine, we will have a presentation by Alvin Barr, a 43 year connoisseur of wine and member of the Men of Taste. In addition at 3:00 pm we are going to have a speaker who joined us last year, Joan Dickinson, who is a integrative nutrition health coach. She will be talking about eating for energy, how to enjoy a vibrant life, how to basically look at all aspects of your life and how to live better and get more energy out of life. So I hope you join us this Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Clark Library. Thank you and that concludes my report.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. The Clark Volunteer Fire Department had to respond to 42 fire calls this past month. As each year comes up around this time I bring up that this year's Memorial Day and Parade will take place on May 25th. And I'm asking all those who plan to participate; please return the invitation forms as soon as possible. I have to set-up the parade with everybody that's in it; where they are going to be. And until I know everybody that's going to be in it, it makes it very difficult. And let us not forget why we have Memorial Day. Remember folks, this is paying tribute to all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their life so we can be living in freedom which we are. So if you are not a participant in the parade please be a spectator and let's pay tribute to all those people. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Hund: Thank you Mr. President. This month's police report saw a total of 3,154 calls for service of which 101 were ambulance requests, 7 were fire department requests, 3 were vandalism. 14 were motor vehicle and resident lock outs, 77 were alarm calls, 93 were motor vehicle accidents and 2,851 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total 38 adult arrests including 2 for thief, 1 for burglary, 1 for hindering apprehension, 2 for DUI, 2 for drug abuse, and 30 warrants. There were a total of 18 juvenile arrests including 4 weapons, 2 for drug abuse, 1 for possession consumption of alcohol, 1 for terroristic threats, and 2 for offense against the family. That concludes my report Mr. President thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes thank you Council President. The Mayor touched on a number of items that public works provides. But to recap on a couple of them; on the branch pickup, that date that the Mayor was talking about is May 25th. Please do not put branches out until May 18th to keep our streets safe and clean. On the bulky pickup just to recap, an appointment is required by the Thursday before your Ward's pickup. You can go on our website to see what items will be acceptable. Items that will not be picked up are mattresses, box springs, construction debris or electronics to name a

few. The grass pickup as the Mayor said will continue every Monday. Grass needs to be placed in containers under 32 gallons and clearly marked "Grass." No other debris should go in there, no branches or leaves just solely grass. Mulch is available to township residents free of charge delivered on Fridays as it has been for the past few years. A Small load is about 3 yards and a large load about 6 yards. Call or email DPW to arrange that deliver.

Spring Cleanup; All spring cleanup needs to be out by April 27th 6:00 am. Electronic and used motor oil recycle is Saturday, April 25th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the DPW yard behind police headquarters. Any metal placed at the curb for pick up belongs to the township and it is illegal to remove that by scrapping or picking up. Our appliances and metal products are recycled material and we have our forces to pick them up. The DPW wanted this to be mentioned because it does degrade and clogs our sanitary pipes. Sanitary wipes are not flushable no matter what they advertise on television, they are not flushable. They get hung up in the sanitary sewer lines and create a clog and it is quite expensive to unclog it if we can't free those clogs. They should be disposed in the waste not the toilet.

Special event this Saturday, April 25th we will be handing out 2 foot Bare Root Tree Saplings at the DPW Facility from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. The tree species are Willow Oaks and Kousa Dogwood. There will be limited supply, so get there early and they will be happy to give them to you. DPW now has a new Facebook page for information only. All service requests need to be emailed to dpw@ourclark.com or call (732) 428-8402. And that's extent of my report thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. I have the report from the Volunteer Emergency Squad for the past month. There were 128 service calls of which 116 were for Clark and there were 12 mutual aid. The top three calls were for fall victims 20, breathing problems 15, and motor vehicle accidents 12.

With regards to the Finance Committee I have some comments on the Budget which I will make later in the meeting. Thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. To just piggyback from what Frank just said, please go over to the back here at public works to get the trees, then come out and join the Rahway River Cleanup which is happening also this Saturday. You know we just went through a very harsh winter; you need to get out and explore the Rahway River basin that goes from the Winfield Park Dam all the way down to Jackson Falls. There will be people there to give you stories about where the Jackson Falls name originated from. And then they are going to proceed onto Rahway Park and basically pick up debris. So please come out. I know you are busy with your soccer, baseball, girls' softball and other activities that are going around town. But if you can give a little bit of time, please respond to rahwayrivercleanup.net and its attention Joe Seebode and he will answer any questions, so please come out. They're asking that you wear the proper attire, bring a bucket and come out and explore parts of Clark you normally don't see. So come out and have fun and if you could only spend an hour that's fine. Joe will take any time you can give, but come out and help clean up Mother Nature and our hometown Clark. Thank you Mr. President.

Council President Smith: I have the Recreation and Pool Reports. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 28. It was a huge success with over 1,000 people in attendance. Thank you

to all the volunteers, especially the ALJ Key Club for all their help. Also special thanks to all the local businesses and organizations that donated money and food to make this happen.

Spring classes are in full swing – some have just started so if you are interested stop by the rec center for more information or contact Ralph Bernardo at 732-388-3600 Ext. 4. Clark Recreation will begin selling discount tickets to theme parks again this summer. Fill out the form located outside the rec office; indicate the theme park and how many tickets you would like. Then turn the form in to Ralph at the rec center to get your tickets.

Summer Rec – PLEASE Register now!! Ralph needs to have a head count so he has enough staff, materials, equipment, etc. It begins on Monday July 6th and runs every Mon-Thurs for 6 weeks, ending on Thursday, August 13. Its only \$35 which is unheard of for all that you get for these 6 weeks of camp.

Register now for Women’s Softball, Adult tennis and the Summer Tennis Camp. Also coming this summer is Pickleball. More information to follow.

Interested in joining the Clark Community Pool? Register now to become a member or visit us at the Open house on Saturday, May 16 @ 10am. If you sign up by this date you will receive two free guest passes. Our fees have not increased. Any questions please contact Ralph Bernardo at the Rec office at 732-388-3600 Ext. 4 or visit our website at www.ourclark.com for the forms. And that’s my report for this evening.

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

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

Ordinance 15-05

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

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-05

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Mazarella

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Motion to adopt the Ordinance made by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 15-07

AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 347 SECTION 33 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED STOP INTERSECTIONS

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-07

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Toal made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

Motion to adopt the Ordinance made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Discussion:

Councilman Toal: Ladies and gentlemen of the Township of Clark, we’ve known the Parkway Circle since 1946, actually June 22, 1951 the Parkway actually opened. And we’ve always had a Parkway Circle until a couple of years ago when the Parkway Circle got controlled with lights, a controlled intersection. One thing we didn’t put in was stop signs to stop people from just...you are supposed to yield but they just kind of help themselves out to get into the next level of getting on Exit 135. Tonight we are putting in stop signs to help with the traffic lights to control the intersection for your safety and for the general public safety. That’s it Mr. President thank you.

No further discussion

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 15-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS ARTICLES OF CHAPTER 195 OF THE CLARK CODE ENTITLED “LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT” ADOPTED APRIL 6, 2015

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-08

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Mazzarella made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

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

Discussion: None

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 15-09

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FIX MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-09

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Barr

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

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

Discussion: None

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 15-10

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES OF THE WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD 2015 THROUGH 2019

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-10

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

Motion to adopt the Ordinance made by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 15-11

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES OF COMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS FOR THE YEARS 2015 THROUGH 2020

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-11

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

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

Motion to adopt the Ordinance made by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 15-12

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES OF POLICE PERSONNEL FOR THE YEARS 2015 THROUGH 2019

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-12

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

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

Discussion: None

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Ordinance Adopted

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 \$318,110.75 for the period ending April 15, 2015, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:

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

Council President Smith opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 15-51

WHEREAS at least one (1) week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget was delivered to the free public library and made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS an Affidavit of Receipt of the Budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof has been obtained from the library pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-8; and

WHEREAS copies of the budget have been made available to each person requesting one at no charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that upon passage of this resolution by a majority of the full membership that the law has been met allowing the budget to be read by title.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Public Hearing on the 2015 Municipal Budget

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on the 2015 Municipal Budget

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Mazzarella made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Resolution 15-52

WHEREAS the local municipal budget for the year 2015 was approved on the 2nd day of March, 2015; and

WHEREAS the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS it is desired to amend said approved budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2015 be made.

<u>Sewer Utility</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
10 DEDICATED REVENUES FROM SEWER UTILITY		
Operating Surplus Anticipated	\$ 512,364.00	\$ 193,563.88
Total Operating Surplus Anticipated	\$ 512,364.00	\$ 193,563.88
Total Sewer Utility Revenues	\$ 3,312,364.12	\$ 2,993,564.00

11 APPROPRIATIONS FOR SEWER UTILITY

Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures

Deferred Charges

Operating Deficit	\$ 318,800.12	\$ -0-
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 3,312,364.12	\$ 2,993,564.00

BE IT RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this complete amendment, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9, will be published in the Union County Local Source in the issue of April 23, 2015 and that said publication contains notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Municipal Building, room 30, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on May 4, 2015, at 7:30 pm at which time and place objections to the amended Budget for 2015 may be presented by the taxpayers and other interested persons.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion:

Councilman O’Connor: Although we are amending the approved Budget, the amendment is not material in amount and will not affect the tax. With the 2015 Budget we have stayed within the 2% Cap Levy. Additionally we have sufficient funds in case of an emergency which will still keep us within the Cap law. Property taxes went up 2% which is within the Cap Levy and it equates to 2.3 points tax points or \$23.00 per every hundred thousand your property taxes are assessed. This 2.3 tax point increase or \$23.00 dollars per one hundred thousand of assessed is for municipal taxes only and it excludes the schools and county taxes. With regard to new ratables, a small portion is in our base for 2015 with a majority of the new ratable coming from in 2016 upon the completion and full tax value of Clark Commons. Included in the budget for 2015 is an increase of salaries of fifty-seven thousand dollars which equates to a less than 1% increase in salaries overall. This small increase is due to the retiring of long term police officers with high salaries and replacing them with new less tenured police officers. While these officers’ salaries will increase over the next ten years, the increase in ratable due to the Clark Commons will offset these increases and provide a steady rate of income to help stabilize the fluctuations of taxes.

Having the administration know about the upcoming increase in ratables due to the Clark Commons has helped in the negotiation of five year contracts to ensure the township has sufficient personnel to meet the town’s needs. Other expenses continue to remain constant with the exception of those that we have little control over such as insurance costs, pension costs from the state, health benefits and debt services.

Finally as Council Liaison I am pleased to say our capital debt structure has been a model approach so that the rating agencies have upgraded the Township of Clark from an A1 to an AA bond rating. This has allowed the township to borrow money at just one quarter of one percent, a benefit to all of our taxpayers, thank you.

Resolution 15-55

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

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

BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND	AMT TRNS	TRANS FROM	TRANS TO
33.02	30		Brian Clancy	121	Acorn Drive	\$2,576.44			
22	16		Susana & Joao Olivera	18	Acken Drive	\$370.37			
120	14		Jacob Kolasinski	131	Nassau Street	\$2,113.00			
89	23		Benjamin & Geriann DelVignia	15	Kathryn Street	\$190.49			
67	14		Jill Tobin	95	Gibson Blvd	\$2,797.75			
69	28	C-039	Anthony Botro	39	School Street	\$238.42			
68	34		Thomas Albert Prillo	14	Emerald Ct	\$657.79			
179	42.07		David Fritz	49	Skylark Place	\$757.56			
24	11		Ivio Bevacqua	55	Hillcrest Drive	\$842.10			
56	9		Eileen Bojar	16	Garside Place	\$358.19			
68	22		Joan Meeham	36	Emerald Place	\$666.47			
52	17		Charlotte Gessler	444	Madison Hill Rdd	\$779.20			
8.01	5		Angela House	112	Rutgers Road	\$869.72			
173	21		Maffei Trust	152	Riverside Drive		\$628.77	2015/2	2015/3
195	32		Margaret Miciek	46	Alice Lane	\$540.46			
33	6.09	C006	Marjorie Berson	7	Winters Court	\$764.77			
			Totals			14,522.73	\$628.77		

Resolution 15-56

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Treasurer/CFO for authorization to refund overpayment of 2015 sewer fees; the Mayor has recommended to Council that such authorization be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, that the Treasurer/CFO is hereby authorized and directed to make the following refund(s) as per the following schedule.

REF	#	Account #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
15	1R	3726-1	Mother Seton Convent	55	Valley Rd	overpayment	\$2,667.50
15	2R	332-0	Ralph & Patricia Palmieri	979	Lake Avenue	overpayment	\$25.00
15	3R	1454-0	Martha Reddington	2	Avon Place	overpayment	\$2,880.00
15	4R	2126-0	Elizabeth Nied	7	Garside Place	overpayment	\$12.50
15	5R	576-0	Roy & Lisa Apuzzio	115	Armstrong Dr	overpayment	\$25.00
15	6R	134-0	RV Terrace LLC		Goodmans Crossing	overpayment	\$450.00
						Total Refunds	\$6,060.00

Resolution 15-57

WHEREAS the Treasurer/CFO has certified that sewer utility accounts require balance adjustments; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator has reviewed and approved the sewer fee adjustments.

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.

REF	#	Account #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Original	Revised	Credit	Additional
15	1	1454-0	Martha Reddington	2	Avon Place	Water issue	\$3,105.00	\$225.00	\$2,880.00	2014
15	2	1454-0	Martha Reddington	2	Avon Place	Water issue	\$3,545.00	\$225.00	\$3,320.00	2015
15	3	2403-0	Gus Diakogiannakis	5	Whilshire Way	new homeowner	\$1,187.08	\$225.00	\$962.08	
15	4	3152-0	Thomas Buesing	144	Hart Street	no water	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	
15	5	4310-0	Richard Sabarese	310	Valley Road	pool	\$887.88	\$741.38	\$146.50	
15	6	2467-2	Franed Realty LLC	1189	Raritan Road	vacant	\$4,145.00	\$0.00	\$4,145.00	
15	7	1557-0	Edward Koch	48	Devon Lane	leak	\$1,625.00	\$225.00	\$1,400.00	
15	8	61-0	Jose Casimiro	280	Laurel Lane	demolished	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	
15	9	73-0	Albert Genova	92	Wheatsheaf Rd	Water issue	\$1,505.00	\$225.00	\$1,280.00	
15	10	4863-0	Luiz Sa	1710	Westover Rd	Water issue	\$1,486.28	\$385.00	\$1,101.28	
15	11	5229-0	Vincent Renda	2	Acken Drive	Water issue	\$2,054.76	\$1,149.68	\$905.08	
15	12	1804-0	Pelardis Panaiotis	59	Wendell Pl	demolished	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	
15	13	4004-0	O Ice LLC	1463	Raritan Road	Water issue	19,684.60	\$9,345.00	\$10,339.60	
15	14	3726-1	Mother Seton Convent	55	Valley Road	leak	\$5,785.00	\$225.00	\$5,560.00	
15	15	542-0	Kathy Petronella	115	Hillcrest Drive	leak	\$1,305.00	\$225.00	\$1,080.00	
15	16	2440-0	Dennis Hogan	178	Lexington Blvd	leaky toilet	\$865.00	\$225.00	\$640.00	

			Total Adjustments						\$34,434.54
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Resolution 15-58

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK’S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

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

WHEREAS the governing body of the Township of Clark has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the Township of Clark that:

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6: The Business Administrator has established written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Township as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

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

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

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Township in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Township’s commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

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

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

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 Smith opened the public portion of the meeting

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

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Very quick...I know Brian usually covers this at the end. But I'm not sure if he knows about this but I would like to send my condolences to Chief Matos and his wife Barbara in the passing of the Chief's father-in-law Barbara's father just the other day. Arrangements are being made for Wednesday and Thursday. So Chief Matos and his wife and family of course our deepest condolences. And that concludes my report thank you very much and have a great month, see you next month.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President. I think enough was said but again congratulations again to all of the officers who were promoted, those officers who were recognized for their outstanding performance in the line of duty, and also to our Special here Bob Janus for performing, even though he was on vacation.

I did want to mention one item before we leave. At our workshop on April 6th the Mayor presented a proclamation to the Kiwanis Group, it was Kiwanis International Day. And for sixty years the Kiwanis Club has performed community service in Clark and probably you know the most important thing in life is to serve others whether it's your family or others in the community or the ones you take care of yourself, service is so important. And they have been an excellent role model. As the president has mentioned here this evening Key Club was involved in the Easter Egg Hunt and it's again a sub-organization of the Kiwanis Group, they also have the builders club for the younger kids. So congratulations to them, thank you. And also they have a great display on at the Library with a lot of historical memorabilia for the Kiwanis Club, so glad to see that they keep going strong, thanks.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. Just to once again say please to all the people who are expecting to participate in the Memorial Day Parade, please return your invitation forms, so I can get this thing lined up, thank you.

Councilman Hund: I would just like to congratulate all the officers in their well-deserved promotions and awards they received tonight. Welcome the two new officers that joined us today. And hearing from the Mayor, condolences to Chief Matos and his family. And Councilman Toal took a little bit of my thunder from his earlier comments about Earth Day. So I look forward to seeing everyone on Earth Day on Saturday to clean-up the Rahway River and explore some unfounded land that Councilman Toal has for us. Thank you Mr. President.

Councilman Mazarella: Yes thank you. Just real quickly, to the six police officers on their promotions, congratulations. To the two new police officers that came on board, good luck. And to all of the police officers for their service awards, it was well deserved, they are our heroes. And until next month be safe.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. Relay for Life is back, it's going to be held Saturday, June 13th at Johnson High School which is at 345 Westfield Avenue. I spoke to someone at the American Cancer Society today and it's a little bit different this year. It starts at noon, so registration is from 12 noon till 2:00, 2:00 is the opening ceremony and ends at 11:00 pm. So it's no longer all night long in Clark.

Additionally the 7th Annual Waterson/Durham Ride Sunday, July 12, 2015, registration starts at 9am, kick stands up at 12 noon, bagpipes ceremony at 11:30 sharp. That concludes my report for this evening, thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. I'm also going to be at the Library on Sunday, I follow happy hour. So please come out and support the Library, support the programs that Angel speaks about. Al is going to be there. I'm coming out to talk about the legends and stories of Clark "where the bodies are buried" we call it.

Let's get into this because I know it's late. To the citizens of Clark, New Jersey I also say to you keeping this township clean, safe, green, and historic and our hometown. And the one word tonight is of course safe. Our Mayor has now reinvigorated our police department with a lot of new faces and a lot of new names. If you are out and about say hello to them and get to know them. There are a lot of young men who are now replacing the 21st Century Clark Police Department. It's important that we get to know them, I still have to know a lot of them, but it's important that we understand safe community is what's going to make our town a safe community and community pride. And that's what you've seen tonight in these young men who are driving around the cars making sure that we are safe. If we don't have that, this town is not going to be there anymore. So we need to keep it safe. We need to invest into it and that's what this Mayor is doing and this Council in keeping this town to the 21st Century so we can keep it the way we want it.

It was mentioned about Chief Matos father-in-law and I'm very sorry to hear about that. But we also have a local, Councilman O'Connor's father-in-law Joseph Leone had just passed away. He was a forty year resident of the Township of Clark and a parishioner of St. Agnes, father of Joanne class of "81", father of Nancy (Pat's wife) class of "83", Larry class of "87". Again to the Leone family who has been a part of us St. Agnes and the community of Clark, Pat we are very, very sorry for family's loss. That's all I have tonight Bill. We'll see you in May and if anybody else needs anything just give us a call, that's what we are here for, thank you.

John Laezza: Nothing tonight.

Township Clerk: No thank you.

Attorney Triarsi: I have no report.

Council President Smith: Just real quick...last Monday I went to the Board of Education meeting where they present there awards to the students. There had to be over 150 students from the elementary schools, middle school, and the high school who received awards for perfect scores on some of the NJS test and some of the other standardized tests. So that's a credit to the Board of Ed, our faculty, teachers, administration, etc. So I just want to send out congratulations to them. And also four students who performed in the Wizard of Oz last year were invited to Washington, DC at the end of June and they will be performing a skit that they performed which won an award for Kumpf for the schools to watch program in the State. So that's a pretty prestigious day for those children, so that should be a fun event.

And I heard the softball and little league parade went well this year that I unfortunately missed for the first time in twelve years. So thank you for everyone who stood in and that's all I have this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

APPROVED

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk