

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
August 15, 2016

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Joseph Triarsi, Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk; Police Chief Pedro Matos

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 proper filing of said Notice. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

Motion to Suspend the Regular Order of Business made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Toal

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

Presentation of certificates by Jerry Fewkes for C.E.R.T Program

Jerry Fewkes: Good evening. Tonight I have the pleasure of being here to present some certificates to the people who just completed our latest Community Emergency Response Training Program otherwise known as C.E.R.T.

The basic C.E.R.T program is a twenty-four-hour program that we do over about a nine-week period. And it covers such things as general emergency preparedness, basic fire safety, basic medical operations, light search and rescue, and terrorism. And after we do the classroom part the people actually get to go over to the Union County Fire Academy and do about a three or four-hour session over there where they actually get to put out some small fires with extinguishers and they get to go through the kind of dark and dirty fire tower over there where they can practice their search and rescue techniques and their medical training techniques. And so it gives them somewhat of a little bit of an idea of hands on type of things not just to look at something out of a book. We started this program back in 2005 and we probably trained well over 150 people. So since then obviously people leave and things like that so you know we don't have quite that many people available. But the training these people get, we found in many cases,

that it's given them a much better idea of how to handle a lot of different emergency situations. Whether they are doing it for themselves and their families or if they are actually helping out in town doing it to help their neighbors or other people on a township level.

This C.E.R.T class was really kind of relatively small in terms of numbers but as far as their energy, their interest, and their participation, it was a good class to work with. And we had a pretty good time and we did a pretty good job. Before I present the certificates I would just like to acknowledge that we have friends here from Springfield that we have in the C.E.R.T Program that we have worked with them on several occasions. So it's nice to see them here to support the one individual we have that actual took the class that's from Springfield.

The other thing I would like to mention is that we will be looking to start another basic program hopefully by the end of this year. So we will be doing some advertising pretty soon in regards to being in the paper or other sources to see if we can get enough people to do another class again at the end of this year and the beginning of next year.

Jerry Fewkes handed out certificates to: Greg Abrams, Susan Alacchi, Angel Albanese, Tony Scott Cole, and Lisa Simonetti. Ivan Simonetti couldn't make here tonight, so I thank you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Just one second Mr. President. I would like to take a moment to thank Jerry Fewkes for all he does as our Emergency Management Coordinator and I would like to congratulate the new C.E.R.T. people. It's a great thing to help volunteer for your town. I remember during Hurricane Sandy how important the C.E.R.T people were in really helping the community. So God Bless you for all your community spirit and work. And welcome to the Springfield C.E.R.T team to a wonderful town, thank you very much.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes Mr. President thank you and good evening everyone. Summer is almost over, it's amazing. A few months ago we were here and Councilman Barr's updates on the Memorial Day Parade, the parade came and we said have a great summer. And now the summer is almost in the rear view mirror. You know this town is an amazing town. Right when you think you know the town and you know the people of the town you get surprised again. And I have to say the outgoing expression of love that this community has for our police department has just been so heartwarming since the Dallas PD police officers were shot down there on that ugly, ugly night that those poor officers lost their lives. And to see our community coming to our police department bringing food, balloons, flowers and a host of things from sandwiches to desserts. The Chief has put it up on the Facebook page. And I have to tell you something, this town is just an incredible, incredible town filled with a lot of great human beings who really,

really care about our police department. And I thank you from myself and the township council because we feel the same way. You heard me talk over the last year or so, it's a lousy time to be a police officer in this world and it's a shame on what's going on across America. We hope we can get our hands around it and get it stopped. Nowadays even in a small community like Clark and our Chief and I have talked about it that everybody has to be on their toes. There's no taking for granted on anything out there for safety right now. So Chief it's just a great tribute to you and your men and I'll tell you what, in the Township of Clark you guys are the best, it's really heartwarming. So thank you on behalf of myself and the Township Council.

I would like to also congratulate and I won't take Councilman Smith's thunder. I would like to congratulate Ralph Bernardo and his staff on another great Summer Recreation Program. I would like to thank the children for participating and the parents for having them participate and being there, all the counselors and all the people. To the fire department who always lends their truck for the wet down, the DPW, and everybody that does everything like the police department directing traffic out there. I think we averaged over seven hundred kids a day this year and for thirty-five dollars for the summer. There's not a town in this state that can come close to that. And we are very proud to put our children out there and give them the best that we can give them. And council as always, I'll always thank you for funding our budget when we give it to you that has that recreational line item in and you guys never look at cutting a penny out of it, so thank you so much.

Schools are opening soon believe it or not here we go again in a couple of weeks. Again leave a little bit early, don't speed, drive safety, we have precious cargo in our vehicles in the morning taking kids to school. I'm going to say it early for the young students who are parking out in the Dawn Drive area. Please, please respect the citizens over there. Pay attention to the signage and do what you are supposed to do so the police department won't have to get involved because every now and then they have to.

I just came back from Cooperstown, New York with our 12U Travel Baseball Team. I would like to congratulate all the Coaches and our 12U boys who finished in the sweet 16 in Cooperstown out of 120 teams. So it was quite a showing, it was a long hard exhausting week in many ways. And I thank the parents and all the ballplayers who attended and were out there cheering Clark on, it was a great, great site and the boys did a great job.

I would like to also take a moment to re-apologize to the Prescott Turn residents in all that construction that went on Westfield Avenue. A letter went out because we paved a small piece across Prescott by Westfield telling them that their road was going to be paved. And the folks up there expected that and they got a little confused when it didn't happen. And I know myself and Councilman Toal were out there talking to the residents and I think you all are satisfied because you are going to be on the list for paving for next year. So again you just got your letter one year early. So we apologize for that, it came out of our engineering department and next time it's going to have to be a little bit more specific in nature. It's a boiler plate letter that we've been using for sixteen years. And to all of the residents up there I would like to thank you for your kindness and your understanding and the ability to come over to your house and to talk with you is a nice afternoon. And that concludes my report, thank you.

Township Clerk: I have the Police, Fire, Emergency Management and First Aid Squad reports for the month of July 2016 received and on file in my office.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Council President. I just want to give a few updates regarding activities at the Library. And also a reminder that we do have the Intrepid Air, Space and Sea Museum passes for the Museum in New York for six people that's free, and also the Grounds for Sculpture among other passes. So it's still time if you want to consider a day trip with the family, those are available as well as available throughout the year.

A couple of events that are coming up; on Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 pm there will be airing a family movie in addition to the other family movies that are shown or movies that are shown during the week and that will be "The Jungle Book" cartoon by Disney. On September 19th at 7:00 pm there will be a program "Financial Challenges Women Face and Strategies to help overcome them". So that is available for you and if you are interested you can register for that at the Library online. And also the ever popular "AARP Driver Safety Classes" that will be held in two parts. The first one will be on September 26th from 9:30 to 12:30 and the second day it will be 9:30 to 12:30 on September 27th. And that concludes my report on the Library, thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. The police dispatcher had the Clark Volunteer Fire Department respond to sixty calls in July. And nine of those calls were for power lines that were down if you remember the terrible storms we've had. Also they asked me to please tell everyone to remind them to check the batteries in all of your alarm systems...fire alarms, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide. Because nineteen of those calls were for alarm system activation and many of them were because of their batteries were low. And what basically happens when the battery starts going low, it gives off a signal and a lot of times the alarm company picks up that signal and they have the fire department respond. So again please check all of your alarms systems to make sure they are up and operating well. And that concludes my report, thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes, thank you Council President. I have the DPW report for this month; branches can be place curbside starting Saturday, August 20th all branches should be out by August 28th for pick up August 29th.

Electronic drop off is Saturday, August 27th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. And they will accept TV's, computers, monitors, laptops, tablets, e-readers, printers, copy machines and fax machines, 4', 6', and 8' round and U shaped fluorescent light bulbs. No other items will be accepted, this is for Clark residents only, you must show your ID in order to drop anything off.

Bulky and metal pick up continues, please contact DPW at dpw@ourclark.com. Metal items are different from bulky, please schedule accordingly. Root mulch is still available, contact DPW to schedule a delivery. And finally grass pickup for Labor Day will be on Saturday, September 3rd. No pick up on Monday. Thank you and that concludes my report.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. From the Finance Committee, Mr. Laezza and his team of accountants keep this town running like on top. So John thank you very much, we appreciate that.

From the Office of Emergency Management; you saw Mr. Fewkes tonight award some C.E.R.T awards to the people who participated in the program. And of course you heard our own Angel Albanese was a recipient and a participant of the class. Thank you for all your time Jerry that you give to the town with regard to getting these people educated to be able to help their neighbors in the community when the time is necessary as the Mayor did talk about.

From the Emergency Squad; the Squad's annual fund drive is still under way. If you haven't sent in your donation it is not too late. You can return it in the envelope provided. Drop it in the donation mailbox at the Squad house or drop your donation directly at TD Bank and mark it to the Squad. The Squad depends on the donations of the citizens of Clark to make their financial obligations and continue to provide free emergency medical care twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. The Squad respectfully requests the support of the Council and residents to reach out to the local state legislators in support of State Senate Bill 371 and Assembly Bill 543 which defines a minimum crew configuration to include one certified EMT and to finding a volunteer squad as one that covers a minimum of fifty-one percent of total coverage time. By supporting the bill, the squad can automate their finances and have paid members to fill in difficult times slots while still being eligible for pre-educational funding for EMT and Legal Limited Liability. To support the bill there's a link on the New Jersey EMS Counsel website at www.njsfac.org. It takes just a minute to complete your name and address and it will automatically reach your appropriate representatives.

Call volume; the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad responded to 111 calls in July of this year. The year-to-date calls are seven hundred and fifteen. Of these calls ninety-five were in Clark and the Squad provided mutual aid to neighboring towns sixteen times and most of it went to Rahway, Westfield and to Linden. 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 July was under seven minutes. And please remember these are volunteers, so they are at their home and they have to get in their cars and drive to the Squad or they are at the Squad. That's six minutes and fifty seconds from time of dispatch to arrival is pretty good for volunteers.

Supporting the community; the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad has also shared it's building to provide services and support as follows; it provided coverage for ALJ graduation, monthly blood drives, one Eagle Scout Court of Honor from members of Boy Scout Troop 145, Township's July 4th fireworks, Clark PBA Valor Ride and Union County Hazmat Car Show.

Membership; the Squad added two members to their roster and both were accepted as probationary members. The Squad has multiple levels of membership available for those interested in joining. All training is provided free by the Squad and if anyone is interested they can email the Squad at membership@clarkems.org. Please check and like us on Facebook and visit our webpage at www.clarkems.org. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Smith: Thank you Council President Hund. As Mayor Bonaccorso had said earlier the Clark Summer Rec Program ended last week. There were twelve hundred and eight children registered this summer and that was a record and the average was around seven hundred per day. So my hat's off to Ralph, the counselors and the children who were all well behaved for the most part. They had an exciting and fun summer and looking forward to doing it again next year.

Ralph also wanted to thank the Fire Department for every Thursday they provided their vehicles for the water and also to thank the Police Department for helping the kids cross Westfield Avenue.

And lastly the fall brochures will be mailed out the end of this month. They will be mailed to every resident's house in Clark, so look out for them in the coming weeks. And that's all I have this evening, thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. Just as a light summer reminder, the Environmental Commission is announcing again the Reservoir Cleanup. As the kids get back into school in a couple of weeks, Reservoir Cleanup is 1 1/2 months out and it will be on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 am to 12:00. The Reservoir has been there a long time since 1907 and we want to make sure we go and help keep it clean for the animals and the birds and make it a nice wonderful town that we call home. But again just mark it down on paper or whatever you do on the computers for Saturday, October 15th from 9 to 12. I will be reminding you in September to come on out and bring the family. We're going to tell you ghost stories and legends of the Reservoir. We will take a tour of the Reservoir; not many people get a chance to actually walk around the Reservoir but we will be doing that with the guidance and approval of the county and along with our township officials.

Prescott Turn the Mayor said it all. I just want to let the residents know I'm on your street every Sunday. So I'll be knocking on your doors again not on a regular basis but keeping you informed of what the process is as we get into 2017 for your street to be done and keeping you informed what's happening. Thank you very much Mr. President that's all I have tonight.

Council President Hund: For the monthly Police Report for the month of July. We saw a total of 3,657 calls for service of which 94 were ambulance requests, 12 were fire department requests, 5 were vandalism, 12 were motor vehicle and resident lock outs, 94 were alarm calls, 89 were motor vehicle accidents and 3,329 were miscellaneous calls. There was a total of 34 adults arrested including 11 for theft, 2 for fraud, 1 for criminal mischief, 5 for DUI, 4 for drug abuse and 11 for warrants. And that concludes my police report for July.

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

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 \$277,902.95 for the period ending August 12, 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 of the Agenda, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-95

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Township of Clark advertised on July 7, 2016 and received three (3) bids for the Collection and Disposal of Leaves on July 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS Nature’s Choice submitted a bid of \$8.47 per cubic yard including disposal fees and \$3.87 without disposal fees; D & J Mazza submitted a bid of \$7.45 per cubic yard including disposal fees and did not bid without disposal fees and Riversedge submitted a bid of \$8.00 per cubic yard including disposal fees and \$3.40 without disposal fees: and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the township to award the contract without disposal fees; and

WHEREAS the lowest responsible bidder was Riversedge Contracting, LLC, 3092 Hutchinson River Road, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 in the amount of \$3.40 per cubic yard; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator has reviewed all the documents required by the bid specifications and recommends award of contract to Riversedge Contracting, LLC; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained funds are available in the 2016 Municipal Budget, Account Number 26-306-223.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby award a contract to Riversedge Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$3.40 per cubic yard subject to review of the bid by the Township Attorney who will draw up the contract.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

Resolution 16-96

WHEREAS the Local Public Contracts Law provides exceptions to public bidding requirements whereby any contract, the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, may be negotiated and awarded by Resolution of the Governing Body in specified areas of procurement; and

WHEREAS NJSA 40A:11-5(f) allows for the supplying of any product or the rendering of any service by a public utility which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS the Township’s current supplier of electricity, Liberty Power, has submitted a proposal for a 12-month contract at a renewal rate of 0.09680/kWh.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark hereby affirms the New Jersey Energy Services Enrollment Agreement with Liberty Power for a 12-month period ending December 2017.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-97

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:

CLARK TOWNSHIP						
TAX REFUNDS- 2016						
BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND
34	24.01	C-100	727 Raritan Road	727	Raritan Road	\$ 24,573.50

Resolution 16-98

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Mayor, Business Administrator and/or Chief Financial Officer is

hereby authorized to enter into Facsimile Signature Agreements with Investors Bank on behalf of the Township of Clark; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this authorization is in addition to any other authorizations in effect and shall remain in effect until Investors Bank receives written notice of its revocation at each office where the Township of Clark’s accounts are maintained

A motion to adopt Consent Agenda made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

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

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes Mr. President two things...I received an email from a resident at the Senior Housing at Woodcrest. They were concerned that coming from Featherbed Lane or the Jehovah Witness Church area down to Woodcrest there was not a dedicated left hand turn signal into the development, there will be, as I answered her by email. So if anybody at Woodcrest is watching this I want to say folks give us a little time to develop the construction program and what we’re doing. You know I do appreciate the question but you know there’s a lot of stuff down there that we are trying to get through, we were held up with Verizon by the telephone poles and the turn over to Madison Hill Road where construction was stopped. That’s part of a county project that the Governor has frozen with his fight over on how much more could the legislature tax us for gasoline. So stuff like that but just give us an opportunity.

Here’s an interesting fact that I didn’t know. I was at Ace Hardware about two weeks ago and a realtor from Westfield came up to me and said hello and I probably had met him at one time or another somewhere in my life. He was complimenting the town. And he said “do you know right now your town leads all of Union County in appreciated value in real estate in the last year.”

And I said all of Union County, wow that's great." So I said "how did you get that fact." And he said "that was on the Garden State Multiple Listing Service for the Realtors." And he said that last year property values, and it's an average in Clark, were worth four hundred and eight thousand two seventy-two, this year already they are up to four forty-two eighty-six which is a plus of thirty-three thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars for the year and that leads Union County he told me. So taking on his advice and when I asked him, on his word I should say, where he got this information and he told me the Garden State Multiple Listing Service. I'm proud to report that to the residents tonight that property values are alive and going up in Clark. And that concludes my report for this evening.

I would like to wish good luck to the young lady from Union Catholic who's competing tonight in the Olympics. I know she was in a meet with my daughter earlier this year in the spring track. I think she was also a thrower if I remember right with the javelin. But that's kind of exciting and I know that the Union Catholic group are very happy about it. So God Bless to her and good luck and take home the Gold young lady, thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: I just want to thank the Chief of the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Ambulance Squad and the Office of Emergency Management for a great safety night on August 2nd. It was great to see all the families come out and get to see the equipment that's used and meet the officers and the volunteers that work in those areas. And I just think it was overall a great night. I know not every city in the State did that, so thank you all for doing that, it was a great evening and it turned out to be a great weather night as well.

Tonight I received my Community Response Training Certificate and I just want to spend a few minutes and tell some of the citizens about what that program involves. As Jerry mentioned it's a nine-week course. And not only do you learn about how to participate in an incident that involves multiple injuries, it's great just for common sense for your own family and for your own neighbors. If you can help your family at a time of a disaster and your neighbors, it's really a great thing. And you'll learn things such as you know the things that the kids learn in school about where your family should meet in times of a disaster, so that some of the family members don't go to the back of the house and you are in the front. You know the responders go into a burning building and perhaps get injured and if everyone knows where to meet, it's a simple thing like that. But you do learn a lot of very valuable things to help out and it's a very rewarding course. You will learn a lot if you participate, so I encourage you to consider getting involved with that. And also I just wanted to mention that the Office of Emergency Management has a program where if you have special needs, let's say you have an oxygen tank that you use, it's worthwhile to register that information and register your address with the Office of Emergency Management. If power goes out or if there is some sort of emergency they know who to get to and you are on the list of people that will be in their mind and on the list to visit at that time. That concludes my report for this evening, thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to congratulate Councilwoman Albanese on completing the C.E.R.T course. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes, thank you Council President. Just one comment about the heat. It's extremely, extremely hot out there. I know that as I'm getting up in age I feel it and I'm sure a

lot of residents do too. So please take care, drink a lot of fluids, try to stay in the shade as much as you can or indoors and just be careful. Until next month be safe, thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. As the liaison to the Clark Emergency Volunteer Squad I was invited to be a guest at their 75th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday night. First of all, thank you very much for the invite. I was very honored to be there. It was a very nice event. There were past chiefs and past members and it was a very nice event. I know the PBA was there and the fire department was there, they bought tables to support them as well. And you know the TAP into Clark did a very nice article on it, so if you are interested to read all about it please feel free to look at that. But again thank you very much for your time and again we heard under seven minutes response time and that's amazing when you consider these people are volunteers and don't live at the squad house, so thanks for that.

Also one other thing is I know I talk about the Valor Ride every year in July. But also in September there's something called the "Jason's Friends Foundation" and that supports the son of the owners of Dairy Queen. Unfortunately, he passed away. But six years ago they started this to bring the proceeds to the Jason's Friends Foundation. And its Sunday, September 25th. If you like riding a motor cycle, it's a beautiful ride through Watchung, it's great and free to the public. But again it's Sunday, September 25th at Oak Ridge Park. That concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Smith: Thank you Council President. Just one quick thing...Ralph Bernardo, President of Clark UNICO asked me to remind all the residents in eight weeks from now we will be having the Clark UNICO Italian Festival on the grounds of Brewer. He will be needing a lot of volunteers and will start reaching out to you shortly after the Labor Day holiday to start looking for volunteers to help run the festival. UNICO does donate all the money back in scholarships and into the rec programs. And last year they donated back over forty thousand dollars to local clubs and organizations, so it's a worthwhile cause. So hopefully you will come and support us, thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. Jerry Fewkes former Fire Chief of the Township of Clark 1988, 1989 and 1990. Thank you for all that you are doing to keeping us safe because those hurricanes came out of nowhere in 2011 and 2012, and you were there. Fires and other issues you and your members were there. I'm not just talking about fire calls but emergency management, you were standing right along them through all those crisis and issues we had in the past. And we know you are going to be there in the future and I just want to say thanks Jerry, I appreciate everything you do for this community. You are one of those unknown heroes or dedicated person who has done so much for the township in the past and we do appreciate what you do now and in the future, thank you.

I think it was all said, Madison Hill Road, the bridge was mentioned about that issue. The County is going to be asked to look into it, speeding and other things. Also any issues you might have we are here to listen to you. Most of the people that are in this town are down in LBI, they are not in town right now, so keep an eye on their house and let the police know if there's any issues.

And for those we've just lost in the last month; Mrs. Ann Clark, mother of Bonnie Clark Ashely, Denise and our famous Dave Clark who is a dear friend. We also lost Veronica Latawicz and Rosalie McKeon.

We are here to serve you, that's what our job is. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll see you as everybody else said, kids will be back in school in a couple of weeks, so please be careful. And if you need anything just give us a call, we are here to serve you, thank you.

John Laezza: Yes, Council President. I sit here and I kind of have to go back sixteen years ago when the Mayor and I started this sojourn together. And one of the problems was that the Volunteer Emergency Squad was not getting sufficient people to tend to our people with regard to ambulance calls, that was probably the first thing on our priority. And the Mayor and I worked out with the First Aid Squad the ability to get them to be a 24/7 operation, financially we assisted them in requiring equipment. And it's very gratifying to see that they have become an outstanding Volunteer Emergency Squad. Same was true for the fire department when we came in and the reconfiguration of the police department over the last sixteen years has been very gratifying. So I think we are kind of happy with the accomplishments we've come up too and we have many more things to go. Right now we are looking into streaming and putting these meetings on into the cloud, so that people can get them 24/7 on their home computers. So hopefully they can be effective on January 1, 2017. So we are continuing to make Clark a better place to live and a better place to know what's going on and we are very transparent, thank you.

Township Clerk: No thank you.

Police Chief Matos: No thank you.

Council President Hund: For my final comments I would like to congratulate all the members who completed the C.E.R.T. program especially Councilwoman Albanese. To Ralph and his staff for his great summer program, one of my sons attended and two of them worked there and they had a great time during the entire summer, so thank you again to Ralph and his staff. And to the woman (she wants her name to be anonymous) in the Third Ward who donated the banner to the police department that's hanging on the fence, this is a thank you to you, you know who you are.

And on Colonial Drive the paving will begin in approximately six weeks. I know we mentioned it at the last meeting and a few of you called and asked me when will it start. So in approximately six-week Colonial Drive project will begin. And that concludes my report.

Attorney Triarsi: I have a matter that I would like to discuss with the council in executive session. It involves pending litigation and in particular, COAH litigation, that the town is involved in. I'll need five or six minutes to just bring you up to date on where we are and where we expect to go. I ask for a resolution authorizing the matter to be discussed in executive.

Motion to go into private made by Councilman Mazarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese.

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

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EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Section three (3) of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS this public body is of the opinion that circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council wish to discuss:

Pending COAH Litigation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting at 8:10 pm and invited back to resume the regular order of business at 8:48 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subject matter of this meeting will be released when the reasons for discussion and action on it in closed session no longer exists.

Motion to Resume Regular Order of Business made at 8:48 pm by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion for adjournment made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Smith

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

APPROVED

STEVEN M. HUND
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk