

**COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
315 WESTFIELD AVENUE, CLARK, NJ 07066
JANUARY 6, 2014 – 7:00 PM**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – MOMENT OF SILENCE

Color Guard: Clark Cub Pack 145 directed by Cub Master Scott McCabe

INVOCATION: Cantor Steven Stern, Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

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

First Order of Business – Election of Council President

Township Clerk Edith Merkel opened the nominations for Council President

Motion to nominate Brian Toal as Council President made by Councilman O'Conner, seconded by Councilman Smith

Township Clerk called for other nominations. Seeing non nominations were closed

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

Roll Call vote on the nomination of Brian Toal as Council President
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal

Nomination is confirmed

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Brian Toal as Council President

Council President Toal took his proper place on the dais

Election of the Council Vice President

Motion to nominate Bill Smith as Council Vice President made by Council President Toal, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

Council President Toal directed roll:

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

Nomination is confirmed

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Smith

Fire Department – Installation of Officers (Term of Office 01/01/14 – 12/31/15)

Mayor Bonaccorso Administers the Oath of Office

- Chief of Department Frank Cerasa
- Assistant Chief Christopher Matthews
- Deputy Chief Frank Brattole
- Deputy Chief John Pingor
- Deputy Chief Thomas McDonald
- First Captain Keith Sockell
- Second Captain Timothy Wierzbinski
- First Lieutenant Michael Gonzalez
- Second Lieutenant Timothy Lakata

Mayor Bonaccorso: I would just like to take a moment and wish the new Chief and all of his Deputies and Assistants and Captains and Lieutenants nothing but the best of luck but most importantly the best of health and safety. And to the fire department in general to all the members, I would like to wish all of you the best of health and safety. These guys do a tremendous job in our community as volunteers. They put in a lot of hours and put in a lot of long days and get interrupted at supertime and in the middle of the night. And you can just imagine what it feels like on a night that's going to be like tonight somewhere near zero and you get called out of a warm bed at 2 or 3 in the morning to run out to a call. I can only give the department all members and past members also nothing but the greatest of admiration for what you do for this community. And I also, not here tonight, will throw the first aid squad into that. Chief Scherb the police get paid, so I do appreciate them but it's a little bit different. But truthfully you know we really do appreciate it guys and best of luck and safety and have a great year and you know keep everything going well for us. We are counting on you and we know we will not fail, so thank you.

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

Resolution 14-01

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

Allison Kellish	Regular Member	01/01/14 – 12/31/18
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Katherine Palella	Regular Member	01/01/14 – 12/31/18
Angel Albanese	Mayor’s Alternate	01/01/14 – 12/31/14

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

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

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

Roll Call:

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

Mayor’s Appointments (Without confirmation of Council)

Emergency Management Coordinator: Jerry Fewkes

Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Michael Nenortas	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Alan Scherb	Police Scherb
Sal Bonaccorso	Mayor/Public Information Officer
John Laezza	Business Administrator
Frank Cerasa	Fire Chief
Laurie Sheldon	Emerg. Med. Coordinator (Emerg. Squad)
Thomas Zub	Emerg. Squad Captain
John DeSimone	Director of Public Safety
Nancy Raymond	Health Officer
Joseph Bonaccorso	Director of Public Works
Richard O’Connor	Township Engineer
Joseph Triarsi	Township Attorney
Dr. Thomas Kowalenko	Local Doctor
Richard Hedinger	Communications Officer
Carol Lukac	News Media Officer
Phyllis Cupo	Director of Senior Citizens
Kenneth Knopps	Superintendent, Clark Public Schools
Robert Sarnecki	Dir. of Security, Clark Public Schools
Dr. B. Orange (Veterinarian)	Lexington Animal Hospital
Scott McCabe	Clark Public Works/Fire Dept.
Tim Wierzbinski	Clark Fire Dept.
Chirs Matthews	Assistant Fire Chief
Dawn Jenkin	Library Director

Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee: (Public Improvements)

Councilwoman Albanese	Regular Member (1 year term)	01/01/14 – 12/31/14
Councilman Mazzarella	Alt. Member (1 year term)	01/01/14 – 12/1/14

Union County Utilities Authority Solid Waste Advisory Board

Councilman Toal Regular Member (1 year term) 01/01/14 – 12/31/14
Councilman Mazzarella Alt. Member (1 year term) 01/01/14 – 12/31/14

Traffic Advisory Board 1 year term 01/01/14 – 12/31/14

Police Chief Alan Scherb
Mayor Sal Bonaccorso
Business Administrator John Laezza
Township Engineer Richard O’Connor
Councilman Alvin Barr, Chairman, Public Safety Committee
Traffic Bureau Lieutenant Mike Pollock
Superintendent Clark Public Schools, Kenneth Knops

Planning Board

Mayor Sal Bonaccorso Class I Member 1 year term 01/01/14 – 12/31/14
John Laezza Class II Member 1 year term 01/01/14 – 12/31/14
Neil Curcio Class IV Member 4 year term 01/01/14 – 12/31/17

Environmental Commission

Edward Dubroski Regular Member 3 year term 01/01/14 – 12/31/16
Martha Kamichoff Regular Member 3 year term 01/01/14 – 12/31/16

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA

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

Council President Toal opened the meeting to the public regarding agenda items only

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman O’Connor made a motion to close this portion, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Council’s Appointments (Resolutions)

Resolution 14-02

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following appointments are hereby effective January 1, 2014 and concluding December 31, 2014.

FUND COMMISSIONER

John Laezza

ALTERNATE

Councilman Alvin Barr

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-03

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee effective January 1, 2014

Regular Member (Social Services)

Term

Councilman Alvin Barr
42 Malvern Drive
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/14 – 12/31/14

Alternate Member

Councilman Brian Toal
116 Dorset Drive
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/14 – 12/31/14

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

Regular Member (Public Improvements)

Term

Councilwoman Angel Albanese
33 Victoria Drive
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/14 – 12/31/14

Alternate Member

Councilman Frank Mazzarella
1 Fairview Road
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/14 – 12/31/14

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

Resolution 14-04

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby re-appointed to the Planning Board effective January 1, 2014.

CLASS III MEMBER

Councilman Frank Mazzarella 01/01/14– 12/31/14
(Council's Representative to Board)

ALTERNATE I

Michael Altmann 01/01/14 – 12/31/15
8 Winters Court
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Moved by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilman Barr

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

Resolution 14-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby re-appointed as Members of the Board of Adjustment.

Regular Member

Term

Thomas E. Meade 01/01/14 – 12/31/17
180 Liberty Street
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Alternate II

William Helm 01/01/14 – 12/31/14
163 Jupiter Street
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Moved by Council President Toal, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-06

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individual is hereby re-appointed as an Alternate I Member of the Environmental Commission.

Name & Address

Term

Alternate I

Ellen Tiller Mulligan
46 Wendell Place
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/14 – 12/31/15

Moved by Council President Toal, seconded by Councilman Smith

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-07

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby appoints the following Members of the Municipal Alliance Committee for 2014 in accordance with NJSA 26:2BB-9:

NAME

TITLE/SECTOR

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Ralph Bernardo

Coordinator

Ron Ferrara

Student Assistance Coordinator /PTA

01/01/14 – 12/31/14

Victor DeMarzo

Teen Center Youth Representative

01/01/14 – 12/31/14

William Buczynski

PD Youth Representative

01/01/14 – 12/31/14

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-08

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council as the Municipal Pool Utility that it does hereby appoint the following Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to serve a term of one year until the next ensuing organization meeting and election of successor(s).

CHAIRMAN: **Councilman Bill Smith**

VICE-CHAIRMAN: **Councilman Richard Kazanowski**

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-09

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council as the Municipal Pool Utility that the following individuals are hereby appointed as Members of the Clark Community Pool Advisory Board effective January 1, 2014.

Regular Members:

Term

Kaitlin Mooney	1 Park Street	01/01/14 – 12/31/14 (1 year)
Ann Sener	49 Victoria Drive	01/01/14 – 12/31/14 (1 year)
Katherine Salimbene	35 Nassau Street	01/01/14 – 12/31/14 (1 year)
Karen DeMarco	38 Post Road	01/01/14 – 12/31/15 (2 year)
Linda Marhold	34 Washington Street	01/01/14 – 12/31/15 (2 year)

Alternate I Member:

Robin Nazar	103 Briarwood Path	01/01/14 – 12/31/15 (2 year)
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Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-10

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey in accord with the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:11-5(1)(f) that a contract for communications services is hereby awarded to Monmouth Telecom, 10 Drs. James Parker Blvd., Suite 110, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701 for telephone services in the amount of \$2,127.67 per month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Monmouth Telecom as hereinabove stated.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute an Agreement with Spire IT, LLC, 100 Walnut Avenue, Suite 103, Clark, New Jersey 07066 for Information Technology Services at the rate of One Thousand, Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,440.00) per month.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute an Agreement with Kevin O'Brien, P.P. of Shamrock Enterprises, Ltd., Madison House, Suite B, 866 Madison Avenue, Rahway, New

Jersey 07065 for Professional Planning Services at the rate of One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130.00) per hour.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilman Smith

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-13

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute an Agreement with The RBA Group, Inc., 7 Campus Drive, Suite 300, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054-4495 for Traffic Consultant Services at the rates specified in their proposal.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutin 14-14

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark at a meeting held on January 6, 2014 that the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to utilize as depositories any banking institution which can provide a Government Unit Deposit Protection Act Certificate issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking.

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

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township Council authorizes and directs the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer and other officials to follow the Cash Management Plan as may be modified from time to time effective January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY 2014

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

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

II. CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY.

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

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

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

issuer or backer. Credit risk may be mitigated by:

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

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

Interest rate risk may be mitigated by:

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

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

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

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

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

B. Standard of Care

1. Prudence

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

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

2. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

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

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

3. Delegation of Authority

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

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

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

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

And the following interest accounts:

Payroll Agency Account

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

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

V. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

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

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

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

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

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

Columbia Savings Bank

VII. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this

Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following

Permitted Investments:

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

- (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c236 (C.17:9-4 1); and
- (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

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

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

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

Local Government Investment Pool

An investment pool:

- (a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;
- (b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec.270.2a-7and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;
- (d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the

“Administrative Procedure Act”, P.L. 1968, c410 (c.51:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;

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

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

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

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

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

IX. TERM OF PLAN

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the Governing Body of the Township approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Council, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

Resolution 14-15

WHEREAS the 2013 Municipal Budget totaled \$20,788,094.28; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Municipal Budget for 2014 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year’s budget less Capital appropriations and Debt services; and

WHEREAS the total amount that may be introduced as a Temporary Budget for 2014 is \$4,764,353.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following line items are hereby adopted as the Temporary Budget for 2014 in the total amount of \$4,763,000.00 exclusive of debt service.

**CLARK TOWNSHIP
TEMPORARY BUDGET - 2014**

Dept.#	DEPARTMENT	SALARIES	OTHER	TOTAL
20-100	Administration	\$ 62,000.00	25,000.00	\$ 87,000.00
20-110	Mayor's Office	18,000.00	6,000.00	24,000.00
20-111	Municipal Council	12,000.00	10,000.00	22,000.00
20-120	Clerk	42,000.00	10,000.00	52,000.00
20-121	Clerk - Elections	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
20-130	Financial Administration	63,000.00	20,000.00	83,000.00

20-145	Revenue Administration	18,000.00	5,000.00	23,000.00
20-150	Tax Assessor	28,000.00	15,000.00	43,000.00
20-155	Legal Services	7,000.00	35,000.00	42,000.00
20-165	Engineering Services	-	45,000.00	45,000.00
21-180	Planning Board	2,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
21-185	Zoning Board of Adjustment	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
22-195	Code Enforcement	90,000.00	10,000.00	100,000.00
23-210	Ins & Bonding	-	300,000.00	300,000.00
23-220	Health Benefits	-	900,000.00	900,000.00
23-222	Life Insurance	-	6,000.00	6,000.00
23-223	Disability	-	12,000.00	12,000.00
25-240	Police	1,085,000.00	50,000.00	1,135,000.00
25-250	911	100,000.00	17,000.00	117,000.00
25-252	Emergency Management	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
25-265	Public Safety	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
25-266	Fire Bureau	15,000.00	24,000.00	39,000.00
25-267	Fire Hydrant	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
25-268	Fire Prevention	24,000.00	7,000.00	31,000.00
26-290	Streets and Roads	300,000.00	140,000.00	440,000.00
26-291	Traffic Lights	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
26-305	Grass	-	-	-
26-306	Leaves	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
26-307	Recycling	-	40,000.00	40,000.00
26-308	Cleanup	-	15,000.00	15,000.00
26-310	Building and Grounds	52,000.00	30,000.00	82,000.00
26-313	Shade Tree	-	7,000.00	7,000.00
26-325	Municipal Services Act	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
27-330	Public Health Services	-	5,000.00	-

		25,000.00		30,000.00
27-331	Senior Citizens	20,000.00	4,000.00	24,000.00
27-365	Visiting Nurse	-	900.00	900.00
28-370	Recreation	45,000.00	10,100.00	55,100.00
29-390	Municipal Library	-	260,000.00	260,000.00
30-420	Celebration of Public Events	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
31-430	Utilities	-	115,000.00	115,000.00
31-435	Street Lighting	-	80,000.00	80,000.00
31-440	Utilities - Telephone	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
31-460	Utilities - Gasoline	-	115,000.00	115,000.00
32-465	Recycling Tax	-	-	-
36-472	Social Security - FICA	-	160,000.00	160,000.00
36-476	Unemployment Comp.	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
36-477	DCRP	-	-	-
42-102	Interlocal Svc-Bd of Ed	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
43-490	Municipal Court	60,000.00	7,000.00	67,000.00
		<u>\$ 2,074,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,689,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,763,000.00</u>
44-901	Capital Improvements	-	100,000.00	100,000.00
45-920	Bond Principal	-	1,115,000.00	1,115,000.00
45-925	BAN Principal	-	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
45-930	Bond Interest	-	302,522.00	302,522.00
45-935	Note Interest	-	97,750.00	97,750.00
46-871	Deferred Charges	-	-	-
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,115,272.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,115,272.00</u>
		<u><u>\$ 2,074,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,804,272.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,878,272.00</u></u>

Resolution 14-16

WHEREAS the Municipal Sewer Budget for 2013 totaled \$3,266,940.00; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Sewer Budget for 2014 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget which is \$857,571.00 .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following line items are hereby adopted as the Temporary Sewer Budget for 2014 in the total amount of \$400,000.00.

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

Resolution 14-17

WHEREAS the Municipal Pool Budget for 2013 totaled \$322,100.00; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Pool Budget for 2014 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget which is \$84,551.00 .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, and State of New Jersey that the following line item is hereby adopted as the Temporary Pool Budget for 2014 in the total amount of \$80,000.00.

Miscellaneous Other Expenses	\$80,000.00
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Resolution 14-18

WHEREAS the Petty Cash balances of the Business Administrator, Police Chief and Pool Director were turned over as of 10:00 a.m., December 31, 2013 to the Treasurer's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED there has been established a Petty Cash Fund for the Year 2014 and the Treasurer's Office is hereby authorized to issue checks to the following department heads:

Business Administrator	\$250.00
Police Chief	\$150.00
Pool Director	\$300.00

Resolution 14-19

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

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

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

1. The Tax collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 be delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law.

2. Authorize Tax Collector to sell prior years delinquent taxes.

3. Effective January 1, 2014, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.

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

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

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

Resolution 14-20

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

- Mayor
- Business Administrator
- Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

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

- Mayor
- Business Administrator
- Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

Resolution 14-21

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark in the County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Union County Local Source, NJTODAY.NET and the Star Ledger be designated as the official newspapers of the Township of Clark for the Year 2014.

Resolution 14-22

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby authorize the Administration/Township Clerk to advertise for upcoming Bids for all necessary government operations including capital projects and swim pool requirements for the year 2014.

Resolution 14-23

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it hereby designates, John Laezza, Business

Administrator as the Public Agency Compliance Officer, effective January 1, 2014 for a period of one year ending December 31, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance.

Resolution 14-24

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.2 that the following 2014 fee schedule as the same may be periodically updated yearly, for in-house review of applications for development, review and preparation of documents, inspection of improvements or other charges authorized by the Municipal Land Use Law is hereby approved.

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

<u>Title Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Work Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Township Engineer	Richard O’Connor Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC	-0-	As needed	\$130.00
Engineering Tech	Richard O’Connor Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC	-0-	As needed	\$ 75.00
Planning Board Attorney	Michael Cresitello DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, PC	-0-	As needed	\$150.00
Board of Adjustment Attorney	Howard Spialter	-0-	As needed	\$150.00

Resolution 14-25

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

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

WHEREAS it is contemplated that it will be necessary or desirable to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under such contract or contracts entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by said Division during the year 2014.

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

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

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

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2014

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Patrick O'Connor, Chairman
Angel Albanese
Frank Mazzarella

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Patrick O'Connor, Chairman
Bill Smith
Brian Toal

PARKS & RECREATION

Bill Smith, Chairman
Patrick O'Connor
Angel Albanese

PUBIC WORKS

Frank Mazzarella, Chairman
Bill Smith
Brian Toal

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alvin Barr, Chairman
Bill Smith
Frank Mazzarella

COUNCIL LIAISON

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Angel Albanese

EMERGENCY SQUAD
Patrick O'Connor

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Alvin Barr

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Frank Mazzarella

SENIOR CITIZEN
Alvin Barr

PUBLIC WORKS
Frank Mazzarella

PUBLIC LIBRARY
Angel Albanese

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Brian Toal

RECREATION
Bill Smith

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 Toal opened the public portion of the meeting

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

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Mr. President.

First off I just again want to welcome everyone and wish everyone a Happy Healthy New Year. Canter Stern thank you for being here tonight. We have Dawn and Terri from the Clerk's Office and Dawn Jenkin our new Library Director and welcome to your first reorganization meeting, she has a lot of energy and I appreciate it. We have Mr. DeMarzo from the Teen Center, Chief Scherb, Scott McCabe from Public Works, and we also have Mrs. Laezza, thank you for loaning your husband to us for another year, we do appreciate it, Edie's husband Jack welcome. And I have to introduce the owner of the Brewer Municipal and Rec Center. He is the owner of the building, we thought the taxpayers were, and maybe me as Mayor and these guys as Council but it's really John Kristof. No one takes care of that building better than John, like it's his very own. And our fire administration welcome again.

Cantor Stern, Cub Scouts members, Members of Council and Members of my Administration, family, friends and citizens of Clark Happy New Year to all. It is an honor and privilege to stand before you today as I enter my 14th year as Mayor. So much has been accomplished over the past

13th years in the township and I would like to give thanks for all the hard work and dedication not only from this administration and council but from you the citizens of this great town. Without your cooperation and appreciation our proven success would not be what it is today. Our success thus far has been due to one crucial component, “teamwork”, and I thank you all for that. It is because of our ability to work together professionally, competently and most of all with integrity that this has enabled this administration to work successfully not only on a local level but on a county and state level as well. It’s a pleasure to work together as a team without obstacles and personal agendas along the way. After all in the end all of us benefit.

When you build a strong, stable, safe and happy community with a top notch school system property values go up. And the township as a whole becomes more desirable from singles to seniors we benefit inevitable. Thank you to all of our recreational boards, coaches, players and parents who all work so hard together to achieve, to learn, to grow and most of all have fun. The giving of your time is our children’s aid in nurturing them of our future leaders. It’s a sense of pride in the community as well as overall success and desirability that puts Clark Township as one of New Jersey top places to live. Speaking of children it wouldn’t be proper if I didn’t thank Christina, Kellie, Joey and most of all my wife Geraldine for their continued support as I take on another year being Mayor of Clark Township. I do appreciate all they do for me, trust me. I want to thank you all for your patience, confidence and for your love for without that I would not be here today.

This administration has achieved great things and we will do so undoubtedly throughout the upcoming years. As for my friends on Council, Angel Albanese, Al Barr, Frank Mazzarella, Pat O’Connor, Rich Kazanowski, Brian Toal and Bill Smith, I thank you all for your continued cooperation, dedication, compassion and friendship throughout the years. We’ve achieved so much together and I look forward to achieving more with all of you. Councilman Bill Smith congratulations on your first year on Council, a job well done. Council President Toal best of luck to you, anything you need just ask, it also has been a pleasure to work with you. Councilman Pat O’Connor, thank you for your past year as Council President, as also you did a great job. I would also like to thank John Laezza and all of my administration department heads and employees; we would be a shell if it was not for all of you and your commitment and dedication. Frank Cerasa is our new Fire Chief, congratulations and best of luck to you and your men.

Clark Township is running very well. But my focus is to make it even better. The plan that has made Clark a county, state and nationally recognized town, this is something that we are proud of. Looking around we are cleaner, nicer and have much more to offer than a lot of the other towns around us. But I know the people still want more and I’m willing to accommodate your needs. Safety and service for our hometown will always be a priority. Our services that the Clark residents have grown accustomed to and will continue. In this year’s budget is our bulky cleanup, our branch cleanup, our grass cleanup, the 4th of July fireworks, Breakfast with Santa, the tree lighting festivities, Easter Egg Hunt, senior breakfast and bbq, the senior bus, existing and new recreational programs and there’s probably even more to come, the list goes on and on.

The children...giving our children the best quality of life is the first and foremost thing, they are our future. To our seniors, thank you for giving us the fruits of your hard work and help us

establish this great town the place where I grew up. Let's continue to serve our seniors as well as preserve the future for our children.

Clark will be turning 150 years old, our 150th anniversary this year. We will celebrate this milestone as a united and proud community. We will look back and respect our township's history. We will elaborate on and appreciate our township's present and we will prepare and look forward to our township's future. As gate keepers of the present we hold the keys to what's to come for Clark. Our township is already one of the most leading towns in the county with regards to providing services to our citizens as well as recreational services available to every age group. We thank our leaders again in public safety to our police, fire and first aid department.

Clark's recent development approvals will keep Clark on the fiscally sound path. The development of our senior housing project will be great ratables to our township. The Miele Property will also benefit us in this way. L'Oreal has sold their manufacturing building to their neighbors Kerry Industries, thus bringing in hundreds of new jobs into the future of our township. Over the next few years L'Oreal plans to build a new research and development center, yet another opportunity for Clark to gain more tax dollars and new jobs as well.

Last year US Gypsum came to us and asked us to help in rezoning of their property which is approximately 28 acres. As I would like to tell you that we may have the answers to all of the questions, I've decided to ask the residents for their input. I cannot even recall in the township's history a Mayor reaching out to the community for an opinion especially on such a major zoning change. Yet the town wide mailer went out and your opinions and ideas poured in. And I thank you for all your input. Hopefully by 2016 we will see a community shopping center emerge at the US Gypsum site on Raritan Road. We are being told that Whole Foods will be the anchor store. Major road improvements will be implemented. And more importantly more tax revenues and jobs will pour into our community. Well what a busy year this has been in the past year and the next few plan to be just as busy. Clark is on the move again with several hundred millions of dollars being invested into our community. Developers are betting on us, they learned what we have always known; Clark Township is the best place to live, work and play.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year, to work with us; we are going to continue to work with all of you. I think I can speak for Council in saying these...we never said we're perfect, but we try real hard to make it as perfect as we can for all of you. This is our community. We can laugh, we can joke as you saw earlier tonight but when business comes down we all answer the call from the Mayor's office right down through our Council, to all of our department heads, employees, volunteers and everybody that serves in this community, and the citizens as well, we saw that during Super Storm Sandy.

Again it's an honor and it's a pleasure and I wish you all a great and healthy and Happy New Year. And let's God Bless Clark and this great country thank you.

COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL REMARKS

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Council President Toal, congratulations to you and also to you Vice President Smith. I look forward to working with you and wish you the best of luck in this upcoming year.

To everyone in the audience and out there good evening and Happy New Year to everyone, I just have a few comments that I want to share. First Councilman O’Connor I want to thank you for your great service this past year. You did a great job. To the Council I look forward to working with all of you in 2014.

Most important of all I want to express tremendous gratitude to the citizens of Clark for electing me to serve them. Our function here is to have a mission that identifies the services and the programs that we plan to provide our community. I want to thank our Mayor, Mayor Sal, thank you for your vision and for continuing to provide the great services our citizens have become accustomed to during your tenure. As also it’s a tremendous pleasure to be part a team and to work with you. I want to thank all of our township directors and employees for all of their hard work.

The legal limits on taxation and spending make it very difficult to operate and deal with the day to day operating issues, let alone the other issues that come up each year that challenge us. Regardless we need to provide strategic direction for the present and for the future. New challenges need to be dealt with as well, whether it is a lawsuit we must defend or a new development issue. From a budgeting and financial stand point it gets tougher and tougher each year. While we continue to tighten our belt, the State continues to shrink its funding and the revenues that should come back to us. We’ve been through some very tough times and the recovery is slow. Many cities and townships have not fared as well as Clark. They have suffered layoffs, furloughs and extensive turn over. In Clark we’ve been very fortunate these past 13 years to have straightened out some very serious financial issues that we were faced with in 2000. In Clark we have continued to run a steady course under the administrative and financial control of our Business Administrator, John Laezza. Our financial and debt rating is outstanding and one that we can all be proud of and that translate to probably the lowest rates on our debt in the State. And we continue to keep tight control. John I want to thank you for making the most out of every tax dollar that we have raised and for keeping our taxes as low as possible. It’s a pleasure to be able to continue to provide services and programs that our citizens have become accustomed to and expect. As I’ve said in the past our department heads know if they ask for something in their budget, it better be justified or they ain’t getting it. John your management makes the Council’s job very easy, thank you.

The bottom line is that we and the administration are all working together to make Clark safe, clean and to continue to provide the great services we want to provide and you expect from your township leaders.

And of course I must mention the Library. We are very lucky to have a Library in Clark. Not every township has a Library. But I believe that it is part of what makes Clark very special. I want to thank our Library Board of Trustees and our new Library Director Dawn Jenkin and the

staff that makes the Library a welcoming place to visit and a tremendous resource of information for our citizens. Dawn this year brings a new energy and some exciting ideas to improve our Library's services. So tighten your belt and get ready for some big changes.

To all the various volunteers who serve...our fire department, emergency squad, all the various board members and committees for all of your time and energy and talent I want to thank you and let you know that you are greatly appreciated. And that's really what makes Clark a great town to live in for me at least and I thank you very much.

In closing I want to say I look forward to meeting the challenges of 2014 and appreciate your input. I'm here to serve you. I want to wish you all a very Healthy and Happy New Year, peace to all, thank you Mr. President.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President...Mayor Bonaccorso, Members of Council, and ladies and gentlemen. It has been my custom every reorganization day since I first took office to tell you about the many things that make this a great town. Well I decided not to do that this time because if I did I would be telling you how our Mayor's love for this town and sincerity in continually trying to improve the lifestyle of our residents is beyond question. I know I also would have told you that we have without a doubt the best Business Administrator in the State whose extensive knowledge of finance and government always leaves me in awe. Probably then I would have gone on to tell you that I, along with the rest of my colleagues on Council work collaboratively to ensure that all decisions we make will be in the best interest of our township. And after that I would have gone on and thanked our police department, our volunteer fire department, our department of public works, our volunteer emergency squad, all department directors and all the rest of our township employees for their hard work and dedication in helping to make Clark a great township that it is. And finally I would have also thanked all of the volunteers who did their and effort in helping wherever and whenever they are needed. But as I said I'm not going to do that today.

There is one person however I do have to thank today, my wife Barbara. And one of the reason I have to thank her is because she has never complained, well almost never complained, about all the times I have to be away from home because of some kind of township business and one other reason, very soon she is going to be my bride of 55 years. I did notice however that some things do change if you are married a long time. In my early years on council when I was either campaigning or had to be in attendance for some kind township business, I would turn to her and say "Barb I have to go out again" she would just shrug her shoulders and say "that's okay I'd rather you stay home but you do whatever you have to do". Well as I said things do change and lately she would actually come to me lovingly and say "I have a lot of things to do today, don't you have any meetings or some kind of township business you have to go to". She is always thinking about what's best for me.

I also want to thank Councilman Pat O'Connor for his excellent job as Council President this past year. And I would like to congratulate Councilman Brian Toal as the new Council President and Councilman Bill Smith as Council Vice President. And one last thing I would like to mention that I learned during my tenure on council so far is that sometimes, not always but sometimes when there are others who are going to speak, long speeches are not always

appreciated, so with that I want to wish everyone a happy prosperous but most important a healthy New Year, thank you.

Councilman Kazanowski: Yes thank you Council President Toal, congratulations, and Mr. Smith congratulations on Vice President. Good evening everyone, I would like to wish my neighbors in the Third Ward and the entire township a Happy and Healthy New Year. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. Over these past years I feel that I've become a part of a family of Clark; shopping in our local stores as I walk my dog Simon in different neighbors and sitting in the stands cheering our children at sport events. I've answered many of your questions and concerns. Remember, your concerns are my concerns. I will continue to reach out to do whatever I can, at the same time if you have a question or if there's something else I can do for you, please let me know. My door is always open.

This New Year is bringing some big changes to our town. The biggest change we'll soon face is the redevelopment of the Gypsum Property and the downtown center that is planned. As plans move forward there will be issues that will need to be resolved. The needs of our local businesses and our commitment to maintain the small town character of Clark. I will work with council and the administration to resolve any issues that come up. We also can't forget the downtown area of Westfield Avenue and the renewed attention that is needed. We need to bring healthy ratables into the area that compliments and not conflicts with the businesses and residential properties that are already there. It is time to refocus our intentions here to create a vibrant commercial area.

Over the past year I am pleased to say that we've added personnel to our public works and to our police department to enhance the services that provide the services to our residents. In the coming year I will work with my colleagues to continue to improve the quality of services that we provide including town rec and other organizations in the township. We can do this by cost savings where we can and seeking out available grants that can help us improve our township services.

In this New Year I urge our residents to come out and get involved in your local government. I look forward to working with my colleagues and the administration to make Clark even a better place to live. My neighbors in the Third Ward, yes my Third Ward Calendar will be out soon. I need to confirm the dates, important phone numbers and other information before I go into production and mailing it out. And in closing I wish to wish all of you a prosperous and Happy New Year and Council President if you forget something, I'll make sure I'll give you a little nudge, thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes thank you Council President and I want to congratulate you on your appointment this evening. And Brian I want to offer my support to you this coming year. And congratulations Bill on your appointment as Council Vice President.

Good evening Mayor Bonaccorso, Mr. Laezza, my Colleagues, Distinguished Guests, Municipal Employees and Friends.

Each year I'm here to re-affirm my commitment to you. That we are here for you and just a phone call away, that's very important. But this year I wanted to change it up a bit by talking about Clark Township our hometown.

Clark Township has been mine and my family's home since 1989. Through the years I've seen Clark Township grow into a community like no other. I've seen how we all come together as a family community when one of our neighbors is in need of support or a helping hand.

We all share a common goal coming together; with all the different events we have throughout the year to mention a few:

Our outstanding recreation programs for all our residents from young to old. We come together to honor our Veterans; our fireworks festivities on the 4th of July; Breakfast with Santa and holiday festivities and not to forget our summer rec camp which is a big hit and thanks to Ralph Bernardo for doing an outstanding job putting it all together.

Throughout the year we provide services to you...like our monthly bulky clean-up, branch and leaf pick-up and free mulch. Our DPW staff and personnel are right there at a moment's notice doing a great job for our community.

We have an outstanding Library for all of our residents' needs, and an amazing Municipal Staff; from our Town Hall Employees dealing with our everyday township wide services, to our Police Department keeping our town safe, to our Volunteer Fire Department, our Volunteer Emergency Squad and our Emergency Management Personnel for being there for whatever our emergency needs are.

Having all of this and you ladies and gentlemen as our residents makes Clark Township what it is today. So no matter what the case may be or whatever change you make in your life, you can always look back at Clark Township with respect and pride by knowing that we are a community that stands together. And I'm looking forward to a very forward and progressive and rewarding 2014.

In closing, along with my wife Theresa and family, we wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. God Bless our hometown and until next month, please be safe, thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you. I would like to say hello and welcome to 2014. I hope each of you had a great New Year celebration and are ready to take on the New Year. Congratulations to Council President Toal and to Vice President Smith.

Looking back on 2013 it was a year of change, not just for Clark but for the Second Ward. In 2013 the Council approved the rezoning of a vacant parcel of land known as US Gypsum to allow for a useful retail center that will breathe life into this town and produce jobs. Not only will this project create a center of town which has been lacking forever, it will also improve our tax revenue from about two hundred ninety-eight thousand dollars to about 1.2 million dollars. This increase of revenue would further allow our township to stay financially sound while continuing to provide the residents of Clark all the services they have come to expect. Having

said that I'm happy to report that the township continued to have sufficient cash flow throughout the year to meet all of its financial obligations and that all departments stayed on budget. For 2014 I expect the township to continue on its positive path forward not only meeting our financial needs but the needs of the residents of the Second Ward and the entire township. The Council is here to help. Please feel free to reach out to anyone of us as we are all committed to the success and propensity of this township, thank you.

At this time I would also like to talk about the Volunteer Emergency Squad and relate to you the officers for 2014:

Captain:	Thomas Zub
Asst. Captain:	Marc Cohen
1 st Lieutenant:	Michael Carrig
2 nd Lieutenant:	Michael Birritteri
1 st Sergeant:	Gerald Pobuta
2 nd Sergeant:	Ron Weslosky
3 rd Sergeant:	Wayne Waltner
President:	Ron Weslosky

Thank you and congratulations gentlemen.

Council President Toal: Just a personal note...Pat you did such a great job last year working in your shadows it was an honor to watch you act as Councilman and giving back to your hometown. And I want to personally say thank you for everything you did last year in 2013. It's a better township because of it.

Councilman Smith: Before I get into my prepared statement Ralph Bernardo just asked me to mention two quick things that are going on.

The first thing is he wants to remind everyone if you are interested in any winter classes from young kids up through senior citizens to please sign up now, the classes are just starting. And secondly, on Saturday, January 18th at Warianco Park in Roselle is the Clark Family Skate Night from 6 to 8 pm. The facility is closed to Clark residents and friends only. It's a great evening and I think it's a \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. So it's a very inexpensive and fun evening. If you haven't taken advantage of it in the past, please do so, it's a lot of fun.

2013 was my first year on the Clark Council and venture into politics. It was a very rewarding year and I thank the citizens of Clark for their support and feedback. I also want to thank my fellow Council Members, the Mayor, Business Administrator, Town Clerk and other township employees that assisted me throughout the year.

We, the council and town administration are here for you, the citizens of Clark. We value your feedback and encourage you to be more involved and attend our meetings to voice any concerns, encouragement or ideas you may have. One of our goals is to continue offering our residents the most services of any community in the state while keeping Clark an affordable place to live and raise a family.

Although the council had many issues, ordinances and resolutions to debate and vote on during 2013, the most important issue was the Gypsum site! The council's unanimous support and approval of the ordinance to rezone this property into a Limited Commercial Industrial Zone will be a huge benefit for the community once completed. It will not only bring jobs to Clark residents, but a significant amount of tax revenue. I am proud to be a part of this historic change for Clark and I'm sure Brian will eventually too with some pictures to show us.

We will continue to look into other ways to improve Clark. The Senior Citizen housing complex is a tremendous asset to Clark and you will start to see other improvements and changes on Terminal Avenue. I plan on making it a priority to concentrate on the Westfield Avenue corridor which includes the old Jack's Tavern property and A&P building. We all know that these properties need to be developed and once they are, I am confident those businesses will be successful. Just look at two recent businesses that have moved into Clark and are experiencing tremendous success stories, "Manny's Diner" on Raritan Road and Dean Russo's family business "Personally Yours" that opened on Westfield Avenue.

In closing, I want to thank Pat for a great year and thank you for your service as Council President. And I want to thank my family for their support this past year as well as my friends, neighbors, colleagues and residents for their support last year.

Councilman Mazzarella: I have an announcement from the Cub Scouts. Scott McCabe mentioned to me that this Saturday, January 11th between 8:30 and 12 there will be a Cub Scout breakfast at Brewer School, so please come by and support them.

Council President Toal: I promised I was going to keep it short, I will. Mr. Mayor, Mr. Laezza, Madam Clerk, Chief Scherb, Chief Cerasa and Deputy Chief Matthews.

It was our township's namesake Abraham Clark who stated the immortal words, "consistency to purpose". As we begin the new year of 2014 in our hometown of Clark Township, New Jersey as we know of it today celebrates its 150th Anniversary. I ask all Clarkites to join us in celebrating Clark's rich history and to honor the place we call home. As we begin the new year and as each year I would like to reaffirm to you the residents of Clark who allow me to sit here, I'm here because of you, you vote for me because I ask you to vote for me and you support me to allow me to sit here because maybe you support my ideas. Tonight I always state on the first day of the year at the first meeting is to say "thank you" to you the residents of the Fourth Ward to allow me to serve you as your elected official and to make a better Clark. I would like to renew my vows that I shall do my very best and that I will always strive to make our hometown a better place to live in, a clean, safe and green and historic township that we call home that we've spent our entire lives here. Pat O'Connor and Sal Bonaccorso and I grew up here, we didn't go elsewhere, we stayed here and they are raising their families and I hope to help your families to make a better town so you enjoy your time here.

To my colleagues on council 2014, thank you for allowing me to sit in this chair and I will do my very best to make you proud and to work alongside of you. To Mr. Mayor, thank you sir, we're here to make a better town and I'm here to serve you and the community to do our best to make

it a better town. Mr. Laezza I said it earlier and I will say it on public record, I promise not to annoy you. But the residents of Clark have to know my passion and concern for them is very simple, we must get their needs taken care of and yes I probably annoy him sometimes a little bit around spring time when road improvements are needed.

Again I thank you all for allowing me to sit here. Let's do a great job and work hard to make a better Clark. As we go into the days of 2014 let us as a community as a family of working together to build a better town and let us always remember "consistency to purpose" Abraham Clark and as it was just said each month I will be giving you a little bit of a history lesson of showing you photos and talking about a great, great community we live in.

In the audience Scott McCabe is overseeing the Dr. Robinson Plantation, please go out and see what Clark was like in its first initial days to see what a home was like. Come to the History Room in room 30 and take a look at the old photos and see what Clark was. Please remember we are a community, we are here to make a better Clark. If you have any ideas or suggestions, remember we are here to serve you. So again Happy New Year to everybody, I told you it was going to be short and sweet. To everyone in the audience thank you so much and God Bless you and God Bless the Township of Clark, thank you.

Township Clerk: The Mayor mentioned teamwork and I just want to thank my team Theresa Mazzarella and Dawn DelVecchio and I look forward to working with all of you again this year.

Police Chief Scherb: I just look forward to another year.

John Laezza: Yes Council President and congratulations on your position. First I would like to thank the Mayor and each of the council for their accolades, accolades kind of make you a little bit humble which is not one of my traits but I appreciate it. The accolades basically are due to all of the department heads that follow the rules. We made the rules early on and they follow them very well.

Over the last 13 years I've embraced Clark as if it were my town, I don't have the benefit of you and the Mayor and Pat O'Connor growing up here but I think in the last 13 years I've embraced the citizens. I would say better than 90% of them have embraced me. There's always that 10% that you can't get. But this year 2014 is a year that once again the state has granted me some extra time to give you the Budget. But being a traditionalist I'm telling you that you will have your Budget document that the Mayor and I have been putting together for the last three months by January 25th which is the traditional way. I hope that you as council will review that document, do with it what you shall, it's a document that we will need to accommodate the services that the citizens have become use too.

Next I would like to say that the downtown village is a goal that the Mayor has been working on. And 3 1/2 weeks ago we met with the owners of...some say it was the Food Fair properties and some say it was Foodtown and some say it was the old A&P, I say it is the derelict decapitated building that we've looked at for the last 7 or 8 years. And we did meet with them and they seem to have a hot project coming so that we are looking forward to making that the first project in the downtown to bring it back to life that we want it to be.

Over the last 13 years we've encompassed a great many capital projects. The town of Clark was in a rundown condition and we've spent over twenty million dollars in the last 13 years on capital projects. However, when we came in in 2000 there was an outstanding debt of about 21 million dollars, we've added to it 20 million dollars or more, we've paid down more than that because of our outstanding debt is down to about 17 1/2 million. So that each time we put a capital project in, we have a debt reduction program to make it work. Clark is financially sound because we've had cooperation, we've done things that the state legislators have been trying to do for the last four or five years, they may get it right someday. Unfortunately for the towns they haven't gotten it right yet.

I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation and wish everybody a Happy New Year, thank you.

Dawn Jenkin, Library Director: Gave a brief update on the future of the Library and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

BENEDICTION : Cantor Steven Stern, Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED

BRIAN P. TOAL
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk