

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ**  
**June 15, 2015**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, John Laezza, Business Administrator; Joseph Triarsi, Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Smith. He asked all present to participate in a moment of silence, following the salute to the Flag.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

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

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

Police Department: New Police Officer, Alexander Ruiz

Mayor Bonaccorso: Good evening Mr. President, Members of Council and ladies and gentlemen, welcome to our monthly council meeting. Tonight we have alongside of our regular business we have the swearing in of a new police officer which we will get to a second. And I'll be honoring by proclamation tonight one of our distinguished citizens Phil Colicchio. So we are very proud to have Phil here tonight and the swearing in of the new officer. So before I take over I'm going to turn it over to Police Chief Pedro Matos.

Police Chief Matos: Good evening everyone and good evening Town Council. Thank you for this opportunity to recognize our newest officer. I would like to begin by bringing up our newest officer, Officer Alexander Ruiz.

Prior to joining the Clark Township Police Department Office Ruiz served in the United States Army and he also served in Afghanistan. He attended Thomas Edison State College and prior to

coming to us he also served as a Cranford Special Police Officer and a Union County Police Officer. Congratulations.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Alexander Ruiz.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Alex I wish you the best of luck and safety here in the department. I think you are going to find it to be a great experience. We have a lot of top officers here and we have a lot of new people who are working and learning together. It's going to be a great community to work. And trust me Clark is a very appreciative town of our officers. Do a good job, stay safe and come home every night.

I wanted to highlight a friend, someone who is very well known throughout Union County in Athletics and especially in basketball. But I'm not really here tonight to boast about his accomplishments as a high school basketball coach, and I'm talking about Phil Colicchio. If you were going to sit here and boast on his accomplishments, you are going to find a Phil right now who is probably the best basketball coach in the State of New Jersey. And his record and his legacy of what he does shows it. But I'm more here tonight to also honor that, but to talk about what Phil is doing for student athletes in the town. He coaches in Linden, as a Clark resident unfortunately I wish he was coaching in Clark too but that's another thing, but that's okay. What he's doing for student athletes; how he is teaching them about hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, being together for a team, working together, achieving together, after losses how you work together and keep going. And Phil's biggest accomplishment I think and I know him quite a few years is the way he is received with the youth of this town here in Clark. He's coached in the Little League, he's done various things, he's at the travel basketball games, he's at softball games and he has a family which they attend that stuff. But he is always taking time out to talk to a child to make them a little better, to maybe let them understand a little bit about a failure and about a success and how to handle that. And I'm very proud to see that and being a Clark resident and wanting to highlight him and what he is doing for the student athletes in New Jersey which I think is so important in today's world to have people who are going to make our children better citizens someday. I mean we sure as heck know he's making them better basketball players; there's no doubt about that. This year for one I mean, you know, he won the Union County Tournament again. His tallest kid on the team was six foot two; he beat teams with seven footers on it. A team that won the tournament of champions he beat them twice, once on the county finals. Thankfully to me he knows my son very well and my son thinks very highly of him as a coach and as a person. And he invited my ten year old son to sit on his bench at the Kean University Gym and watch him coach his team through Union County final. And it was so funny because my son knows Coach Colicchio so well and they horse around a lot together. They really do, he loves him, you know he make him laugh and they go back and forth. And when we were driving home I said "Joe what did you get at it" and he said "Oh Dad you know gee Coach Colicchio was so good, he was telling his team to stay with it." And he was so impressed to see Phil in that light versus the light he sees in that Little League games and that travel basketball games. So we're proud Phil for you and your family to recognize you here tonight as a terrific citizen, someone who is making a difference in the youth of New Jersey's lives. And I want to have you, your lovely wife Laila and you son Tommy to come up here as I read this proclamation.

**Mayoral Proclamation**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and the Township Council would like to honor Linden High School Basketball Coach Phil Colicchio, a Clark resident who’s coaching career not only has been filled with victories, County Championships, State Sectional Championships, Coach of the Year Honors (seven times), and a career record of 368 wins and 135 loses; and

**WHEREAS** as impressive as his coaching achievements are, we honor Coach Colicchio for his work with student athletes in Linden, Clark, and throughout New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS** Coach Colicchio has been honored by the Linden Board of Education by naming Linden High School Basketball Court after him, and also an inductee into the Linden Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS** Coach Colicchio resides in Clark with his wife Dr. Laila, son Tommy, and two daughters Alyssa and Gia; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor of Clark Township, do hereby call upon the citizens of this community to join me in wishing Coach Colicchio more success in the future with his positive impact on student athletes in Linden and throughout the State of New Jersey.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Mayor of the Township of Clark, New Jersey has hereunto set his hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015

Coach Phil Colicchio: I’ve known the Mayor for a lot of years growing up. I’m from Elizabeth and we always went to the Gran Centurions growing up, so I’ve known Sal since I was a little guy. I’m so glad that I have chosen Clark to raise my family. You know I’ve been honored before by Linden, by the Freeholders, by actually Senators and Governors and this is great because anytime you are being honored by a friend it makes it that much more special. On a side note I wish Mr. Bonaccorso was here tonight to celebrate this, hopefully he is getting better every day and I miss him an awful lot. But you know we have Councilman Smith up there, he has refereed some of my games so I think he can attest firsthand that I’m not really easy on the sidelines but I try my best to get kids to get better, like Sal said, and that ultimately that’s all our jobs. Besides you know my own family that I’m blessed to have three beautiful kids and a beautiful wife. To be able to work with kids that’s always been my dream and I appreciate it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Let me tell you something if you want to hear a quick funny story. Growing up at the Gran Centurions I met Phil and his family, they were from Elizabeth at the time. And you know we are little kids running around the pool having a good time and everything and then life goes its own way and I run into Phil years later at Hyatt Hills Golf Course one day. We got talking and he is living in town and wow it was so great to see him. And you know he came from a terrific family Mom and Dad and brothers and if you have ever watched the cooking channel station the Bravo television station Top Chef, his bother Tommy is one of the most renowned Chef’s in the world. And he got his first start cooking at the snack stand at the Gran Centurions.

That’s a true story. And today he has restaurants all over the country and you know he is known as a top chef. So it’s funny how life comes full circle but again we just thank you Phil for what you do, not only in your job as the Linden Coach but what you are doing for the youth of Clark.

And to Alex again welcome to the department, be safe out there. We have a lot of police officers in here tonight and I thank you guys for coming. Thank you for the work you do out there, it’s really tremendous. We see you all over doing everything. You will have a little extra work now when Clark Commons opens but I know the shoppers and the citizens are going to be very safe with you. So thank you all so very much for coming tonight.

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

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

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

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes thank you Mr. President. Good evening again Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen. On a very good note to start tonight’s meeting with I would like to thank the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and their committee for granting Clark a Thirty Thousand Dollar grant for the Downtown Development of Westfield Avenue. We said a couple of months ago we’re applying for one and we applied for Fifty (Thousand) we got Thirty (Thousand) which is really good. And we do appreciate their contribution to helping make our Westfield Avenue into a real nice place and a very good, hopefully, business district.

I would like to send congratulations out a week or two premature though but I will, to all of the graduates of this year’s Class of 2015; whether it be college, high school, middle school, moving up fifth grade and wherever else you want to think about. I want to congratulate everybody on a job well done. We’re done with another school year; it’s just amazing how time flies. I would also like to remind the high school age parents that the drinking age in the State of New Jersey is twenty-one years old not as a senior in high school. The Clark Police Department will be out with underage drinking parties. Why don’t we just make it very simple for every one and let’s not have them. If you are going to have a graduation party, make sure the proper beverages are there for the proper age people and everyone can stay out of trouble. Under a 1998 ordinance the Clark Police Department has a right to come onto your property if they believe there’s an underage drinking party going on. They do not need a phone call to do that. So let’s just have a good time and make sure our children stay safe. I’m going to be very excited this year and a little sad I guess too because my daughter is graduating Johnson and I just can’t believe how quickly this has all happened.

To our Third Ward residents in the Runnymede and Malvern area, work has begun on your roads. I know Councilman Hund has been on the phone with me discussing it and things are working well. And hopefully you’ll have a beautiful street very shortly. We’re sorry about any temporary inconveniences but with progress come some inconveniences at times.

We are into our branch clean-up again. They will be picked up on the fourth week every month. Please as a reminder they are supposed to be put out in week three. Adhere to that for the safety of bicyclists, people walking and our motor vehicle drivers.

I would like to thank everyone who attended my golf outing at Echo Lake Country Club and all its sponsors. It was a great time. I would like to thank the Clark TAP Susan and Elizabeth for being there and highlighting a really, really good Clark Day with a lot of fun.

The Clark Commons (shopping center) is slowly opening. It looks really great and I'm very proud of that center. And I'm hearing some great feedback from the citizens of Clark. I hope you enjoy it. The stores will be opening shortly one by one and August 7<sup>th</sup> is the official grand opening. The traffic light that's not on yet at the Hyatt Hills - Clark Commons entrance will be hopefully shortly. I know Mr. Laezza has been working on that with PSE&G to get that all up and going. But in the meantime enjoy the shopping. The eateries will be opening soon enough. And I think it's going to be a beautiful place filled with wonderful landscaping flowers with great different colors in there, it really looks great. And that concludes my report for this evening thank you.

Township Clerk: I have the police, fire and first aid reports for the month of May, 2015 received and on file in my office.

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

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President. First I would like to report on activities at the Library. The summer reading club starts on June 29<sup>th</sup> and there will be activities and prizes for all ages, not just children, but also for teens and adults. So please go to the website. You'll see the full list of activities. And I hope you enjoy your summer reading. And don't forget this summer about the museum passes that are available for free that is for the Intrepid Air and Space Museum in New York City and also for the Grounds for Sculpture Museum in Hamilton, New Jersey.

And in Councilman O'Connor's absence he asked me to deliver the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad report. There were 132 calls for the month, 110 were for Clark and 22 for mutual aid. The top three calls were for fall victims 16, motor vehicle accidents 16 and for sick persons 13. Also the squad provided stand-by service for the Relay for Life this past Friday and also for the Clark Field of Dreams. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. The police dispatcher had the Clark Volunteer Fire Department respond to 51 calls this past month. Also the Fire Chief asked me to remind everyone to periodically check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Usually the batteries will beep every so often when they are going low but don't rely on that. You should periodically check the batteries and change them regardless. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Hund: Thank you Mr. President. The Clark Police Department report for May 2015 saw a total of 3,738 calls for services of which 99 were ambulance requests, 19 were fire

department requests, 2 were vandalism, 20 were motor vehicle and residential lock-outs, 120 were alarm calls, 86 were motor vehicle accidents and 3,370 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total of 23 adult arrests including 3 for theft, 5 for drug abuse, 2 for DUI and 13 for warrants. And there were a total of 7 juvenile arrests during the month. That concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Mazarella: Yes thank you Council President. The Mayor touched on the branch pick-up that will be next week, the fourth week, branches should be out this week. But please ladies and gentlemen don't put them out before the third week because it makes the streets look quite dirty and it really hampers our street cleaning efforts with our street sweeper. So please adhere to that.

Grass pick up is every Monday unless there is a holiday; please check the Clark website for the dates. And please remember to put the grass in a no larger than a thirty-two gallon container. If you put them out in the street just loose, DPW will not pick them up and you could subject yourself to a summons.

Electronic drop off is June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm and that's in the back of this building here (police department). Appliance and metal pick up by appointment only, please call DPW to arrange for the pickup. And removal of metal from those items that you place out at curbside is illegal. They are recyclable and the Township picks them up. So please if you see anybody around picking things up call police headquarters.

Bulky pick up continues and it must be by appointment. So please call DPW no later than the Thursday before to arrange for DPW to pick it up. And that's by appointment only. All appointments can be made by emailing DPW at [dpw@ourclark.com](mailto:dpw@ourclark.com) or by phone at (732) 428-8402.

We still have plenty of mulch. So if you care to have some just call DPW or go on the website or email. The small load is three yards, the large load is six yards and we will deliver it to you and drop it off in your driveway. And our DPW now as I said last month has a Facebook page for information, so please follow them on Clark Public Works on Facebook. Thank you and that's the extent of my report.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. It's June 15<sup>th</sup> and as the Mayor said it's amazing how quickly the year has gone. We really went through a really bad winter. But at the June meeting I always bring this up because July 4<sup>th</sup> is only a couple weeks away. He was born on September 13, 1946 he's a Clark kid. He grew up in the township, went to high school at ALJ, and graduated June 1965. He went into the military and he was in Vietnam as a US Marine. He came out of the Marines in 1969 and joined the Clark Police. His father was a Police Captain, John Waterson. He proceeded as a Clark Police Officer and he lived in the township on 7 Janie Lane. He was a Clark kid and they called him "Billy." His name was William J. Waterson. He drove the streets in Clark in a patrol car in that era. Billy Waterson was driving on a routine patrol July 3, 1971 with his partner Richie Ryder. They were down the street at the Old Jack's Tavern parked around 11:30. His parents stopped by after going out for an evening engagement, said hello and asked how everything is going and when the shift is over come on home. They

then proceeded down Brant Avenue passed Mother Seton and the Parkway Circle, they went under the Parkway Circle and they started hearing screams at the old Howard Johnsons. Howard Johnsons is today Shop Rite, Central Avenue, Clark 2015. They heard screams and they drove the patrol car into the back of Howard Johnsons and saw a gentleman attacking a couple, they stopped the car and ran after the gentleman, screamed at him to stop, he jumped off the balcony second story into a shrub and ran into the parkway woods and they followed him. With flashlights out they ordered the gentleman to stop, lay down his weapon or whatever they thought was a weapon he opened fire, he hit Billy Waterson twice, chest and on the side. Richard Ryder went back to his patrol car and order for help and an all-points bulletin went out. Patrolman William J. Waterson died on the operating table at Rahway Hospital July 4<sup>th</sup> 1:30 in the morning, the only police officer in the history of Clark to be killed in the line of duty. The reason I bring this up is because I was recently working with Billy’s sister. I have another book coming out on Clark’s history. And again a special chapter dedicated to Billy. And Jenny Waterson asked me please let the new people in Clark know what happened to my brother, that says it all. The younger officers joining the force as the Mayor said tonight to be safe out there. Clark has changed quite a bit since 1971. The only officer in the line of duty ever to be killed and the reason I bring this come every June meeting is we must never forget. We must always protect the borders of the Township of Clark by having the best police department, the best Police Chief, and the best equipped men and trained men. And Mr. Mayor we thank you for your support and doing exactly what we said keeping this town clean, green, safe, and always knowing if the residents need anything we are there for them. That’s all I have Mr. President thank you.

Council President Smith: The recreation report this evening; Registration for summer rec is ongoing. It starts on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please contact Ralph as soon as possible so he can make sure that he can fit you into one of the grades or in one of the classes. There’s also openings still for the Tennis Camp and the Clark Community Pool still has registration; its ongoing for memberships. This past weekend was a beautiful weekend at the pool. So if you are interested please contact Ralph Bernardo in the Rec Department or stop down at the pool.

And lastly, a new class started “Learn How to Fish in the Reservoir”. Ralph went out with twenty children and had all the fishing poles were donated the worms and etc. In about four hours they caught about two hundred different fish. So it was a very exciting program for the kids and it tells you about the amount of fish in that Reservoir and stream. So if anybody is interested in that he will be doing that again. And lastly on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> there will be the fireworks display. There will be vendors, rides, food, etc. outside of Brewer and ALJ fields. And that concludes my report for this evening.

**ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:**  
**PUBIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

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

**Ordinance 15-13**

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

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-13

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, Mazzarella, Toal, Smith

Motion to adopt Ordinance 15-13 made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

Council President Smith directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, Mazzarella, Toal, Smith

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** Councilwoman Albanese, Member of Finance Committee made a motion to approve the payment of claims on current and capital expenditures in the amount of \$318,288.59, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Council President Smith directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, Mazzarella, Toal, Smith

**CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:**

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

Council President Smith opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, Mazzarella, Toal, Smith

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Council as ABC Board:**

**Resolution 15-71**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following Plenary Retail Consumption License whose submitted application form is complete in all respects including payment of the renewal fee to the Township in the sum of \$2,500.00 is hereby approved for annual renewal for the License Term 2015 – 2016, effective July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2016.

2002-33-001-003      Brinker New Jersey Inc.  
t/a Chili's Grill & Bar  
225 Central Ave., Clark, NJ 07066

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

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**Resolution 15-72**

**WHEREAS** N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS** said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clark has received notice of an award of \$30,309.83 from the State of New Jersey, Clean Communities Grant and wishes to amend its 2015 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$30,309.83 which is now available as a revenue from:

- Miscellaneous Revenues:
  - Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services:
  - State and Federal Revenues Off-set with Appropriations:
  - Clean Communities Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$30,309.83 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

- General Appropriations:
  - (a) Operations Excluded from CAPS
  - State and Federal Programs Off-set by Revenues:
  - Clean Communities Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution will be electronically submitted in accordance with the directive of the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

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**Resolution 15-73**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR BLOCK 52, LOTS 5.01 AND 5.02 COLLECTIVELY, AND ACCEPTING INDIVIDUAL REPLACEMENT PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR BLOCK 52 LOT 5.01 AND BLOCK 52 LOT 5.01 INDIVIDUALLY**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution dated December 4, 2014 the Township of Clark Planning Board (“Board”) approved a subdivision of the property known as 290 Madison Hill Road, Block 52, Lot 5 (now Lots 5.01 and 5.02) for Mr. John Ruby and Mr. Patrick Ruby (“Applicants”); and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of that approval the Applicants were required to post a performance bond to ensure that the improvements such as curbing, sidewalks, drywells, driveways and sanitary sewer connections would be completed, the Applicants posted a single bond in the amount of \$37,200.00 (90% Surety in the amount of \$33,480.00 and 10% cash in the amount of \$3,720.00) covering both new lots in compliance with that condition; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the subdivided lots (Lot 5.01) has now been sold and the new owner of the lot understandably desires to separate his obligations as to his lot from the obligations of Mr. John Ruby and his Lot 5.02; and

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting of June 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 the Board discussed this request and determined that the original performance bond should be released and replaced by two separate performance bonds that specify the improvements related to each of the particular lots, and properly divide the property owners responsibilities to their own respective lots, and recommended that the Township Engineer and Township Administrator work with the Applicants, the new owner and the Township Council to achieve that end; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council having discussed this matter at its meeting of June 15, 2015, and determining that two individual performance bonds will adequately protect the Township’s interests agrees with the Board that the collective performance bond for Lots 5.01 and 5.02 can and should be replaced by two individual performance bonds, one for Lot 5.01 with 90% Surety in the amount of \$12,420.00, 10% cash in the amount of \$1,380.00 and an additional 5% for Engineering in the amount of \$690.00 one for Lot 5.02 with 90% Surety in the amount of

\$21,060.00, 10% cash in the amount of \$2,340.00 and an additional 5% for Engineering in the amount of \$1,170.00 so that the total amount of the two bonds when added together will equal the amount of the original performance bond plus Engineering fees and the division of the costs to the respective lots having been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Clark hereby releases the original collective performance bond for Block 52, Lots 5.01 and 5.02 in the amount of \$37,200 and adopts and approves the new performance bonds for Block 52 Lot 5.01 and the second performance bond for Block 52, Lot 5.02 in the amounts approved as set forth herein.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

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

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**Resolution 15-74**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it does hereby authorize the Mayor and/or Business Administrator to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority for certain solid waste services with respect to Bulky Waste Type – 13 and Construction and Demolition Waste – Type 13C generated within the township.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

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**Resolution 15-75**

**WHEREAS** Saint John the Apostle School (“St. John’s”) held a fund raising event under Raffle License number RL14-84; and

**WHEREAS** a Report of Operations was submitted to the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission (“the State”) by St. John’s on April 30, 2015 as required by law; and

**WHEREAS** based on ticket sales, the fundraising committee calculated an additional fee of \$200.00 they believed was owed to the State as well as the Township; and

**WHEREAS** the State determined that the money was sent in error and subsequently returned the check to St. John’s; and

**WHEREAS** St. John’s submitted a written request to the township for a refund of the overpayment of \$200.00 paid to the Township; and

**WHEREAS** Township records confirm that the check was received May 7, 2015 and deposited May 8, 2015.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to refund \$200.00 payable to St. John the Apostle – PFG, 571 Valley Road, Clark, New Jersey 07066.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Council President Smith

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

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 15-76**

**WHEREAS** the Police Department has requested that the Township Council authorize the appropriate Township Officials to approve the authorization of the purchase of three (3) 2016 Ford Police Utility Interceptor marked police vehicles for use by the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS** the Administration recommends an outright purchase payable upon delivery of the Police Vehicles:

Pricing of the Vehicles through the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System;  
System Identifier 47-CPCPS  
Dealer: Beyer Ford LLC, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey, 07962  
Funded by: Police O/E Account #5-01-25-240-237  
Two (2) Vehicles at \$27,362.25 each, One (1) Vehicle at \$24,794.75  
Total equipment price \$79,519.25

**WHEREAS** the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in the amount of \$79,519.25 funded by O/E Account 5-01-25-240-237 as attached hereto as a “Certification of Availability of Funds.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to purchase Three (3) 2016 Ford Police Utility Interceptor marked police vehicles from Beyer Ford LLC, of Morristown, New Jersey.

**Resolution 15-77**

**WHEREAS** 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 as authorized by Township Resolution 15-23; and

**WHEREAS** the Clark Police Department wishes to purchase and install equipment for Police Utility Vehicles from authorized vendors as follows:

Triangle Communications NJ State Contracts: #81331 and #81343  
 2362 Waldheim Avenue  
 Scotch Plains, NJ 07076-2052  
 and

Morris County Co-Op Contract #41  
 Equipment List:

Lighting, Sirens, Console Boxes, Computer Mounts, necessary to outfit three 2016 Ford Police Utility Interceptors

Total equipment and installation price not to exceed \$34,992.65 payable upon completion; and

**WHEREAS** the Business Administrator recommends the utilization of these contracts on the grounds that they meet all industry standards; and

**WHEREAS** the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for these contracts in Police O/E Account # 5-01-25-240-237.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of equipment for Police Utility Vehicles as described above.

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**Resolution 15-78**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby authorize the Tax Collector to settle a Tax Appeal 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>
63/46	1005 Raritan Road	400,000	368,200	31,800	2012
63/46	1005 Raritan Road	400,000	300,500	99,500	2013

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a refund be issued in the amount of \$11,076.04. (Principal amount of refund of taxes \$10,129.21 with 5% statutory interest of \$946.83)

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**Resolution 15-79**

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

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

REF	#	Account #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
15	10R	229-0	Roseann Pontoriero	56	Rutgers Road	overpayment	\$307.50
15	11R	4491-0	F Tenreiro	29	Linda Lane	overpayment	\$111.97
15	12R	541-0	Dominic Giafgalione	16	Kennedy Drive	overpayment	\$112.50
						Total Refunds	\$531.97

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**Resolution 15-80**

**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	26	3602-0	George Sangiuliano	132	Westfield Avenue	cracked sprinkler	\$3,161.80	\$225.00	\$2,935.80	

15	27	444-0	Werner Baez	927	Lake Avenue	leak	\$1,025.00	\$345.00	\$680.00	
15	28	5038-0	Louis De Marzo	25	Orchard Terrace	demolished	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	
15	29	541-0	Dominic Giafaglione	16	Kennedy Drive	demolished	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	
						<b>Total Adjustments</b>			<b>\$4,065.80</b>	

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**Resolution 15-81**

**WHEREAS** in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2015 taxes; the Mayor has recommended to Council that such authorization be granted.

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

<b>CLARK TOWNSHIP TAX REFUNDS-2015</b>						
<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>QUAL.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>REFUND</b>
53	8		Dennis Stear	910	Raritan Road	\$503.07
77	47		Marie Barba	31	Plymouth Rd	\$250.00
14	6.01		James Clarke	89	Grove Street	\$802.74
31.03	23	C-023	Harriet Radinsky	23	Briarwood Path	\$1,243.05
33.02	24		Leslie Danis	69	Acorn Drive	\$42.26
66	2		Darlene Alicea	38	Dawn Drive	\$1,940.18
168	6		Thomas Smith	56	Parkway Drive	\$305.28
					Total Refunds	\$5,086.58

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**Resolution 15-82**

**WHEREAS** NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services; and

**WHEREAS** the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulation for pilot programs; and

**WHEREAS** the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct pilot programs; and

**WHEREAS** the rules and regulations authorize a municipality to submit an application for participation in the pilot program for an electronic tax sale; and

**WHEREAS** an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clark wishes to participate in the pilot program for an electronic tax sale.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to complete an application to participate in electronic tax sale program and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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**Resolution 15-83**

**WHEREAS** the Township is required to hold an annual tax sale for delinquent municipal charges; and

**WHEREAS** in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-38 the Township may charge a mailing fee not to exceed Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00).

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that the Tax Collector be authorized to charge a Tax Sale mailing fee not to exceed \$75.00 in accordance with State guidelines.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Barr

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

**NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

Council President Smith opened the public portion of the meeting

Aidan Edmondson, 32 Dorset Dr.: I am doing a merit badge for communications for Boy Scouts.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Let me help Aidan out here. Let me tell you something, I've known Aidan for a few years, he played baseball for me. He played baseball with my son this year and he is a good guy and a good baseball player too. And he is working hard for that project merit badge. So you are going to do just fine, don't be shy, talk to these guys and relax.

Aidan Edmondson: I need to have a topic in which I have two opinions that may contradict with each other and I have to pick a side.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Okay. Now if you want to sit with me with this council, I can tell you which two to pick and what side you can take, I can help you out free of charge (joking). Now you live by Councilman Toal on Dorset.

Aidan Edmondson: Yes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Aidan is a good man I can vouch for him. He is a smart guy, he's a good, good young man and we are proud of him. And we are here to help you, anything you need buddy you know you can count on us, okay.

Aidan Edmondson: Okay.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Alright pal thank you.

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia St.: I have a few announcements to make because some people in town are not on Facebook. The dog that was found tied up at Veterans Park is now up for adoption through Union Animal Hospital. He's forty pounds; he's been vaccinated, neutered, and all ready to go. His name is Minnie Cooper and if you go on Facebook he is there. And if you call the Veterinarian Hospital they will interview you and you can go in and meet him. They are anxious to find him a home. Their number is (908) 378-5188. Also there was another dog found the other night on the border of Clark and Cranford over off of Walnut Avenue by Chester Lang Place sort of behind Hyatt Hills but towards the Picton area. It's a buff colored cocker spaniel. He's been posted on Facebook but just in case anyone that is not on Facebook, he is being held by one of the rescue groups in the County.

Another topic is Investors Savings has invited three of the local animal rescue groups to an adoption day on Westfield Avenue on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The local groups are All Star Pets from Linden, Best Friends from Union County and Brendan Meadows, their president is a resident of Clark. And there will be refreshments; there will be a need for anyone that wants to drop off any supplies for any of our homeless pets, they will be graciously accepted. And again it's on the June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 1 on Westfield Avenue at Investors Savings.

I don't know if this is the right venue to bring it up but I'm going to ask anyway. On the Clark Facebook page (Delia to the Mayor: am I allowed to interface with you here) (Mayor: if you want) Okay I understand that anything that's posted on the Clark Facebook page has to be approved by you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Not correct.

Delia Collins: Okay.

Mayor Bonaccorso: The Clark Facebook page is not supposed to be responded to. We are a government entity and my secretary has it, she runs the Facebook page through my office.

Delia Collins: Okay because when I brought something to here...

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well depending what it was, I have no clue. But what we're trying not to do is to have a dialogue with, you know, a debate on Facebook. I don't know I'm not saying you Delia I'm just saying in general.

Delia Collins: Right I understand.

Mayor Bonaccorso: So in the very beginning we would post stuff and we would get comments back. Well some people might get sore because we wouldn't answer you back because we don't have anyone that's going to sit there and answer Facebook comments all day or all night long. Then all of a sudden they switched the page on us, I guess like a business page, to where we can send our messages and people can't post back. But it's for township business only really is what we're looking to do.

Delia Collins: Oh okay because I see a post on there now for the festival that's going to be happening at Oak Ridge Park in September (Mayor Bonaccorso: yes) and that's a private entity that's running that event

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well it's run by the County.

Delia Collins: Well not really.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We're splitting hairs Delia, its run by the County. (Delia Collins: I understand that but the...) It's going to be in Clark but see the main part is we're not promoting the event; it's not about that, we're trying to tell the Clark residents that this is going to be happening in their town. Chief Matos and I are going to be working with the residents in that area about some parking restrictions and things of that nature. That's the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup>, correct. I'm going to mention that at the end because it's a good thing to do.

Delia Collins: Okay. Because the one thing we are trying to get on and hopefully it will get approved. It's that Associated Humane which is our animal control runs a van that comes to other towns and one is Linden and they have spaying/neutering. They have vaccinations at low costs. They have micro chipping and it our animal control contractor that's running this event. They hold them in Plainfield, Mountainside, Linden and Elizabeth during each month. And if anyone in town wants to avail themselves of this service, I think it would be a good place to post it.

John Laezza: Delia if you want to call animal control and have them call us, then we can put that in on what we have.

Delia Collins: Okay because I did get in touch with Nancy Raymond.

John Laezza: Okay but they would have to get in touch with us.

Delia Collins: With you yourself or with the...

Mayor Bonaccorso: John or my secretary Jennifer then we'll be able to go through him.

Delia Collins: Okay, alright thank you. Have a good evening.

Dario Valdivia, 9 Terry Lane: Good evening Council, good evening Mayor. I just had a couple of questions. I overheard a little earlier that the Freeholders are giving us a Grant for thirty thousand dollars. Is that the same as with the third resolution is about seeking approval with the Director of Division of Local Government Services for the insertion of a special...

Mayor Bonaccorso: No.

Dario Valdivia: Okay alright. Because I think it was just like this close to the same amount so I was just curious. The other thing is too I was driving down Raritan Road going towards like Osceola Church and right in front of 1677 is a telephone pole there with a rope tied around it. I contacted DPW and left them a message and nobody got back to me. And from when I talked to the resident there they said it's been tied up like that for a year now and I was just curious if anybody knew about it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: That would be PSE&G.

Dario Valdivia: Is it PSE&G, okay.

Mayor Bonaccorso: It's is out town but we don't erect poles and we move poles to take of them. DPW probably wouldn't get back to you on that. #1 they probably already have sent something in the past but that's the PSE&G.

Dario Valdivia: Okay. Because like I said I talked to the resident over there and she didn't know anything about it. So she said we called up and I don't know, nobody is coming around and doing anything about it. And you know I was just worrying about it falling on somebody's car that's all. The other thing too with the Clark Commons being erected now and I'll tell you it is starting to look really, really good. The traffic in my neighborhood is really, really bad. I mean I live on Terry Lane right across from me is the Provident Bank and there's a little mini mall as well. And I have residents trying to navigate to cross across that street and they can't do without you know to having to dodge cars and everything else. Is there a possibility or what would be the procedure for us you know to put a walkway there because there's no walkway you know no dotted cross line walkway to go across the street, everybody basically has to take their life into their own hands. And I think that the speed limit there is thirty-five and everybody is zipping by faster than that. I mean nobody slows down for anybody there.

Mayor Bonaccorso: That's a county road. I don't think that the county would just start putting crosswalks in the middle of Raritan Road.

John Laezza: We'll have traffic look at it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We'll look at it but I'm not going to promise you.

Dario Valdivia: Well I appreciate that, it sounds like a better answer than you know the county not wanted to do something like that.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well we are just telling you the facts that sometimes, I know you are very new and you need to understand these things on how government works and what it's about. You know we just can't say "well gee it's hard to get across the street and we are going to put a crosswalk in." It's like the person that says "gee you know it's hard to get out of the street, can we put a light up." Well a light is a hundred and fifty thousand dollars and the State fields the approval, those things kind of work like that.

Dario Valdivia: It's a process to go ahead and get that all done. You are right. So I mean you aren't worried about your residents getting hit when they cross the street?

Mayor Bonaccorso: We are. But we can be worried about every single corner in New Jersey not just the street I'm living on.

Dario Valdivia: No we have to worry about Clark not New Jersey.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well New Jersey, Clark Township. You know Dario I kind of get a good idea of what's been going on here for the past twenty years that I've been in government. And I do worry about people not just in my neighborhood but throughout the community. But I also know that I just can't get everything that we like to whether I'm a citizen or a Mayor because it's a little difficulty crossing there. It's a little difficulty crossing a lot of streets in Clark. So we understand that and we've looked at it and we will ask for you.

Dario Valdivia: Okay. Well as long as we get traffic to go ahead and look at it, it sounds good. I was looking at some of these other consent agenda resolutions. Just out of curiosity like you are authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply sewer account balance adjustments in the amount, I'm dumb I'm new, so can somebody explain that to me, what that is exactly.

John Laezza: There is a process, let me try to explain it Sal. Everybody gets a sewer bill. Sometimes the water company makes a mistake on their meters. Sometimes as an extenuating circumstance whereby there was a leak in the area and the people didn't know about it. And so what should be a Two Hundred and Fifty dollar sewer bill comes out to Four Thousand dollars. So we look at it, investigate it and if the citizen is correct we give them an adjustment; we decrease it.

Dario Valdivia: Now is this the leak that supposedly is in between like Clark and Winfield Park or something like that?

John Laezza: No this is for a house.

Dario Valdivia: It's just an individual, okay, very good. Alright just like I said I was just curious about that and you know because there's like a lot of authorizing stuff here and I was just curious on how that all worked. That's about it. But other than that Commons does look pretty good. I just hope I can get out of my neighborhood one day that's all.

John Laezza: The traffic that we had before Clark Commons is the same traffic that's coming to your neighborhood presently. There has been no additional traffic.

Dario Valdivia: Once it opens up...

John Laezza: We'll see Mr. Valdivia.

Marianne Disporto, 955 Lake Ave.: I just was seeking some more information about the Grant that you said that was approved from the Freeholders or the State.

John Laezza: Freeholders.

Marianne Disporto: Freeholders okay. So what are we going to be doing with it?

John Laezza: We are going to make a study to see what plans we can make to improve the streetscape on Westfield Avenue and Brant Avenue.

Marianne Disporto: That is a great idea. (John Laezza: thank you) I mean I did attend the meeting of the Westfield Avenue Re-development that was back at the end of March and I know that since then letters have been sent but there hasn't been any other you know public saying of what's been going on. But also that brings up another thing that I'm wondering and it's an idea but maybe I'm sure you already have your own ideas about this. We are getting all this extra tax revenue from the Clark Commons. And I know at least Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars of it is going to the town, is that correct?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Probably more.

Marianne Disporto: Probably more, that's great. So do you have plans for this money? Can some of it be put towards that Westfield Avenue re-development?

John Laezza: Well basically there's going to be a lot of things done with the money but we're not going to spend it before we have it.

Marianne Disporto: True.

John Laezza: So when we get it...

Marianne Disporto: Is it going to be coming in like on an every three month basis like our property taxes.

John Laezza: Yes but it hasn't been fully assessed yet because it's not fully occupied yet, so it will be partially assessed for 2015. And it will be fully assessed for 2016 so the rewards (the extra money) will not happen until sometime well into 16.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Mrs. Disporto when we do a project like that we do it through a capital bond ordinance. You attend a lot of the meetings and you hear us like with road construction and things of that nature. So when you say can some of that be spent on it that is a capital improvement what happens down there and whatever we do will probably go through our capital bond. And also we're working with the property owners and the stake holders on that road about some sort of assessment, fair and modest assessment, to help the project along. Because there's always two trains of thought when you are receiving you know tax dollars is that you know the person that lives over there who really doesn't have a stake in Westfield Avenue could care less about saying "wait a minute that money is coming into the pot and it should be held to be used to run the entire government and not just one road." So that's how you do it through capital bonding, you spread it out. No matter what you or I may personally think about that, that is the bottom line you know what I mean? Everyone cares about what's happening in their front yard or what they care about in the community. If let's say you were a soccer coach, you would be saying "well why can't we turf the soccer fields with that money." You know everyone has their own skin in the game so-to-speak.

Marianne Disporto: Well I understand what you are saying but in this case it seems like you know these are stores that are going to be in one part of town and I know there's a lot of different opinions about this. But there's a good chance that a lot of the stores that are left over on Westfield Avenue are going to be hurt because people are going to go to Clark Commons. They are going to go to Petco and they are not going to go to Animal Crackers.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well that's probably the only store that's really competing right now because if you really look on Westfield Avenue, there's not really any store there, there really isn't.

Marianne Disporto: You are absolutely right there isn't much.

Mayor Bonaccorso: So I'm not going to sit here and start saying that Clark Commons is wiping out other businesses in Clark. What we are trying to do now after a very long process of putting the footwork in place years ago for a downtown village and that stuff; we have some interested people who have stores down there, you were there you know the whole story there, coming forward to work with the township government in trying to make that in a resemblance of a real downtown that can attract some businesses. The businesses that are in the Clark Commons are all national chains basically and the businesses on Westfield Avenue are more of personal businesses in nature. So you know we kind of hoped when the Commons came in there wouldn't be something duplicating something else in town that has happened in a couple of instances, we can't dictate that or prohibit that from happening, we can't, but you know it is what it is.

Marianne Disporto: Alright. And getting back to the resolution, what is the Thirty Thousand dollars for Clean Community Grant?

John Laezza: Basically it's the money that we get from the State for our recycling money. We send it to the State and it's predicated on how much recycling documentation went down there. They then divide a pot of gold and send it to each town based on what they sent down.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We get it every year.

Marianne Disporto: We got money for what we sent for recycling.

John Laezza: Correct.

Marianne Disporto: That's great.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Every year we get around the same amount of money and we use it towards clean communities.

John Laezza: I think it went from Twenty-Six to Thirty Thousand this year. People are getting more involved, thank you.

Marianne Disporto: Okay thank you.

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

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

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes thank you Mr. President. As we mentioned earlier tonight July 4<sup>th</sup> is going to be our Fireworks Show, rain date is July 5<sup>th</sup> and fireworks will go off when it gets dark probably anywhere from 9:15 and 9:30. It all depends on the evening's sky to be honest with you. There will be a DJ out front as always. It will be a great place to come out and enjoy the day. There will be some vendors out there selling some ice cream and water. And we hope that everyone has a good time as we do in the past.

Earlier tonight I think it was Councilman Toal mentioning about it or was it you Councilman Smith about fishing in the reservoir and things of that nature. Oh okay it was Councilman Smith. Folks you know that is a resource that we have in town that is an excellent resource of recreation, and that is fishing in our own Reservoir. Growing up on the Reservoir in my house as a young boy and had the Reservoir as my backyard neighbor, we've spent many of our summer days fishing and catching all kinds of fish. And today I'm having the pleasure of going with my son once in an awhile and catching some fish in the Reservoir. And if you ever take the time to do it because I didn't do it for many years and then a few years ago he started getting into it. You will

find that there are some tremendous fish out there, largemouth bass, big catfish, and all different kinds of fish. So if you live in town here and you've never done it and you are looking to create a little hobby for yourself, it's a real good clean fun hobby that I think you could enjoy from something that's right here in our town that a lot of people don't really use. So please get out fishing and enjoy it.

Ladies and gentlemen of the west side of town especially, we're talking about the Oak Ridge area, the roads that are off of Oak Ridge and in that area. You've been hearing and there's been some talk and we've announced it here and now there's advertisements going out. On Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> there's going to be a food truck carnival/concert at Oak Ridge Park which is being allowed through the Union County Freeholder Board. And they have hired a private company to come out. It's going to be similar to the Music Fest but not exactly like the Music Fest. The Music Fest was free of charge and there was a tremendous amount of people. There will be a cost for getting in to the concert side of it. On Friday night the 19<sup>th</sup> I think there's going to be forty food trucks having a food truck battle of who makes the best food I guess. That is free of charge to the township and to the Union County residents and people from around. So the people up on the west side of town we are going to be getting together shortly Chief Matos and I to send you a letter. We are going to have resident only parking up in the west side of town. We are not going to allow people from the event to park on your streets like we did with the Music Fest. There's going to be plenty of onsite parking at the food trucks/carnival for that weekend. What we are also asking the residents of the west side of town and that is off of Oak Ridge Road in that immediate area, is to try not to schedule an event at your home for that weekend, if you could avoid to do that we would appreciate it. If you can't then I would ask you to call Chief Pedro Matos here at the Clark Police Department and he will set up a program with you with some kind of passes for your car so when the officers are patrolling the west side, they will know that those cars are to that house and they are not people walking into the concert. Why are we doing that, because it's the right thing to do? Many years ago when Chief Denis Connell was here we were tipped off by the Cranford Police Chief on what happened in some of the areas of their park with the Music Fest. And not that it was anything real bad but there was a lot of debris and trash left around. And people were calling up and complaining that McDonald bags were left on their front yard or diapers or empty beer bottles. So we kind of put a halt to that right in the beginning. We blocked off those roads and just allowed parking at the Fest itself. We are going to be doing that again this year. Chief I'm sure we'll send out a letter you and I to tell the people this. For those of you who are watching this please spread the word to your neighbors and if you have any questions you can call the Chief or you can call my office and speak to me about it and we will guide you the right way. But we don't expect the crowd that we had at Music Fest; it's going to be a lot different. But there's still going to be a crowd. And it's supposed to be a lot of fun. They have some real headline bands coming in especially from us people here in the 80's and 90's that kind are back in those days that we know some of those names. So it's nice to hear a band that I know the name to because most of them I can't figure out who they are. My kids will say "you don't know who that is Dad?" and I would say "no I don't. I've never heard of them before." So anyway that concludes my report for this evening.

And again graduation is coming. Let's have a good time, let's celebrate safely and please the underage drinking let's not have it here in town, thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President. First I would like to welcome Officer Ruiz. I wish him the best of luck and a long career here in Clark. To Coach Phil Colicchio, I really liked his comment “his dream was to work with kids and he’s living his dream,” that’s terrific.

Congratulations to all the graduates of the Class 2015, I wish them all the best of luck. And we’re very fortunate in this country to have free will. And that means that we can make choices. It could be little choices like eating something healthy or maybe unhealthy but it’s all about the choices you make, so try to make good choices.

And now I want to mention two terrific events that are coming up; Councilman Toal reminded us of the tragic death of Billy Waterson. And in his memory the PBA Clark Local 125 is going to be holding the Seventh Annual Waterson Ride, the Waterson/Dunham Valor Ride, that’s a motorcycle ride. Councilman O’Connor asked me to mention these two events. The event will be on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Deutscher Club. Registration is from 9:00 am to 12noon and the ride leaves at noon. The ride is Twenty-Five dollars, passengers Fifteen and walk up donations are Twenty dollars. Following up a few weeks later will be the Blue Night’s New Jersey Three. They are presenting Nights in the Woods and that’s going to be also rain or shine and that’s on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and that will be from 9 to 5. The ride registration will be at 9:00 am and the kick stands go up at 11:00 am. There will be a picnic from 12 to 5 and that’s Twenty-Five dollars per person and children under ten are free. And that will be an escorted ride and they will have some live music with a band that I never heard of but I’m sure they are very good called “Rough Edges.” Anyhow those are the two important events that are coming up thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. I think there are many animals that are very happy because there are people who care so much like Delia, thank you Delia, I think it’s a good thing what you do.

Also its summer and kids are going to be out running around, probably running into streets, so drive carefully and have a good summer, thank you.

Councilman Hund: Thank you Mr. President. Just want to reiterate Mayor Sal and Councilwoman Albanese, congratulations to all the fifth grade boys and girls, the eighth grade boys and girls, and the seniors at the high school. They all will be moving on to a new chapter in their life. I have two of them moving onto a new school, so for all of them congratulations. And then for the Third Ward residents over by Councilman Barr’s street, just bear with us while the roads are being redone. Once they are finished you will enjoy nice new roads and they will be over sooner than later, thank you very much.

Councilman Mazarella: Yes thank you Council President. This evening you heard about our Clean Communities Grant, the Thirty Thousand Three Hundred and Nine dollars and Eighty-Three cents. Please ladies and gentlemen continue to recycle and if you don’t have to throw it in your trash, if it’s a recyclable item, please just put it in a container so we can keep those numbers up and it helps us in the future. Have a good summer and thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. I'll start off with Aidan, the future of Clark. I went to my first council meeting when I was seven, how old are you now? (Aidan: I'm twelve) You are a few years older, that's good and you are on the right path. Just do whatever your Mom and Dad tell you, make sure you eat all your vegetables and have a lot of fun and do your homework.

To all the Clark graduates to be; eighth grade, I remember that was a big deal when you are getting out Kumpf. To ALJ graduates Class 2015, every year that goes by makes me feel a lot older. To all of you the best and follow your dream as it was said. To Coach Colicchio the very best and continue doing your great work. To Officer Ruiz a safe, safe tour and enjoy your time in the Township of Clark. And to all of those have a great, great Fourth of July.

A dear friend of mine passed away. Mr. Henry Myer a longtime resident of Kathryn Street from 1938 until the last couple of years he was over at the Cranford Assisted Living over on Orange Avenue. Mr. Myer was one of those special people who were just very straight forward and honest and those were the type of people who made the Township of Clark. His son John is now over on Kathryn Street taking over his Dad's house and to John and his lovely wife our condolences. But again people they make you better and they made the Township of Clark and we have to carry on their legacy of honesty and being good people. That's all I have Mr. President thank you.

John Laezza: Nothing this evening.

Police Chief Matos: I would like to take a moment to address the town council regarding the incident that happened on Friday night where a couple of children were alleged to have been approached by a male and a conversation took place. The police department is investigating the matter. We take the safety of our children here in Clark as a priority and I have made this investigation an absolute priority. We are taking every investigative step to prove or dispel what occurred on Friday night. To the township residents please we are taking every step possible to resolve this matter and to come to a conclusion on the investigation. Clark Township is a very safe community and we have our professional officers to thank for that and we are doing everything we can to conclude this investigation. Unfortunately we can't make any further comment on anything else regarding this matter, thank you.

Council President Smith: Thank you for the update Chief.

Township Clerk: Yes actually I have something to say this evening. If any residents would like to know more about the resolutions and ordinances that will be voted on at a meeting, please feel free to go to [www.ourclark.com](http://www.ourclark.com) the Friday evening before any meeting. And I just want to use Mr. Valdivia's example of the adjustments. Right here you could learn that one of the adjustments was made because the resident had a cracked sprinkler, another one had a leak and two houses were demolished. And that's what equals to Four Thousand Sixty-Five dollars and Eighty cents. So I put all of the agenda and all of the documents up on the website that Friday evening before a meeting. So you can read through and become familiar with what will be voted on, thank you.

Council President Smith: Thank you. Just to explain that...you have three pages of our agenda and then the entire backup that Madame Clerk puts on the website that we also get. So it's there if you want to investigate a little further and that gives you all the details. I just want to say have a great summer, happy July 4<sup>th</sup>, be safe, and congratulations to all of the graduates.

Attorney Triarsi: I have no report this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion for adjournment was made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Hund

Council President Smith directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, Mazzarella, Toal, Smith

APPROVED

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WILLIAM F. SMITH  
Council President

ATTEST:

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EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk