

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
June 20, 2016

ROLL CALL:

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - MOMENT OF SILENCE

This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L.1975) as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing the Annual Schedule of meetings to the Star Ledger, Union County Local Source, and TAP into Clark, by posting such Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in Town Hall reserved for such announcements and the filing of said Notice with the Township Clerk of Clark. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Good evening Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen. I have a report tonight brief as it may be. We are in the graduation season and I know last month we talked about drinking, driving and driving carefully. Unfortunately, if you follow the news, last week a young man from Kenilworth was killed in a motor vehicle accident in Scotch Plains. From what I'm hearing it was excessive speed. It's a very, very sad tragic thing. My heart and prayers go out to him and his family and all of his friends. This is kind of the thing I talked about as far as becoming a statistic. You know, you are feeling good and it's that time of year and you are out there with a car and you are seventeen or whatever it may be and you end up in a jam that sometimes you just can't help. Accidents are accidents and it can happen to anybody anywhere we all know that. But please lets really be careful and let's talk to our youths about this time of year. The Clark PD has been on patrol out there looking for this. They are looking to slow kids down that are doing this and anybody for that matter but especially the youth. So please let's not have any problems. Let's really have a nice graduation season. Same goes for underage drinking and underage drinking people who hosts them at parties, you can and will be charged for that. If you feel it's fine for your children to drink underage that's your business in the confines of your home. But if it becomes the business of the Clark Police Department I'm sure they are going to act and when they do there's no phone call. So please let's not become a statistic, let's not read about one of ours. It's bad enough that we had to read about that young man over in Scotch Plains last week. Again my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Also the Fourth of July is coming. We will have our fireworks show on the Fourth of July probably around 9:30 or dark whichever comes first. Some nights you have those high summer skies and it takes to about 9:30 before it really gets dark. Sometimes it can be over cast and we can start it, so anywhere from 9:00 on be ready. But hopefully we'll have a nice dry not too hot of an evening to enjoy our fireworks show.

I would like to send my congratulations out to graduates of all grades right from pre-k on up to college. Congratulations on a job well done. Now college grads take that education and go out there and earn some good bucks with it, congratulations.

I would like to congratulate the Clark Police Department. If you are following their Facebook page, they have an arrest on those car burglaries that Chief Matos talked about last month. So great job on that Chief to you and your men.

Tonight's agenda the downtown ordinance will be pulled. I know for some of you folks that watched last month's council meeting, we will be pulling that due to a discussion with the owners of the downtown area. So council will be acting on that later. I'm just giving everyone a head's up now and that concludes my report thank you.

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

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. The Police Dispatcher had the Clark Fire Department respond to 40 fire calls this past month. And the fire department asked me to convey a certain message to everybody and I hate to say but the message mainly is for smokers. The fire department had to respond to many, many mulch fires and they are finding out that they are from cigarettes that have not been put out properly. So please if you are a smoker, stop if you can, but if you remain smoking when you do throw a cigarette away and especially if you are in an area where there is mulch or whatever make sure it's out completely. And that completes my report.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes, thank you Council President. The DPW report for June is as follows: branch pickup starts June 27th. There will be one pass throughout the town. Branches can be placed curbside. Please refrain from putting branches out until the third full week of the month for pickup. This helps keep our town looking clean and allows the street sweepers to clean the front of everybody's home.

The electronic drop-off for this month is June 25th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please do not leave items at the front gate if the DPW yard and the gate is locked. Grass pickup continues on Mondays, grass must be in containers not placed on the roadway. If they are on the roadway they will not be picked up. So please refrain from putting them on the roadway. There will be no grass or recycling pickup on July 4th due to the holiday. Grass and recycling will be picked up on Saturday, July 2nd. And lastly, bulky cleanup for the First Ward will be Tuesday, July 5th. You can email or call DPW directly to schedule your pickup. All appointments need to be made by 3:00 pm the Thursday before your scheduled pickup. Thank you and that's the extent of my report.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. From the Finance Committee the town continues to be able to meet its obligations and is financially solvent, so great job John.

From the office of Emergency Management; Jerry Fewkes is our Emergency Management Coordinator and has been contacted by representatives of FEMA. They are trying to do close-out procedures from Superstorm Sandy information. They are now requiring a lot more supporting information for the various costs that we submitted several years ago in order to close out the projects which means the town may finally receive the money that is still pending from that event. Laurie Runyon has compiled a large amount of supporting documentation, copies, PO's, invoices, etc. that is now being reviewed to see if this will be sufficient to help complete this project. So hopefully things go forward there.

Additionally, they held a semi-annual general C.E.R.T meeting on May 18th which was attended by about ten people to discuss various items such as upcoming events and training etc.

And then from the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad; the festivities for the Squad's Diamond Anniversary are continuing and we are encouraging anyone who is interested in celebrating this milestone to join them for their Anniversary Dinner on August 13th. Tickets are \$65.00 per person and additional information can be found on the Squad's website www.clarkems.org.

The Squad celebrated EMS week with an Open House, scout first aid class, adult CPR classes and information on Vials of Life that the squad encourages all residents to complete. These sheets tell the squad your medical information, medication lists and hospital of choice in times where you may not be able to provide the information. Copies can be found on the Squad's website www.clarkems.org.

Two members of the Clark Squad were recognized by area hospitals for being Outstanding EMS Providers. Robert Wood Johnson at Rahway Hospital recognized Lance Kehoe and Atlantic Health Overlook Hospital honored Daniel Sheldon. So congratulations.

The Call Volume; the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad responded to 138 calls. Year to date the calls are 473 and of these monthly calls, 120 were Clark and the Squad provided mutual aid to neighboring towns 18 times as follows; Rahway 6, Westfield 5, Garwood 3, Linden, Elizabeth and Winfield Park. In reviewing the response time provided by the County Dispatch Center the Squad's average response time for time of dispatch to arrival on scene for May was seven minutes and forty-seven seconds. So for volunteers that's an outstanding time.

Supporting the community; the Clark Emergency Squad has also shared its building to provide service and support as follows; monthly blood drives, 2 Eagle Scout Court of Honor for members of Boy Scout Troop 145 Clark and attended Memorial Day Services.

And if you are interested in becoming a member, the Squad has added a number of new probationary members over the past few months. Two probationary members have received their NJ State EM certification - Cynthia Perez and Karin Moya. Karin along with Stephanie Perriera. The Squad has multiple levels of membership available to those interested in joining. All training is provided free by the Squad and if anyone is interested they can email the squad at membership@clarkems.org. Thank you very much for your time and thank you guys for your service. And that concludes my report.

Councilman Smith: Thank you Council President Hund. A quick recreation and pool reports. The Summer Rec Program; last call for summer rec is this week. If you are interested Pre-K through 8th grade, please get over to see Ralph Bernardo to register your children. The Clark Community Pool is still accepting membership applications, if you are interested you can stop by the Clark Pool and fill out an application there or stop by the recreation department and meet with Ralph Bernardo or you can call Ralph and his number is 732-428-8400. And lastly for seniors, Pickle Ball begins on Tuesday, July 12th on the Tennis Courts and its free to all Clark Senior Citizens. Again if you are interested, please stop by and meet with Ralph and he will give you all the information and details. That’s all I have this evening.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. From the Environmental Commission; on Saturday, October 15, 2016 the Annual Reservoir Cleanup will be held right behind here but we will talk to you more about it as we get closer to it. But just keep it in the back of your minds as you get into the summers months. Also when you are having the picnics and Fourth of July events with the plastic containers be careful with them with regards to recycling and in the garbage because they get blown out if you get a stormy day or whatever and the recycling gets knocked over guess where it goes, it goes down the sewer and gets washed out into our Reservoir. So please be a little bit more attentive about recycling and things like that because that’s what we will end up picking up on October 15th, rain date is Sunday the 16th.

We will be celebrated the two hundred and fortieth anniversary of the United States of America on July 4th. It’s also the forty-fifth anniversary of the murder and the killing of our own Billy Waterson. Billy Waterson was a Clark Officer; grew up in the Township of Clark. He was ALJ Class of 1965. He went off to Vietnam and came back and joined the Clark Police Department where his father was a Police Captain, John Waterson. Billy was on routine patrol the night of July 3rd driving along the streets of Clark protecting and serving. And a call came in and they went in for a distress call over at the old Howard Johnson. Billy went to the aid of a person who was being robbed and mugged and he was killed in the line of duty. Now it’s forty-five years later and we must not forget. I always say when I see Jenny Waterson over at ShopRite, when she is coming off her shift, and I’m coming home from work. Jenny always just looks at me and again she still lives in town and she is a surviving member of the Waterson Family with her brother Eddie who lives in another town but forty-five years have gone by and the pain is still in her eyes. So we as a community must never forget Billy Waterson and what he did for this township. That’s all I have tonight Mr. President. I appreciate your patience and your listening.

Council President Hund: From the Clark Police Department for the month of May; they saw a total of 3,195 calls for service of which 96 were ambulance requests, 13 were fire department requests, 4 were vandalism, 19 were motor vehicle and residential lockouts, 122 were alarm calls, 106 were motor vehicle accidents and 2,806 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total of 31 adult arrests including 7 for theft, 1 for simple assault, 1 for resisting arrests, 2 for DUI, 8 for drug abuse, 1 for false reports and 11 warrants. There were a total of 10 juvenile arrests including 1 for CDS, 1 for incorrigible, and 7 offenses against the family and of these one was formally charged and 9 were in house dispositions. And that concludes my report for the police department for the month of May.

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

Township Clerk: Objections have been received from the stakeholders on Westfield Avenue in connection with the proposed Ordinance. The public hearing must be held as advertised prior to removal of the ordinance from the agenda.

AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 195 SECTION 131 ENTITLED “DOWNTOWN VILLAGE DISTRICT” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK CREATING A SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION TO PROVIDE SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Township Clerk: And for the record there was much discussion on June 6th. I believe all the issues have been cleared up. This is just a formality to hold this public hearing as advertised.

Council President Hund opened the Public Hearing

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Smith closed the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Toal

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

Council President Hund: This ordinance will expire due to no motion being put forth.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: Councilman O’Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee made a motion to approve the payment of claims on current and capital expenditures in the amount of \$272,515.56 for the period ending June 15, 2016, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

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

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:

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

Council President Hund opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Smith made a motion to close the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda, seconded by Councilman Barr

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-74

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby accepts the Point Allocation Policy developed by the First Aid Squad, as attached, to determine the allowable credits necessary to distribute the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) funds to each of its qualified volunteers effective the first day of July 2016.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

Council as ABC Board:

Resolution 16-75

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following licenses are approved for their annual renewal: Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses in the sum of \$2,500.00; Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses in the sum of \$1,728.00; Club Licenses in the sum of \$188.00, be renewed for the Year 2016-2017, effective as of July 1, 2016.

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

- 2002-44-002-005 Clark Circle Liquors & Lounge Inc.
 t/a Wine Anthology
 1075 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-33-003-006 Whole Foods Market Group Inc.
 1255 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-33-004-007 Garry’s Catering LLC
 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-33-005-009 Clark BBQ Inc.
 1419 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-36-006-011 Holiday Clark, LLC
t/a Holiday Inn
36 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-33-007-007 Apple Food Service of Clark LLC
1255 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-44-008-005 Rotondo's Oak Ridge Liquors Inc.
t/a Rotondo's Liquors, Deli and Fine Foods, Inc.
1040 Lake Avenue, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-33-009-004 1085 Central Ave. Restaurant Corp.
t/a Molly Maguire's Irish Pub & Restaurant
1085 Central Avenue, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-33-010-007 CLKDIN LLC
t/a Manny's Diner
1030 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-33-011-007 1199 Corp.
t/a Tarantella's Ristorante
1199 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-31-012-001 Clark Post #328 The American Legion
t/a American Legion Clark Post 328
78 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-31-013-002 Deutscher Club Clark Inc.
787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-31-017-001 John L. Ruddy Post 7363 VFW
8 Broadway, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-33-018-012 Paragon Restaurant Group LLC
77 Central Avenue, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-31-015-001 The Gran Centurions
440 Madison Hill Road, Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-31-019-001 Columbian Club of Clark Inc.
27 Westfield Ave., Clark, NJ 07066

- 2002-31-020-001 Polish Cultural Foundation Inc.
177 Broadway, Clark, NJ 07066

Township Clerk: I'm happy to report that all current licenses are in compliance with all the application requirements and we're able to renew all eighteen liquor licenses.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Barr

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-76

WHEREAS the Police Department has requested that the Township Council authorize the appropriate Township Officials to approve the authorization of the purchase of two (2) 2017 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 #6-01-25-240-237
One (1) Vehicle at \$28,347.75 and one (1) at \$25,647.75 – Total purchase \$53,995.50

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in the amount of \$53,995.50 funded by O/E Account 6-01-25-240-237 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 Two (2) 2017 Ford Police Utility Interceptor marked police vehicles from Beyer Ford LLC, of Morristown, New Jersey

Resolution 16-77

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 16-21; 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 Contract: #81331
2362 Waldheim Avenue
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076-2151

and

Motorola Solutions NJ State Contract #83909
POBox29
Chester, NJ 07930-0029

Equipment List:

Lighting, Sirens, Console Boxes, Computer Mounts, Mobile Radios necessary to up fit two 2017 Ford Police Utility Interceptors

Total equipment and installation price not to exceed \$32,359.92 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 # 6-01-25-240-237.

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.

Resolution 16-78

WHEREAS the Tax Assessor has certified that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has deemed John J. Fagan to be 100% permanently disabled effective September 28, 2015, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3, 30, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS John J. Fagan owns the property listed in the tax duplicate as 12 Glenwood Terrace, Clark, NJ, Block 192 Lot 6, and is entitled to one hundred percent of the taxes for this property exempt; and

WHEREAS one hundred percent of the taxes on this property will be entitled to exemption for as long as John J Fagan is an owner of the property.

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 make the proper adjustments to exempt this property as indicated above.

Resolution 16-79

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Treasurer/CFO for authorization to refund overpayment of 2016 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.

SEWER REFUNDS 2016							
REF	#	Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
16	7R	4875-0	Louis Benevento	3	Durham Drive	overpayment	\$ 23.50
16	8R	609-0	Kevin & Janine Ranski	37	Thomas Drive	overpayment	\$ 112.65
16	9R	1232-0	Linda & Robert Tatarynw	353	Madison Hill Rd	overpayment	\$ 25.00
							\$ 161.15

Resolution 16-80

WHEREAS the Treasurer/CFO has certified that sewer utility account(s) require balance adjustments; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator has reviewed and approved the sewer fee adjustment(s).

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 2016										
CLARK TOWNSHIP										
RE F	#	Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Original	Revised	Credit	Add'l
16	53	4070-0	Grogan, Tim & Bridget	3	Norwood Circle	meter issue	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 225.00	\$2,600.00	
16	54	1304-0	Kotelnick, Eveylyn	25	Canterbury Drive	sprinkler issue	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 225.00	\$2,360.00	
16	55	2853-0	Richardson, Liselotte	332	Valley Road	scd disallowed	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00	\$ -	125.00
16	56	2056-0	Ordner, Ronald	89	Francis Drive	water issue	\$ 1,345.00	\$ 225.00	\$1,120.00	
16	57	1676-0	Hirschke, Dzidra	52	Hayes Avenue	water leak	\$ 2,084.68	\$ 225.00	\$1,859.68	
16	58	521-0	Colucci, Robert & Gayle	55	Hilltop Avenue	water leak	\$ 625.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 140.00	
16	59	4811-0	Giuliano Di Nizo	1125	Forest Drive	scd disallowed	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00		125.00
16	60	803-0	Szewczuk, William	25	Meadow Road	meter issue	\$ 1,745.00	\$ 625.00	\$1,120.00	
16	61	149-0	Pulidore, Robert	40	Conger Way	water co	\$,185.00	\$ 225.00		

						issue			\$1,960.00	
16	62	176-0	Weber, Jason	59	Conger Way	water meter	\$ 1,265.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 640.00	
16	63	1502-0	Morgan, Kevin	61	Dorset Drive	water meter	\$ 3,705.00	\$ 385.00	\$3,320.00	
16	64	5344-0	Desousa, Tony Martins	9	Hartman Court	not billed	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ -	225.00
16	65	4119-0	67 Walnut Avenue, LLC	67	Walnut Avenue	plumbing issues	\$22,437.70	15,794.85	\$6,642.85	
						Totals	41,002.38	19,714.85	21,762.53	475.00

Resolution 16-81

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2016 taxes; the Mayor has recommended to Council that such authorization be granted.

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

CLARK TOWNSHIP						
TAX REFUNDS- 2016						
BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND
45	12		Keith & Jacquelyn Fitschen	55	Wendell Place	\$ 2,824.45
67	14.01		Mary Falgares	89	Gibson Blvd	\$ 859.30
125	12		Joseph & Lauren Takacs	6	Haliday Street	\$ 84.25
						\$ 3,768.00

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

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

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR:

Township Clerk: We do have one item of new business. It is a resolution amending the Infrastructure Grant. The Township had applied for an Infrastructure Grant for the Downtown Streetscape Project and since that project is not going forward we’ve asked the county to amend it to accommodate some other street improvements in the area.

Resolution 16-82

WHEREAS the County of Union executed a contract to the Township of Clark for the 2016 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for Municipal paving improvements for the Downtown streetscape project on Westfield Avenue and;

WHEREAS the immediate project did not receive the support from the business and property owners as to their involvement, therefore the Township felt that the project was for a special purpose rather than a general public purpose and;

WHEREAS the Township of Clark is seeking an amendment to the grant for the like amount of \$50,000 to repave the adjacent streets to improve the entire neighborhood and the completion of Westfield Avenue by the water company.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby requests that the County of Union authorize the amendment to the 2016 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid grant enclosed herewith to assist the Township in enhancing the commercial district in the Township of Clark

Motion to add resolution was made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

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

Motion to adopt resolution was made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Council President Hund opened the public portion of the meeting

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia St.: I just wanted to do my annual notification of leaving animals in your car. It is a disorderly charge under Title 4, Chapter 22. And in New Jersey it’s a prevention of cruelty to animals. There could be a \$250.00 to \$1,000.00 fine and there could be imprisonment up to six months. And it just says to inflict unnecessarily cruelty upon a living animal or creature by any direct or indirect means including but not limited to the use of another living animal and unintended vehicle in human conditions adverse to the health and welfare of the living animal or creature. So I’m going to be passing out flyers to ShopRite and Whole Foods. I’m trying to get the one that sites the law and just to let people be aware that this is a law and you can be fined and imprisoned. Thank you.

Dario Valdivia, 9 Terry Lane: Good evening Council, Council President and Mr. Mayor. Just a little question. You just went ahead and voted on pushing I guess we are going to do some restorations on

the streets down on Westfield Avenue. Is that what that was? Initially wasn't that supposed to be held up for you know for the coalition whatever it is down there the store front owners to everybody else to decide on what they were wanting to do or...

Mayor Bonaccorso: We already did that.

Dario Valdivia: You guys already have that.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We already had that meeting.

Dario Valdivia: Okay. And that's what was being held off. I mean you are not going to be able to do anything with that resolution until you sit with them and talk some more or something like that.

Mayor Bonaccorso: No the Clerk just announced that we are going to amend the resolution to use the fifty-thousand-dollar grant in another area.

Dario Valdivia: Oh it's a fifty-thousand-dollar grant. Oh okay because initially I think there was something like a one-million-dollar amount or something like that that was supposed to be in question there or something. I don't know I'm just asking questions. So maybe you can go ahead and clarify for me.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well...

Dario Valdivia: Well I was directing it to the Council President really but if you want to go ahead and answer that Mayor that's fine.

Council President Hund: We held a meeting for all the homeowners and business owners of Westfield Avenue that fit in that section. And a majority of them had said they did not want to go forward with it due to the tax increase that was going to be incurred by those people living on that street. They were here on June 6th and we had conversations with them and by the majority of votes said they did not want it to go forward at this time. We are not closing it, we're closing it at this time, but we are not closing it forever because if they come back to us and say that they would like to revisit it can we talk. The main thing is two stores are empty, the two main areas are empty. Once we can have those filled then I believe the rest of Westfield Avenue will say, okay, we'll be willing to take for some people a seven-thousand-dollar tax increase because I know there's going to be more business flow up and down Westfield Avenue due to the fact that we have two corner stores.

Dario Valdivia: Now the residents that reside on Westfield Avenue...are they also going to be hit with this increase in taxes?

Council President Hund: Yes. Not the whole Westfield Avenue, just in the section of.

Dario Valdivia: In the section of, okay.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Brant to Madison Hill and proportionally in their assessment.

Dario Valdivia: Oh very good. The other thing I was wondering is my neighbor next door on 7 Terry Lane had some mulch delivered and one of the DPW trucks came down there and knocked down my telephone wire. And so I called up and I asked I guess it was Patty or something that is working in the DPW office now. And she told me that they were going to call up Verizon to come down. And Verizon came down and they basically just cut the wire off which you know I guess is okay because I'm not using it. But who would I call in the DPW department? Who is the director of the DPW now that I can direct any kind of complaints or anything to?

Mayor Bonaccorso: The Business Administrator, John Laezza.

Dario Valdivia: He's the Director of DPW right now?

Mayor Bonaccorso: He's filling in right now.

Dario Valdivia: Oh he's filling in, okay. So is that job vacant right now?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right now it is.

Dario Valdivia: Oh wow can I apply for it?

Mayor Bonaccorso: If you have qualifications. (Dario Valdivia: I don't know what are the qualifications?) See I'm having a little problem Dario. I know this has been a big conversation over many elections, but I'm having a hard time finding someone who would work forty hours a week on call 24/7 for fifteen thousand dollars a year who has fifty years of experience. So I'm having a little hard time finding that (Dario Valdivia: oh okay) because the job won't pay more than that.

Dario Valdivia: There wasn't any kind of job increase or pay increase for that salary?

Mayor Bonaccorso: I don't know. Are you talking about the rumor that I'm going to run for Mayor, win, and then turn it over to one of my council people and take that, because if that's what you are...

Dario Valdivia: That's the first I'm hearing that, really, you are planning on doing that.

Mayor Bonaccorso: It sounds like you are driving that way. Listen I can hear grass grow so let's not be cute about it. Let me just tell the public this right now. When I win in November, I will serve for four years unless I go out in a box, plain and simple. That job will be filled when I say it gets filled by someone that I can find that's qualified. If the secretary didn't suffice your needs, then you should have called the Business Administrator. You are running for Mayor you should understand how the chain of command would work. So let's get that out, let's get all the rumors and who heard this and who said that and who's talking to you, let's get that out.

Dario Valdivia: Well it's funny I didn't hear any rumors but I'm glad that you went ahead and came clean on this, it's pretty cool.

Mayor Bonaccorso: It's not clean, it's something...

Dario Valdivia: All of a sudden you came out with it and you are trying to tell me if I'm running for Mayor I should know this.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well you are asking about who's...

Dario Valdivia: I'm asking questions here; I'm asking questions here.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Look Dario, please the last time you ran for office you came here and you asked questions and we listened to you for three months and we haven't seen you in two years. You came up tonight asking about a streetscape project that was done on June 6th, it's June 20th you should of came to the meeting.

Dario Valdivia: I wasn't able to make it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: You should have sent someone to help you.

Dario Valdivia: Ha-ha... Mayor I appreciate all the information that you give and you are so professional in the way that you do it and you are so eloquent. And I'm glad that everybody can see that.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Donald Trump takes after me you are right. We just don't suffer fools gladly that's our problem. And we are not interested in being politically correct, just correct.

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

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes, thank you Mr. President. Folks anytime you call a department and you do not receive the kind of treatment that you would want or the satisfaction you expect to get, your next move is to call the Business Administrator or myself, either person, to help you in anyway, we would be happy to do that. I will check in to find out why Verizon cut the wire versus not, I don't know I have no idea that's up to them. All you have to do is really call if it's a Comcast wire or Verizon wire, they will come out and fix it for you. It happens a lot with trucks going down side roads we have this problem once in a while. For the last speaker, I do want to put that out there that I just put out there.

I heard some rumor around town that I was keeping the DPW job vacant and then run for Mayor again in November and when I won I was going to appoint a council member to take over the seat and then get put into some high paid cushy job. Well as qualified as I am to do something like that, #1 at this time I do not hold a DPW Manager's License which you would need and I am not on a list to take that course, #2 Clark can't afford to pay that position into a real type of salary. So I heard this before, I heard it from a few different people and you know look you hear rumors all the time and believe me most of them I don't even hang my hat on, they are as ridiculous as the people who start them. But

since you know we came up tonight and we're starting to ask questions about DPW. Now that my father's gone they can't say I hired him anymore to do the job, that was the campaign for the last four terms and four council ward elections, that got old quick. But he's not here so I guess we'll go into you know the Mayor is going to take the seat. The Mayor is not going to take the seat. The Mayor is going to serve four more years out and run this town the way it's been run properly. So that concludes my report.

Graduates enjoy yourself this graduation season. Be safe and we'll see everybody at the Fourth of July fireworks and thank you very much for being here this evening.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. It's amazing the things that come up on election time. I just want to say I happen to love this town and that's all I have to say, thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes, thank you Council President. Summer is here and it's getting hot, school will be out soon, please if you are driving around be watchful and mindful of the children around because we don't want to have a fatality. So until next month please stay safe, take care.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. The 8th Annual Waterson/Dunham Valor Ride, Sunday, July 10, 2016 rain or shine. Ride begins and ends from the Deutscher Club, 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, NJ 07066. Includes Continental Breakfast, police escorted ride, vendors, BBQ, music and beverages. If you have any questions you can contact Danny at 732-259-3513 or at hoot0311@yahoo.com. Hopefully we are going to see everybody out there. And again this benefits the Clark PBA Local 125 as well as the Jason Dunham Scholarship Fund. Every year it's a great ride and hope to see you guys there. Thank you that concludes my report.

Councilman Smith: Thank you. Just a couple of quick things. The ALJ Varsity Girls Softball Team had a very successful season. And a lot of the girls on that team, seniors and juniors I coached throughout the years. They won the Conference Title, they won a Union County title and they went to the section of the Group II Finals at Kean University. They were one of twelve remaining teams in the State to make it that far. So they made it to the last day possible to play. So congratulations to Coach Mancino, his assistants and all the players, good luck in the future.

Graduation has been alluded to a few times this evening, it's coming up and I have a daughter graduated. So I hope all the people heed some of the Mayor's comments and Councilman Toal's and some of the other councilmen. Please do not serve alcohol to underage people in your house. Like you said, if you want to do it in the confines of your house with your own children that's up to you, but if you are having a graduation party the police will show up if they do hear that there is underage drinking going on or you are serving to minors. So that's all I have for this evening thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. To Ed Grande, we are so proud of you, you are one of us. You are a Clark kid who worked his way up, put the hours in and your love for the community and to the most wonderful parents who brought you along and it's a reflection on you to accomplish your goal of now leading the children of Clark into the 21st Century. Congratulations to you and your family. And we are just very, very proud that one of our own in the history of Clark none of the Superintendents of the schools of those who directed were actually Clark born, they were elsewhere. Ed we are very proud of you and the very, very best to you in the future in making these kids smart.

To again Billy Waterson, on July 4th the PBA 125 have a memorial service with a wreath laying in front of this building, 315 Westfield Avenue police headquarters at the Waterson Memorial and the Policemen's Memorial that's in front of this building. It's usually around 10:00/10:30 or so. The PBA just has a simple ceremony with some reflections on Billy, please come out if you are able to. And again as Pat said about the motorcycle ride, it's very important to support the PBA 125 and the police officers of today.

To those we've just lost; this township just had a major passing of a friend to this community, Mr. Anthony Calenda, to the family our deepest condolences. This town is going to miss a part of our heart for a gentleman who did so much for others. Gen Iorio, Joseph Suszko and Chris Hofschneider the brother of Pat Hofschneider from the Clark Public Works. I've known Chris my entire life and to the Hofschneider Family our deepest sympathy.

To the graduates of Clark; follow your dreams, never have anyone else tell you anything else, just follow your dreams and set your goals. And remember there's no place like home. You go out there and created your own lives but your childhood memories will be forever instilled in you and you will instill into your children. And I'll see everyone at the July 4th fireworks. Again it's a special time in this township and enjoy the summer. Thank you Mr. President.

Police Chief Matos: If anyone was wondering as to what occurred this afternoon down on Valley Road. One of our police officers who was transporting an arrestee back to headquarters was struck broadside. The officer was transported to the hospital for observation, he's okay, he's been released. The prisoner was also treated at the scene and he refused any medical attention. But we did lose a police vehicle.

If I can reiterate the comments that have been made up here with the underage drinking problem. If we learn that there is an underage drinking party, we will respond and we will enforce the law. And there will be no favors done to anyone. To the graduates of the Class of 2016 congratulations. Happy 4th of July everyone, have a nice weekend.

Township Clerk: No comments.

Council President Hund: My comments have pretty much been said by everyone. To the graduates of 2016 of ALJ congratulations you've worked hard, now continue to work hard in college. Congratulations to Councilman Smith for Dominique graduating and all the awards she received last week. That's complimentary of your daughter and how you brought her up. And as Councilman Mazzarella said with the summer coming the children are out running already, children in swimming pools all day and they just run around and play sport they might dart out from a car so just please be careful.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President Hund directed roll call:

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

APPROVED

STEVEN M. HUND
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk