

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ**  
**August 17, 2015**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso; Richard Huxford, Acting Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council Vice 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 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.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes thank you Mr. President, Members of Council and members of the public. I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far this year. Very short report tonight, first off I would just like to congratulate Krame Developers and the businesses in the Clark Commons. A few weeks ago on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> we had a grand opening, the official grand opening of the Commons. And I know don't if people have looked back yet, but it seems like it's been pretty full and the stores are doing very well. And I congratulate them all and wish them the best of luck here in our wonderful community. We had some calls about traffic light concerns with Shop Rite's light. Our traffic engineer went out there and he believes they have adjusted it and fixed the problem. We'll keep an eye on it. I know there's some illegal turns going on up there that the PD is keeping their eye on. To the people on the Walnut, Suburban, Florence area, it's new, give it a break, write down what you see and then maybe like you say in a couple of weeks if it continues with any problems give us a call. We will be glad to hear about it and sit down with you and talk to our police department about it or our engineer about it whoever can help fix the problem. In the beginning its new, a lot of people are coming and they are not familiar to the traffic pattern, so I think it's going to work out fine. But again to the folks in the Second Ward area that live up there neighboring that we are here to help you and we won't forget you.

I want to remind the community for parking, I'm (not) doing a concert promotion, but there is a concert coming to Oak Ridge Park on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. There is going to be "no parking" on the roads adjacent to that park area up on the west side of town. Chief Matos will be sending out a letter telling you that very shortly. We are going to be blocking roads off for resident parking only. Councilman Mazzarella it's your Ward up there, please remind your citizens when you see them. If you are having a party on that weekend, you need to get in touch with Chief Matos immediately. We would want to know the plates and the car models that are coming and then he can issue a temporary parking pass that you will put in your window so our police officers will know that you belong to a homeowner up there and not just parking a car and walking in. We did this during Music Fest it worked out great and we are going to continue with it on now.

And my last announcement I would like to congratulate the Clark Little League 12 U Travel Team for an amazing travel record. From the time they were eight through twelve years old this team was a top team in the state and you know it was really, really a pleasure to watch these boys play. To the coaches, you guys did a great job! Why I'm mentioning this is that they went up to Cooperstown which is an annual trip now for the Twelve U Team. Next year I will be up there with my team. And they went 6 and 0 in pool play which is amazing. You are playing teams from all over the country. And in the pool play I think they got twenty-eight homeruns as a team which was unbelievable. And I believe they won a playoff game and then got knocked off in the next game but they have a lot to be proud of. I'm going to extend an invitation to them to come to the September meeting if they would like to do so and honor them. They really are a nice bunch of young boys who play real hard and they should be honored for their great, great work. And that concludes my report tonight Council President Hund.

Township Clerk: I have the police and fire reports for the month of July 2015 received and filed in my office.

### **REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. Vice President. I have a brief Library report covering a number of different topics. As these last few weeks of summer are here don't forget about the Hamilton Grounds for Sculpture Museum pass that's available at the Library and also the Intrepid Air and Space Museum pass in Manhattan which entitles you to six free entries into the museum.

And for those students who didn't get their summer reading done there's still time yet. Check out the books, they are all available at the Library for free. So I know there's always a few stranglers who need to catch up.

Today was actually the conclusion of our successful summer reading program. And there were numerous prizes drawn today and I'm really pleased to report that the teens read six hundred and seventy-one hours this summer. So the members that were involved in that program that's fantastic.

And also I want to thank in particular the Friends of the Library. They donated a \$100.00 gift certificate for Barnes and Noble and there were three other prizes that were given out to those who successfully completed the program. For kids we have a program coming up next Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 3:30 and it's geared towards elementary school students and that's a Library Scavenger Hunt. Also on September 12<sup>th</sup> we have the AARP is going to have a driver's safety class, the fee is \$15.00 but you can get reductions in your insurance rates if you attend these courses and that's going to be on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 4:00.

Next month we will be remembering September 11<sup>th</sup>. And also at the Library we will be remembering September 11<sup>th</sup> through a display that Ed Ruth will be putting together, one of our citizens, he did it last year. And I encourage everyone to stop and take a look at the display that's put up there and there will also be a program, I don't know the exact date, but I hope you can take a look at that and also join us on September 11<sup>th</sup> to remember all that passed on that day.

And finally to help out the Friends of the Clark Public Library, they are having a "Macy's Shop for a Cause Sale" on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and for \$5.00 you get to save twenty-five percent on all your purchases that day and also ten percent on electronics, watches and furniture. And that concludes my report, thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. The Clark Police Dispatcher had the Clark Volunteer Fire Department respond to 44 calls this past month.

This past Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> the Clark Volunteer Fire Department celebrated a double wet down for their two new Pierce Velocity Engines. And both these engines are combination Pumper and rescue vehicles.

It was an absolute beautiful day and approximately 2000 people came to help celebrate this wet down.

There were fire departments from many towns that also came to help with the wet down celebration and when I say wet down I am not exaggerating. Not only were the engines spraying water on Broadway which was closed both ways at noon and in the parking lot of Mother Seton on all the kids and adults who wanted to be getting wet, but the various fire departments were having water fights amongst themselves which everyone watched and clapped and cheered. The food, beer and soda were plentiful all day and it seemed everyone who attended had a great time. There were two bands, the Nerds and the Mix that entertained everyone all afternoon. There were also all kinds of booths that had various items and lots of rides for the kids.

I spoke with many Clark residents that were there and so many of them told me how very proud they were with everything the Clark Volunteer Fire Department does for this community. And remember folks, they are all volunteers and every one of them are on call 7 days a week 24 hours a day.

I also want to thank the tremendous police and emergency squad presence but I'm sure that the Council Liaisons for each of those departments would rather explain themselves what a great job that was done by the departments that they represent. And that ends my report.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes thank you Council President. I have a short report for Public Works this month. Today August 17<sup>th</sup> started the Third Ward bulky pick-up. Fourth Ward please call by August 20<sup>th</sup> that's this Thursday by 3:00 pm to schedule your August 24<sup>th</sup> next Monday's pick-up for the Fourth Ward.

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm is electronic drop-off at the DPW yard and that's behind the police headquarters here. Grass pick-up is every Monday as you know; please put grass in containers no larger than thirty gallons or less if you have less grass. And it will not be picked up if it's dumped on the street. And of course we have fresh ground mulch available for delivery. DPW can be contacted at (732) 428-8402 or email at [dpw@ourclark.com](mailto:dpw@ourclark.com) for bulky pick-up appointments and appliance pick-up.

Next week DPW will be going around picking up branches. So towards the end of this week if you would start putting out your branches into the weekend and our forces will pick them up next week. Thank you and that's the extent of my report.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. From the Finance Committee the town continues as always to be able to meet its current obligations, so a great job to the administration on that specifically to John Laezza.

With regard to the emergency squad, unfortunately I did not receive their report. But Al did bring up a good point with regard to the emergency squad; yes they were there, and not only were they there, they are at the football games, they were at the Valor Ride, they are there supporting the police when needed. Again these are volunteers giving their time and giving their energy to the town for a good cause at no pay, so thank you very much to the emergency squad.

As you noticed Bill Smith is not here and as the Vice Chair of the Pool Committee I'm going to give the pool report.

The Clark Community Pool is having an excellent summer with an increase in memberships and attendance. The pool offers many activities and events during the summer. If you are interested in joining the pool next summer and want to visit the pool before the end of this summer, stop by and take a look at what a great family facility we have in Clark. So again if you are interested stop by the pool and say you are interested in joining next year and they will let you walk around. That's my reports for this evening, thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. From the Environmental Commission, the Commission will be meeting in the beginning of September and then they will be announcing a date for the return of the Annual Reservoir Cleanup. They did the Rahway River cleanup earlier with Joe Seebode. And the Clark Environmental Commission will be up and running again and doing the Annual Reservoir Cleanup. A date and time will be announced probably hopefully by the executive meeting of September and will be announced at the public meeting of next month. Again we appreciated the community support in the past and will be out there asking for your support again to pick up stuff that man leaves behind and Mother Nature does not like. Thank you Mr. President that's all I have tonight.

Council Vice President Hund: For my police report; for July we saw a total of 3,122 calls for which service of 84 were ambulance requests, 6 were fire department requests, 6 were vandalism, 15 were motor vehicle and resident lockouts, 116 were alarm calls, 76 were motor vehicle accidents and 2 were miscellaneous, 2,796 calls were also received of a total of 33 were arrests, 3 for theft, 1 for receiving stolen property, 2 for fraud, 7 for drug abuse, 2 for DUI, 3 for resisting arrest, and 3 for harassment and 2 for warrants.

And in the absence of President Smith I will also do his recreation report.

The summer recreation program came to a conclusion this past Thursday. There were 1158 children registered for this summer’s camp and the daily average was over 600 kids! Great job by Ralph Bernardo and his recreation staff for making the summer a fun time for the children of Clark. The Local Source was at camp last week and there will be a feature story in this week’s paper.

The Fall Recreation Book with all the programs being offered by the Clark Recreation Dept. will be mailed to all Clark households the last week of August. And that concludes my reports.

**ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

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

**Ordinance 15-15**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 279 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK RELATED TO INFILTRATION AND INFLOW**

Council Vice President Hund opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-15

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

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 15-15 made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Barr

Discussion: None

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

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 \$244,456.27 for the period ending August 13, 2015, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council Vice President Hund directed roll call:  
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, 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 Vice President Hund opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 15-104**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individual is hereby appointed as a Member of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department effective this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

Paul Delaney  
42a Rivervale Court  
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Council Vice President Hund

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

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**Resolution 15-105**

**WHEREAS** the Governing Body of the Township of Clark desires to retain the services of a third party administrator on behalf of the Township to administer the Township's Self Insured Retention (SIR); and

**WHEREAS** Inservco Insurance Services, Inc. has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$14,280.00 to provide for the claims administration of Worker's Compensation, Automobile

Liability, General Liability, including Police Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation – Lost time and medical only submitted against the Township to the SIR; and

**WHEREAS** the Governing Body desires to retain Inservco Insurance Services, Inc. as the Township's third party administrator for claims administration made to the SIR for one (1) year beginning August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS** said claims servicing organization's services constitute extraordinary unspecified services in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq., authorizing the services without competitive bids, and

**WHEREAS** there are funds available in the 2015 budget as evidenced by the Finance Officer's Certification of Availability of Funds in Current Account 23-210-223 for said contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Inservco Insurance Services, Inc. as the claims servicing organization on behalf of the Township of Clark for a period of one (1) year commencing August 1, 2015 at an annual fee of \$14,280.00 for the SIR.

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Council Vice President Hund directed roll call:

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

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 15-106**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it does hereby authorize the Tax Collector to settle Tax Appeals and Issue Refunds and Credits in the amounts indicated as authorized by the Tax Court of New Jersey for the following:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>New Assessment</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Refund</u>	<u>Credit</u>
77/4	181 Westfield Ave.	273,000	255,200	17,800	2012	\$ 1,355.11	
77/4	181 Westfield Ave.	273,000	255,200	17,800	2014	\$ 1,398.19	
					principal	\$ 2,753.30	
					interest	\$ 242.00	
					<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,995.30</b>	
60/66	1030 Raritan Rd	740,000	675,000	65,000	2012		\$4,948.45
60/66	1030 Raritan Rd	740,000	675,000	65,000	2013		

\$5,035.25

principal \$9,983.70

interest \$ -

**Total \$9,983.70**

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**Resolution 15-107**

**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.

SEWER BILLING ADJUSTMENT 2015										
CLARK TOWNSHIP										
REF	#	Account #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Original	Revised	Credit	Add'l
15	30	4138-0	Pietro Veltre	3	Highland Place	new owner	\$1,305.00	\$225.00	1,080.00	
15	31	3603-0	Lumata Holdings LLC	124	Westfield Avenue	new owner	\$1,745.00	\$225.00	1,520.00	
15	32	4313-0	Roy & Gladys Muniz	326	Valley Road	leak	\$1,105.00	\$225.00	\$880.00	
15	33	1631-0	Danny & Anne Aviram	95	Hayes Avenue	leak	\$1,605.96	\$768.20	\$837.76	
15	34	1574-0	Edward & Julia Duffy	198	Dorset Drive	water issue	\$1,105.00	\$225.00	\$880.00	
								<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,197.76</b>	

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**Resolution 15-108**

**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:

TAX REFUNDS- 2015									
BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND	AMT TRNS	TRANS FROM	TRANS TO
192	2		Daniela & Francisco Escobar	4	Glenwood Terrace	\$661.80			
196	48		Gregg & Janet Reilly	33	Alice Lane		\$526.03	2015/2	2015/3
153	33		Christel & Osvald Kosempel	25	Poplar Terrace	\$1,538.20			
31.02	2.01	C0011	Lauren Sarnecki	11	Cellar Avenue	\$1,396.23			
63	96		Ms. Louise O'Neil	69	Emerald Place		\$78.55	2015/2	2015/3
63	4		Loriann & Michael Dibelardino	77	Dawn Drive	\$2,028.50			
191	6		Michael & Anna Nenortas	103	Glenwood Terrace	\$2,863.15			
151	2		Wendy Sulton	23	Florence Drive		\$577.11	2015/2	2015/3
31.03	101	C-101	Phyllis Cupo	101	Briarwood Path	\$752.87			
38.03	34		Mary Jo Grimm	50	Mildred Terrace		\$979.25	2015/2	2015/3
52	2		Wildredo & Yvonne Tecson	264	Madison Hill Rd	\$2,003.02			
102	2		Anthony Cilento	40	Harold Avenue	\$301.05			
179	39.01		Carl & Nancy Young	489	Valley Road		\$806.10	2015/2	2015/3
62	22		William Caruso	7	School Street		\$121.91	2015/3	2015/4
53	5		Nicholas Carbonara	896	Raritan Road	\$1,612.24			
13	35		Louis Jose & Maria Maza	###	Lake Avenue		\$611.29	2015/2	2015/3
126	16		Mary Carlin	128	Nassau Street		\$379.43	2015/2	2015/3
86	12		Laura Cooney	12	Fisher Place	\$219.94			
38.03	41		Nicholas & Laura Manginelli	108	Mildred Terrace		\$174.78	2015/1	2015/3
4.02	25		Jose & Ana Casimiro	280	Laurel Lane	\$510.67			
181	9		Ari Lipkin	59	Colonial Drive	\$657.13			
					<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,544.80</b>	<b>4,254.45</b>		

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**Resolution 15-109**

**WHEREAS** Clothing Bin Permits were issued on December 15, 2014 by virtue of Resolution 14-175 effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015: and

**WHEREAS** the Chief of Police has reported changes to the 2015 List of Approved Clothing Bin Operators, necessitating amendments to the current list; and

**WHEREAS** Chapter 117 of the Code of the Township of Clark authorizes the Chief of Police to issue clothing bin permits with the approval of the Governing Body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following clothing bin operators having met all the requirements of Chapter 117 of the Code of the Township of Clark and are hereby approved in accordance with the law.

**Clothing Bin Operators**

**Location of Bins**

American Recycling Technologies  
98 Cutter Mill Road, S-290N  
Great Neck, NY 11021  
Attn: Ed Klein (908) 616-3730  
Attn: Bruce Binler (917) 939-5275 or (917) 860-6219

140 Central Avenue (2 bins)  
1060 Raritan Road (2 bins)  
78 Westfield Avenue (2 bins)  
315 Westfield Avenue (2 bins)

Carecycle, Inc.  
625 Wortman Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
Attn: Peter Salm (866-931-0232)

76 Central Avenue (2 bins)

The Read Foundation  
313 Amboy Avenue  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
Attn: Jacqueline Sivak (732-636-8885 x208)

6 Broadway (2 bins)

We Collect Clothes for a Cause  
625 Wortman Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
Attn: Peter Salm (866-468-7228)

52 Westfield Avenue (2 bins)  
111 Valley Road (1 bin)

Giving Will LLC  
P.O. Box 329  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
Attn: Anthony Cruz (732-485-3692)

1074 Raritan Road (2 bins)

Planet Aid  
3 Lincoln Drive  
Fairfield, NJ 07004  
Attn: Stanley Ferris (845-608-1675)

12 Clarkton Drive (1 bin)  
1030 Raritan Road (1 bin)

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**Resolution 15-110**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey is desirous to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and an Indemnification Agreement for leaf composting at the Union County Facility; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Governing Body hereby directs the Mayor to sign the agreement for leaf composting at the Union County Facility on behalf of the Township of Clark.

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**Resolution 15-111**

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION  
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 17, 2015 the governing body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**TITLE**

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Clark.

**AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor and/or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

**CONTRACTING UNIT**

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby, certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Governing Body of Township of Clark at a meeting of said governing body held on August 17, 2015.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

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

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

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes thank you....just three quick things. First off the Summer Rec getting back to that, I would like to thank Ralph Bernardo and the staff for doing a great job. I would like to thank all of the parents who allowed their children to participate every year; it’s like a record number. And we have really a very safe, clean, well run camp. More importantly I would like to also thank the council. Because you know folks a lot of times we get caught up in thinking and not to take anything away from the people who have the boots on the ground as far as Ralph and his staff who really make that place run, there’s no doubt about it. But I would like to thank the council for their support of that item in the budget every year of our recommendation to help that camp run. You guys do a great job believing in our program and our department and the kids in this town and it’s very, very important that the people understand that too.

Friday night we will be in session here at 6:30. It's a very short meeting. It will be the public swearing in of Chief Pedro Matos as our Police Chief. It's a public swearing in and if you would like to stop by and wish Chief the best of luck you are of course all welcomed. There will be no formal business conducted on that agenda that will be a one item agenda.

Summertime in Clark it's been great, the weather has been great, it's been quiet and even town hall is quiet during the day and I'm glad everyone is enjoying their summer. The next time you see us school will be in session, please be careful out there driving. Enjoy the rest of the summer, have a great time and hopefully this great weather will continue to hold out for the next couple weeks of the year and we will be back here for our formal business in September and Friday night for the Chief. That's all I have Mr. President. I'm happy to see you there; you did a very good job tonight. Last year at this time we were planning your campaign.

Councilwoman Albanese: I have to concur with that, great job Steve. Some of the things that were mentioned; the opening of the Whole Foods, it was very exciting to be a part of that and I got a lot of very positive feedback not only that day but subsequently upon visiting the shops there and also even at the wet down. A lot of people are really happy with everything that's going on in the Mall over there.

And also I was able to attend the wet down and it was a great time. Everyone loved the music, all the refreshments, great job and great weather, so thank you for that. And that concludes my report.

Councilman Barr: Thank you. Just to say that the weather is beautiful but it's awfully hot so if you are going outside protect yourself from the heat and the sun. And that concludes my report.

Councilman Mazarella: Yes thank you Council President. Just a quick comment; it was very hot this weekend and the place to be was at the wet down. I was there along with my colleagues and it was really a nice event and it's good to support our fire department. It's good to support all of our services not only our fire but our first aid and our police department. They are here to serve you and they do it without question every time something comes down they are out and about to try to help our residents and help anyone that comes through our community.

Clark Commons is a fantastic place as well. It's really truly good for Clark and good for our residents. But most importantly it's going to bring in some much needed revenue for our community as well and ratables, thank you, that's the extent of my report.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you, with regard to the Clark Commons I want to thank the Mayor for acting so quickly to ensure that the timing of the lights at Shop Rite Way were corrected as well as ensuring that there was a police officer on Walnut Avenue. I believe they did issued summonses to two people making illegal left hand turns. So for those people in that area the Mayor and the town is on it. Thank you to the Chief and thank you to the Mayor for answering the citizens' concerns so quickly.

With regard to the wet down, you know it takes me back to a special time. I was a firehouse kid, my dad was a fireman, so I was at all the wet downs and no matter how old I get when I go to the

firehouse and it's a wet down I instantly become a ten year old kid again. You know I ask permission to go into the Chief's office and he said "of course you can come in" I'm like it's like I'm ten we use to get yelled at. But one of the things I was glad to see there is that family value is still there with the fire department. You know the kids of the firemen were there and they were having a great time and their wives were there and it was really, really nice event to see how the firehouse specifically the firemen...you know it's a family event. We thank the firemen and we thank the volunteers all the time but we need to thank the families as well because they are the ones that, I'm not going to use the words suffer, but they are the ones that tolerate the wrong word, except maybe the right word, that at any given moment their loved one is going out doing something. I remember Christmas Day...we are opening presents and the fire alarm went off my dad left. And that was just the way it was you know and I think we forget that. So I also want to take this time to thank the families of the volunteers of this community. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. Chief we appreciate you bringing Clark into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. And the number one thing I always say is keeping this town safe. And that's what will be on your shoulders making sure your men are safe as well as the citizens of Clark through the Mayor and the council. We are here to make sure that the residents understand if they ever need anything for security and safety that you and your men will be there. We appreciate and we thank you for taking on the job.

Everyone is talking about the Clark Commons and the Whole Foods and all that. I didn't make the dedication because of work. But it's the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Clark, the town is changing. We are going into a modern era, we are getting more built up in the farming days of rural Clark but that's life, that's how things progress. I also want to urge the Mayor that we also focus on Westfield Avenue. We have to work on it and I know you have been supporting it and working getting to revitalized Westfield Avenue with the brick pavers and the support of the County. We need to focus now 2016 on the Westfield Avenue corridor. There are property issues. I've given you two properties that we need to attack that and I mean with a vengeance getting these homeowners or owners of those properties to keep the properties clean. The town looks crappy there because the property owners aren't doing their job or keeping their properties nice. We need to keep on them and enforce the laws to make sure it's proper in Clark. The residents have been talking that Whole Foods is great, get the ratables we need that, but we now have to focus on Westfield Avenue. Mr. Mayor I know you are 100% behind this and we're going to do what we have to do to make Clark what it's always going to be, our home.

Two things, two people we just lost; Michael Huffman, Mr. Huffman was a lifetime resident. A longtime member of the Deutscher Club, he was the baker; to the Huffman Family our deepest sympathy and condolences. Robert Helminski, Mr. Helminski was a long, longtime Clark resident and he just recently passed and our condolences to the Helminski Family. That's all I have today Mr. President. I'm keeping it short, sweet and let's continue into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Clark, thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Mr. President if I may for a second to answer Councilman Toal's comment. Councilman Toal hopefully this council by sometime in the early part of next year will be voting on a streetscape plan for Westfield Avenue and down Brant Avenue to the Parkway Circle; the

gateway into Clark. And we're talking with the ownership of the old A & P (Merit Foodtown) whatever you want to remember of it or call it by. And they feel they are getting close to renting that through someone for a store, they are getting close nothing official yet. But I heard a little bit more, I don't want to use the word sincerity but I'll just say it for a lack of a better term, in there voice that they were really working hard on a lease with someone. Hopefully it will be a good store. The zoning is folks that those buildings are allowed to rent to, so please understand that too. But Councilman Toal is spot on tonight with his remarks and hopefully we will have a beautiful streetscape plan to start along with the downtown coalition of business people who are working with us for you, thank you.

Councilman Toal: Mr. Mayor thank you so much, we appreciate this council working with you and getting this project and working on that problem for the Township of Clark, thank you sir.

Police Chief Matos: No comments.

Council Vice President Hund: My final report. I just want to piggy back on the Mayor's congratulations to the baseball team. They did a fantastic job this year. They should be proud. I know they are and their parents are (proud). I've spoken too many of them since they returned and they said the experience was incredible.

I want to thank Ralph regarding the recreation department this summer as two of my boys still enjoy going there every day. And then to the Third Ward, there's a public hearing for the renovations of the track and field at Rahway Park. There will be a Union County Freeholders meeting for a public hearing on September 15<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at the Rahway Public Library located at 2 City Hall Plaza. All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in this public hearing. Written comments on this request and proposal may be directed to Assistant County Counsel Kevin Campbell at (908) 527-4250, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207. And that concludes my remarks.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Council Vice President Hund directed roll call:

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

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STEVEN M. HUND  
Council Vice President

ATTEST:

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