

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.
March 17, 2014**

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, John Laezza, Business Administrator; Joseph Triarsi, Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk; **Richard O'Connor, Township Engineer.**

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Toal. 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, Union County LocalSource, and NJTODAY.NET, by posting such Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in Town Hall reserved for such announcements and the filing of said Notice with the Township Clerk of Clark. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

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

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Police Department Awards and Swearing in of a new Patrolman; Bruce McDonald II

Mayor Bonaccorso: Tonight we have a good night. We are going to be swearing in a new police officer to become a member of the Clark Police Department. And we are going to be going through tonight our awards night for the Police Department for the officers who had...I don't want to say an outstanding service, everyone is outstanding right, okay who had a little extra outstanding service.

Mayor Bonaccorso directed Bruce McDonald along with his family to come up to the dais to be sworn to become a Member of the Police Department.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Bruce McDonald II

Police Chief Scherb: Real quick...Officer McDonald started his law enforcement career in 2010 with the Union County Sheriff's Department. Since then he has transferred over to us under the inter-government transfer program and tonight he will be starting his career in the patrol division with the Clark Police Department. Welcome aboard.

John DeSimone, Public Safety Director: Officer McDonald, you and I had a few words earlier, right, we had a little discussion, that's it I have no more to say except best of luck.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Welcome aboard Bruce. Look, you are going to come into a community now that you are going to find that is very unique. We have a very, very good group of citizens and you will find that the citizens in this town respect our police officers. They are grateful when we show up and give them a great call to service. I get letters all the time to my office about how the officers' response time is... you know by the time they hang up the phone and get to the front door the police officer is there. And I have to say for the amount of calls we handle both domestic, the little things we do and the stuff that is really police work out there, the complaints I ever see are minimal at best. So you are joining a very good group of men here tonight, be safe, respect the town and it will respect you, I can guarantee that. And you have some real good people to learn from here about how Clark works and what people expect out of our department. So thank you again and good luck to you.

Now we are going to start tonight with the police awards. About 7 or 8 years ago we decided to bring the awards to March because it's always good to get a pat on the back. And in law enforcement when you do something that's not exactly by the book you can get a swat on the back. There are penalties and that's what police officers live with. So we like to bring our police officers forward every March to present them with their good work throughout the year and let the community know the kind of good people we have up here and let it be seen on TV throughout the town. So at this time I will turn it over to Chief Scherb and I would like to say after signing all of these and reading them, I would like to thank you and congratulate you for another good year here. I do appreciate your efforts and I think the citizens and I know the Council feels the way I feel, so thank you gentlemen.

Police Chief Scherb announced Police Department Awards:

Our first award tonight will be a Platoon Award. And the following officers that are present please come forward. Lieutenant Vincent Concina, Lieutenant Michael Pollock, Sergeant Kevin Shackelton, Detective Don DeAquino, Officer Keith Meehan, Officer Danny Joy, Office Thomas Sarnecki, Office Joe Teston, Officer Steve Francisco, Office Chris Lott, and Office Pedro Oliveira and Officer Miquel Acabou and Officer Terrance Harrison. On May 13, 2013 officers from this department responded to 46 Starlite Drive on a welfare check of the residence and Patrolman Meehan discovered that the resident inside had been a victim of a murder. And through the efforts of the above mentioned officers a suspect was quickly identified and within forty-eight hours he was apprehended. The residence was properly secured for over a week and maintained by the members of this department to process a scene and to preserve evidence. The suspect is currently in the Union County Jail awaiting trial. Nice job guys.

The next award is another Platoon Award. And this is given to Lieutenant Michael Pollock, Officer Chris Tuccio and Dispatcher Chris Burlew. A lot of officers I've called out are currently working right now, so they are unable to attend. On February 2, 2013 the Dispatcher received a call from a second floor Helping Center who reported that a female with the name of Deidre called the hotline and stated that she wanted to hurt herself. The second floor helping provided a cell phone number and through the coordinated efforts of Lieutenant Michael Pollock, Officer

Tuccio and Dispatcher Burlaw were able to utilize the phone coordinates and social media sites to ascertain a last name, a vehicle description and a location of where Deidre was. Deidre was located at her home after contacting the local police department and was sent for mental health assistance. Nice job guys.

Our next award will be our Life Saving Award. And this is for Officer Tuccio. On August 20, 2013 Officer Tuccio responded to a residence of a report of an allergic reaction. Upon his arrival Officer Tuccio was on scene and he observed that the patient was covered in hives and in respiratory distress. Officer Tuccio administered his own EpiPen to the patient and gave her oxygen. Without his quick action the patient could have gone into cardiac arrest and possible died. Nice job.

Our next one is a Life Saving Award. And this is for Officer Ricardo Oliveira. On May 29, 2013 Officer Ricardo Oliveira responded to a Sweetbriar Drive apartment on a report of an infant feeling ill. Upon his arrival on scene Officer Oliveira observed that the infant was barely breathing and was flushed. He quickly turned the infant upside down and administered two sharp back thrusts which cleared the infant's obstruction to the airway, allowing him to breathe. Nice job.

Our next award is Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to Officer Joseph Teston. He is currently on assignment right now and cannot be here with us but I would like to read his actions. On September 23, 2013 Office Teston was off-duty and shopping with his family when he observed an individual in the store that resembled a burglary suspect. Officer Teston engaged the suspect in a conversation and was able to ascertain his vehicle registration which assisted in identifying him. This information was relayed to our detective bureau and the suspect was later arrested and charged for credit card thief and fraud. Nice job.

Our next award is the Honorable Service Award. And it was given to Detective George Marmarou. On September 19, 2013 Detective Marmarou was assigned to investigate a bank robbery that had occurred at Investor's Savings Bank. Detective Marmarou was able to develop a suspect vehicle with the partial New Jersey Vehicle Registration through surveillance cameras. Several months later the suspect committed several more bank robberies throughout Union County. Detective Marmarou worked jointly with several other police agencies and assisted the development of a suspect and his accomplice. Detective Marmarou interviewed the accomplice and was able to get a confession from her which ultimately led to the arrest of the suspect in Atlantic City who was later charged with eight bank robberies throughout Union County. Nice job. Just a side note Detective Marmarou was also given an award from the FBI on his achievement for these jobs.

Our last award is an Exceptional Service Award. This award goes to Sergeant Joe Loprete, Officer Brian Renda and Officer Brian Pereira. On March 7, 2013 Officer Renda and Officer Pereira had initiated a motor vehicle stop of a suspected drunk driver. The driver accelerated in his vehicle and fled the scene of the stop in an attempt to elude the officers. Sergeant Loprete, Officers Renda and Pereira followed the suspect to his home as the vehicle pulled into his driveway. Once the suspect vehicle was in the driveway, Sergeant Loprete positioned his vehicle behind the suspect vehicle. The suspect then rammed Sergeant Loprete's patrol car twice injuring

the Sergeant. The suspects then fought with all of the other officers on the scene prior to being placed under arrest and transported to headquarters. Nice job guys.

John DeSimone, Public Safety Director: Listen it is said every year...you know it's funny I talk with people and they say where do you live, I live in Clark, well there's nothing happening there it's quiet. But look, just take a good look, things happen all over, things happen in our community and I'll tell you it's evidenced here by the awards that were given that we are a safe community. And people need to know how safe we are. And this is how they know. And you know something I had the experience if you watch television and they say when you see a soldier in the Navy or someone, go up and say thank you, guess what I did it. There was a Staff Sergeant and I went up and said thank you, tears just came to his eyes. You know something people in this community should come up to the officers and say "thank you". I will be the first to say thank you all.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I would like to thank the men for another good year and to Chief Scherb and Captain Rapp and Matos keep the ship straight, people depend on you guys, and you know that. And I know that by working with you on a daily basis and like I said I know we have a bunch of very active officers here, a bunch of nice guys also, they are really true gentlemen to deal with even when we are at the contract table they are well behaved. As you can see I have a lot of heart lighted moments with the guys because I think they just do a tremendous job. So thanks again Chief, Captains, men...I appreciate all your work, all the Administrators, Lieutenants and Sergeants here tonight and out there. Keep us safe and keep us going and we do appreciate it. Thank you.

Council President Toal: Thank you very much Mayor. And from the Town Council, gentlemen we appreciate everything that you do in keeping us safe and clean. We appreciate everything that you do and may you have a safe tour of duty.

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

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes Mr. President and Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen thank you very much. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day tonight. I hope everyone is out celebrating safely.

We have begun our bulky clean-up for 2014. It is in process right now. Ladies and gentlemen as the plan has been from day one, if we pick up each week by the Ward you're in Ward 1 first week, Ward 2 second week, Ward 3 third week and Ward 4 fourth week. So please call the DPW before noon time on Friday and have them schedule you for the following week. And you can call at any time, it doesn't have to be on Friday it could be any time during that previous week,

and they will put you on a list. Please go to our website www.ourclark.com so you know what you can and cannot put out. We take a lot but there are certain things that the dump facilities that we belong too will not let certain things...#1 being mattresses put out. So if you are getting new bedding, please have the company make arrangements in taking it away for you, we cannot do that. I hate for it to sit outside and have a rain storm come on it and then you have to drag it back into your garage. So please check our website. I can't stress that enough. With a lot of the things we do in town everything is mostly up on our website and it's usually as current as it can possibly be. Please before you do something check the website, if you are not sure call us and we will be able to get to you and let you know what you can and cannot do or when certain services are given.

Spring clean-up is going to begin. The weather Gods have told me there is no more snow for Clark, New Jersey. So if you want to start cleaning up your lawn, please put the debris out in the streets starting this weekend...branches, leaves and whatever you have out there we will take away and yard material like we always do. We will do this right through April to the third week and by then you should be done. And then we begin our branch clean-up. Our monthly branch clean-up will start the third week in April, you put them out and we will pick them up on the fourth week. I would like also to report to Council and to the citizens that our new roll-off dump truck has been brought to the yard with our 3 box thirty yard containers we have purchased. So Clark Township is now a proud owner of a roll-off dump that will have a 30 yard dump container on it. This will help us during leaves, during branches in heavy areas to be able to load up close to thirty yards up onto the truck on one run and take it across and dump it. When a normal dump truck holds about eight yards of leaves or branches you know depending on the size of course and everything. So for the run back to our dump site we will be able to run approximately three trucks, one truck versus about three trucks. God forbid we ever get into a scenario like Sandy; it will only help us to continue to open our town quicker. And God forbid we get any flooding where people have to throw out their debris out like we have allowed in the past. They will be able to throw it at the curb and we will be able to come with our forks and pick it up and dump it right in the container which will save a lot of time and effort and prevent injury to our DPW men lifting up some heavy objects. So that's something Council again I want to thank you for approving in our capital budget. It's going to be a tool that's going to work for this town for a long, long time in a positive manner.

I would also like to take a moment to again thank the DPW for their efforts during the snowstorms this year. It was one heck of a year. But I would also like to thank the police department and the fire department and the first aid squad for their efforts during the ice and snow of this winter. Each day when our emergency services went out to emergency response calls, they had to combat ice and snow and getting up to the people's front door as you would imagine the police officers are doing it on a daily basis twenty-four hours a day and the fire department goes out when they get called and of course the first-aid squad. And if you think about it, you think about guys firemen running up to your house in boots and in the bunker gear they wear, it's not an easy task, whether it's a fire or it's an alarm they have to go and check. It's a tough job out there when you have that kind of snow and ice to combat. But again I would like to thank all four departments for their great efforts and doing a great job for our community. I was very proud of all of you.

As we head toward spring another public service announcement I make yearly. We are going to be heading towards spring which means what, proms and graduation time and all the fun time of the year. Again in my conversations with Chief Alan Scherb we are taking a zero tolerance on underage drinking and I don't even want to say drug abuse that goes without saying. To our youth in this town we are asking you to show character, make the right decisions, know when to walk away and don't worry about peer pressure because those of you folks out there who are hosting house parties, you will be charged by the police department. There is an ordinance on the books that if there's underage drinking going on the police have a right to come onto your property and to clean that party up and summons you to the court and we will do that. I support Chief Scherb and the department 110%. You know if you look back into history and I don't want to have our historian look back because he grew up here like a lot of us did. During a period of time in Clark we had a lot of kids who lost their life to motor vehicle accidents for driving while intoxicated. Look we know it's not a perfect world and God knows you know there are no perfect people out here but parents you need to get on your children and have them make the right choices. You know I've been hearing some talk around town that just breaks my heart when I say this and I'm not being emotional, I'm just being honest about it. You know last year we had a problem down in Seaside Heights and you know whatever happened, happened. I wasn't there and I don't want to pass judgment on anybody. I only know what I read in the paper like most of you. And our Superintendent of Schools Ken Knopps brought an Ocean County Police Officer up here who deals in Seaside Heights a lot. And he did a wonderful presentation at the high school that I attended about what Seaside and shore communities do with underage drinking, drug abuse and going down there and getting rowdy. We had Judge Gary Bundy from Union County come in and he recited some areas of the law that I was completely shocked that I had no idea what kids could be charged with and how this could end up to be a big, big problem. And it was an unbelievable night. And you know Superintendent Knopps was trying very hard to make sure that people get this message and understand. So now what I'm hearing throughout the town is that people are now renting houses up in the Poconos not at Seaside Heights. They are sending the kids up to the Poconos. Folks I just pray that I don't have to be the one to have to console you some day. It can happen to anyone in the series of accidents out there and God forbid my children and yours. But to condone this is just beyond words to me. The Superintendent, myself and the police department we take the opportunity to let you try to understand what's going on down there in Seaside and you just turn the page and shifted the party to the Poconos. I wish everybody luck and a safe return I really do from the bottom of my heart. And folks I will never preach to you how to run your household or run your kids. I'm just talking as someone who cares and has had a lot of involvement with kids in this town in athletics and my role as Mayor. I mean there comes a time where you just have to say "how about staying home" or "how about making a daytrip out of it" or "how about going to someone's shore house where the parents are there to supervise what goes on." To turn the party to the Poconos to me is just bad judgment. I've said enough that's my opinion, I'm entitled to it I guess. Thank you Mr. President and that concludes my report for this part of the meeting.

Township Clerk: Thank you Mr. President...I have the police, fire and first aid reports for the month of February. They are received and filed for anyone who would like to see them.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President...in regards to the Library we are continuing to finalize the infrastructure updates on all of our modems, and hi-speed internet connections. And hopefully this will take us a few years into the future and increase the availability and access to e-books, online magazines and the speed extreme of data.

I just want to mention that the friends of the Library will be holding their annual membership drive in April. I will bring in the dates next month. So hopefully you will join the Friends of the Library and support them. They are planning a day full of activities with door prizes, programs for adults and children and last year it was a great success.

And finally I hope you all will support the ALJ Drama Department. This weekend they will be conducting their performance of "Grease" on March 20th, 21st, and 22nd at 7:00 pm. It's a great family show for all ages so hopefully members of the community, the weather getting a little bit better will come out and support the ALJ Drama Department. That concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President...our Volunteer Fire Department was called upon to respond to 43 calls this past February. Also Fire Chief Cerasa asked me to relay an important message to our residents. Many people are very leery to have the fire department respond when they are not sure if there's definitely a fire or there might be. Fire Chief Cerasa said if there's anything that there might be any possibility of a fire or anything to that order, don't ever hesitate. They would much rather have you respond and come there and find out that it was nothing rather than you wait and then there would be a disaster. So as he said don't ever hesitate to call the fire department and that concludes my report.

Councilman Kazanowski: No report this evening.

Councilman Mazarella: Yes thank you Council President...the police department report for the month of February saw a total of 2, 359 calls for service of which 87 were ambulance requests, 4 were fire department requests, 76 were alarm calls, 76 were motor vehicle accidents and 2,072 were miscellaneous calls. I would like to continue on what my colleague Councilman Barr had said about the fire department. If you see anything out there ladies and gentlemen that need the police department or you think you see something, don't hesitate to call the police department either because they are here to keep our community safe as well.

For DPW report...the Mayor had touched on a few items like the branch pickup, the bulky waste and the spring clean-up. The electronic and used motor oil drop-off is March 29th between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. And they also accept florescent bulbs two feet, four feet and eight foot in length and round and u shaped ones but they will not accept compact florescent bulbs. DPW wanted me just to relay to you that they used approximately fifty-four tons of asphalt this year to repair the potholes around our community. As you can see they are out and about trying to keep our roadways safe for you and you can help by calling DPW at town hall if you see any potholes. They will be happy to go out and repair them. Curb side recycling is single stream, which means you do not have to separate it into different containers. And spring is around the corner and

mulch is free as I keep on saying to you. So you just have to call to set an appointment with them and they will be happy to deliver the mulch to you and it's free of charge. And please as the Mayor had said visit our website www.ourclark.com for further information about the pick-ups and the dates. Thank you and that concludes my report.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you and good evening. I have the report from the Volunteer First Aid Squad. During the month of February there were 121 total ambulance requests, 108 for Clark and 13 mutual aids. The most frequent calls were for fall victims 22, sick persons 14 and motor vehicles accidents 14 as well. So again thank you to the emergency squad for all their time and dedication to the town.

With regards to the finance committee, the town remains financially solvent. It's able to meet its current obligations and in great position for this year and years to come thanks to the Administrator as well as the Mayor and the staff, so thank you.

Councilman Smith: Thank you President Toal...the Clark Pool will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary this summer. Registration is taking place now and membership applications are located on the website at www.ourclark.com or you can pick them up outside Ralph's recreation office. All the applications can be mailed in with the check or you can drop them off to Ralph. There's an open house on Saturday, May 17th and at that time you can update your photos with your family or you can wait till your first visit. And then on Saturday, June 28th will be our big 40th birthday bash and there's a lot of events planned for that day and throughout the summer. So I hope you come out and enjoy it.

Recreation report...the spring classes and registration are taking place now. Ralph asked me to stress that the people come out and sign up as soon as possible because a lot of people wait to the last minute. He has a lot of volunteer teachers and a lot of planning involved and if he doesn't have enough people for the classes he needs to cancel or postpone them. And what happens is people come last minute to sign up and he already cancelled the class. So again he needs to stress to you as I do to please register now. There are a lot of classes he offers for all ages from little tots up to senior citizens. I wish when my children were younger there were as many classes offered as they are now. On Saturday, April 12th there is the Easter Egg Hunt at Brewer. Weather permitting it will be outside on the soccer and softball fields. If it's inclement weather it will be inside the gymnasiums. It's a very well attended event, so make sure you get there early.

Lastly Ralph received another award last week at the State Convention in Atlantic City. This award was received for outstanding achievement in agency brochure. Every year Ralph puts together a full color brochure which many of you have seen, they are outside his office and throughout the building. He does a tremendous job with this and it lists all the classes and his plaque will be proudly displayed in Ralph's office. So I want to congratulate Ralph for everything that he does for the town and for the Rec Department.

And one last thing Angel mentioned the ALJ Drama Club has "Grease", the Kumpf Middle School has their "Wizard of Oz" play which is next week the 27th and 28th at 7:00 pm. I hope many of you can attend. And that concludes my report for this evening thank you.

Council President Toal: For the Environmental Commission...on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm the Rahway River Cleanup is being conducted by the local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts will be merging and meeting at about 7:30-8:00 at the Winfield Park Dam. They start over in Winfield but they work their way along the Rahway River from the Dam to Bloodgoods Dam which is down there near Jackson Falls. If you don't know what Jackson Falls is, it's Valley Road where the Falls are and they are going to work their way into Rahway Park. So again the Union County Freeholder Board will be assisting this and again to Joe Seebode who is assisting is asking me to give this plug to rahwayrivercleanup@comcast.net Please go to that website they will have more additional information and please come out if you are not doing anything from that time and no sports and activities are coming up for kids. But if you have a few minutes or an hour to give in helping to cleanup and helping Mother Nature, we are doing Rahway River and the Clark Reservoir and the Wildlife Habitat will be done in the Fall. So again Rahway River Cleanup, please come out, it will be Saturday, April 26 from 9 to 12 and any additional information to Joe Seebode or rahwayrivercleanup@comcast.net thank you.

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:
INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF
CHAPTER 347 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following Sections of Chapter 347 of the Code of the Township of Clark entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" are hereby amended in the following particulars:

SECTION 1: Section 347-10 entitled "Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing" is amended and supplemented so as to include the following:

- Hickory Street - both sides, entire length
- Lexington Boulevard – both sides, entire length
- Westfield Avenue – both sides, entire length
- Peter Circle – both sides, entire length
- Russell Court – both sides, entire length
- Jarvais Terrace - both sides, entire length

SECTION 2: Section 347-22 entitled "Parking Restrictions" is hereby supplemented so as to include:

- Acorn Drive – both sides, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday from September to June
- Location - from the northerly curb line in front of 626 Raritan Road
to 20 Acorn Drive

SECTION 3: Section 347-25 entitled “Parking Prohibited at all Times” is supplemented so as to include Miller Avenue from the southerly curb line starting at Riverside Drive to the bend ending at 202 Miller Avenue.

SECTION 4: **Inconsistent Ordinances:** Any ordinances of the Township of Clark which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5: **Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication, according to law.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Council President Toal

Discussion:

John Laezza: Basically Council President and Members of Council...during the snow removal process there are a number of streets that we found should have “no parking during snow covered streets” this ordinance adds these streets for our supplemental street for snow plowing purposes. It also restricts parking on school days around the Hehnly School during certain hours during the months of September thru June when school is in session. And lastly it has some prohibited parking on one street because it’s too narrow to have parking on both sides of the street so there’s only one parking on one side of Miller Avenue on the Westfield Avenue side.

No further discussion

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Public Hearing April 21, 2014

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 310, SECTION 32
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED
“FAILURE TO COMPLY”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that Chapter 310, Section 32 of the Code of the Township of Clark entitled “Failure to Comply” be hereby amended, as follows:

SECTION 1: Deleted from the foregoing section is all reference to enforcement power under the direction of the Department of Public Works and Engineering and/or its designee. The foregoing ordinance shall be enforced by the Clark Police Department.

SECTION 2: **Inconsistent Ordinances:** Any ordinances of the Township of Clark which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3: **Effective Date:** This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication, according to law.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Discussion:

John Laezza: This is basically a change in that section of the ordinance with regard to removing snow from sidewalks after a 24 hour period. Enforcement as it's spelled out on the ordinance was the DPW, it's been transferred to the police department.

No further discussion

Council President Toal directed roll:

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

Public Hearing April 21, 2014

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 \$316,375.57 for the period ending March 14, 2014, seconded by Councilman Smith

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:

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

Council President Toal opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Kazanowski made a motion to close the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-42

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that pursuant to NJSA 39:4-8(e) the following described location is eliminated as a bus stop:

DELETED BUS STOP:

Municipal Road

- 1. Along Raritan Road, northbound, on the easterly side thereof at:
 - a. Chestnut Street – Near Side
Beginning at the prolongation of the southerly curb line of Chestnut Street and extending 105’ southerly therefrom

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop locations and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

Discussion:

Councilman Mazzarella: I want to thank the Mayor and the Administrator and Lieutenant Pollock. I have been conversing for quite a few months with the residents around the area there and it is a matter of safety and I want to thank you for moving ahead with this.

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-43

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a Developer’s Agreement with The Sangiuliano Group, LLC, having its principal office located at 138 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, 07066 for a 39 Unit Townhouse Development on the tract of land identified as Block 28.01, Lots 13 and 14, situated at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Raritan Road, Clark, New Jersey 07066.

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

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

Resolution 14-44

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individual is hereby appointed as a Member of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department effective this 17th day of March, 2014.

Matthew Borquist
76 Sweetbriar Drive, Apt 2
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

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

Resolution 14-45

WHEREAS the Fire Department has requested that the Township Council authorize the appropriate Township Officials to approve the authorization of the purchase of two (2) Pierce Velocity FR 7010 Rescue Pumpers for use by the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS the Administration recommends an outright purchase payable in accord with the Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing:

Pricing of the Vehicles through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program;
System Identifier ILC No. 14-3796
Dealer: Pierce Manufacturing, 2600 American Drive, PO Box 2017, Appleton Wisconsin, 54912
Funded by: Bond Ordinance 14-01
Two (2) Pierce Velocity FR 7010 Rescue Pumpers
Total equipment price not to exceed \$1,300,000.00

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 funded by Bond Ordinance 14-01 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) Pierce Velocity FR 7010 Rescue Pumpers from Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton Wisconsin.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Consent Agenda Council as Pool Utility:

Resolution 14-46

WHEREAS the Pool Advisory Board discussed amendments to the Pool Rules and Regulations for 2014 and has requested that the Governing Body approves and adopts the recommended changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark acting as the Pool Utility that it hereby approves and adopts the Clark Community Pool Rules and Regulations for the 2014 season as amended.

Resolution 14-47

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Township of Clark advertised on February 20, 2014 and received one (1) bid for Specifications and Obligations for the Pool Maintenance for the 2014 and 2015 Seasons on March 5, 2014 at 10:00 am; and

WHEREAS Aquatic Service, Inc., 170 Burlington Ave., Spotswood, NJ 08884 was the sole bidder in the amount of \$26,303.50 for 2014 and \$27,224.15 for 2015; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator has reviewed all the documents required by the bid specifications and recommends award of contract to Aquatic Service, Inc. in the amount of \$26,303.50 for 2014 and \$27,224.15 for 2015; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained funds will be available subject to the adoption of the 2014 and 2015 Municipal Budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby award a contract to Aquatic Service, Inc. in the amount of \$26,303.50 for 2014 and \$27,224.15 for 2015 subject to review of the bid by the Township Attorney who will draw up the contract.

Resolution 14-8

WHEREAS the Clark Municipal Pool Utility has solicited bids for Operating and Maintaining of Pool Food Concession Stand for the 2014 season; and

WHEREAS one (1) bid was received on March 5, 2014 at 10:00 am; and

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-50

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) 2014 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-Warnock Fleet, 31 Williams Pkwy, East Hanover, New Jersey 07936

Funded by: O/E Account 4-01-25-240-237

Two (2) 2014 Ford Police Utility Interceptor marked police vehicles

Total equipment price \$57,824.70 (\$28,912.35 each)

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in the amount of \$57,824.70 funded by O/E Account 4-01-25-240-237 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) 2014 Ford Police Utility Interceptor marked police vehicles from Beyer/Warnock Fleet, of East Hanover, New Jersey.

Resolution 14-51

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 14-25; 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 #: 81327, 81331, 81343, 83926
2362 Waldheim Avenue
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
and
Morris County Co-Op Contract #41

Equipment List:

Lighting, Sirens, Mobile Radios, Console Boxes, Computer Mounts, and Fire Extinguisher Brackets, necessary to outfit two 2014 Ford Police Utility Interceptors

Total equipment and installation price: \$25,602.56 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 # 4-01-25-240-237.

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 14-52

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 2014								
CLARK TOWNSHIP								
REF	#	Account #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Original	Revised
14	3	1233-0	Muriel Guskowski	361	Madison Hill Rd	well acct	500.00	269.00
14	4	1299-0	Paulo Silva	297	Madison Hill Rd	well acct	500.00	780.00
14	5	3364-0	Elizabeth Gulya	55	Oleander Way	water issue	1025.00	225.00
14	6	4763-0	Joaquim Goncalves	91	St. Laurent Drive	water issue	768.20	225.00
14	7	3817-0	Edward Darienzo	46	Lexington Blvd	water issue	2234.28	780.00
14	8	1870-0	Felix Lettini	31	Doris Way	active acct	0.00	225.00
14	9	917-0	Joseph Melchionna	181	Stonehenge Terr	house demo	225.00	0.00
14	10	695-0	Sangiuliano Group	982	Lake Avenue	demo	225.00	0.00
14	11	696-0	Sangiuliano Group	960	Lake Avenue	demo	225.00	0.00
14	12	4196-0	Patricia Hanni	30	Clauss Road	SCD	225.00	100.00
14	13	73-0	Albert Genova	92	Wheatsheaf Rd	water issue	3505.00	225.00

Resolution 14-53

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Treasurer/CFO for authorization to refund overpayment of 2014 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 refunds as per the following schedule.

**CLARK TOWNSHIP
SEWER REFUNDS - 2014**

REF	#	Account #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
14	1R	4774-0	Jacek Polchlopek	2	Georgian Drive	overpayment	\$ 25.00
14	2R	708-0	Neil Ash	486	Raritan Road	overpayment	\$ 25.00
14	3R	5174-0	Rosa Williams	39	Coldevin Road	overpayment	\$ 947.50
							\$ 997.50

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

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

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 Toal opened the public portion of the meeting

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

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Mr. President...I want to first off give a couple of notices and congratulations.

Council on April 5th Saturday morning you have been invited to share in the season league openings parade of both Softball and Clark Little League. The parade will kick off at 9:00 am as usual I don't need to tell you all that. We just have to find out if Councilman Smith will be marching as a Councilman or Softball Director that's what we have to find out.

#2 I do want to say to the DPW Frank mentioned it earlier; they did a great job on the potholes. And as the thaw comes out of the ground right now we may have some more problem areas. If you see it before we do, just pick up the phone and let DPW know and it will be fixed. But that was fifty four tons of blacktop, that's a lot of blacktop, that's a lot of blacktop, so for potholes at least.

I would like to congratulate John Laezza and Terry O'Neill for the great job as they always do with our finances of this town. John went out on some temporary financing of bond anticipation notes and we were the recipient of a .23 interest rate, less than one quarter of one percent, that maybe a record in the State. That's a tribute to John's leadership here and in the Finance Department #1, Terry O'Neill with his steady work as a Chief Financial Officer in the path we've had settled in the past 14 years. I don't know if there are many other municipalities that can rate that kind of interest rate out there in today's market. It shows we are a fiscally strong and prudent community. I would also like to let Council know that I've been appointed to the Union County Open Space Preservation Board in Union County. I was asked last week and I'm going to serve in that capacity.

And I would like to also congratulate Councilwoman Angel Albanese for obtaining and working very hard to obtain her State of New Jersey Chief Financial Officer's license. So someday right now Angel is in private industry and someday hopefully some municipality in this State would be lucky enough to have a very hard working and intelligent lady with a lot of years of council experience helping to run the finances of their town. It's a great honor Angel to have you there. You brought a big accounting background to the council over the years and plus you can always keep an eye on John, no I'm only teasing. And I know John has worked with you and talked with you along with Terry O'Neill. I think even last year you volunteered some hours in there as you were going for your license just to get more of a hands-on on what the CFO is doing in there and I thought that was a great idea. So thank you very much for that and congratulations to you.

Council at the next Executive Workshop I'm going to do a presentation for a traffic safety and parking upgrade to the Valley Road School. We have a lot of problems up in that area, I'm sure Councilman Kazanowski can attest to that. And I will be presenting to you what our ideas are going to be to upgrade the traffic safety and parking up at Valley Road School. At this time I would like to thank everyone for a good night here tonight and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover, enjoy your time with your family. Its precious moments at the holiday time of year and enjoy, thank you very much.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you and Happy St. Patty's Day to everyone. I want to congratulate all the officers this evening who received awards. It is great to live in our community and as John (DeSimone) mentioned that we realize is that there are things going on here that we need to be concerned about but in general it's very safe. I just want to say that at the Library I forgot to mention, they are going to be selling off their VHS collection of videos. As technology is changing we are getting out of that business, so if you are interested at the end of April they will be selling off that collection if you have some interest.

And I just want to thank the Mayor for congratulating me on obtaining my CMFO certification. Certainly John has been an inspiration over the years and one thing I can say after meeting so many aspiring CFO's in all the classes that I took which was kind of a whirlwind tour during two semesters to get all those courses done. I met a lot of different people and you know I have a better appreciation certainly for what Clark has achieved under the leadership of this Administration. You know just the bond anticipation note interest rate we've obtained, I thought it was phenomenal when we had .33 last year but to be lower than one quarter percent is just really phenomenal. And I always like to tell my fellow students and my instructors that John is RMA #1 which means he is the first Municipal Auditor in the State of New Jersey. He holds the #1, his license number is #1. And he's the number one man as far as I'm concerned. He has the experience and certainly to be admired. And thank you for all your efforts with the finances. It is a pleasure to review our budget and of course it's extremely well managed, so thank you for that and that's all I have to say.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President...I want to congratulate Angel on your accomplishment. And I think people have heard me say so many times I'm always in awe of Mr. Laezza's knowledge of finance. Thank you that's all.

Councilman Kazanowski: Yes I would like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patty's Day and also Happy Easter and Passover in the upcoming weeks. I would like to congratulate and welcome our new police officer to our department and I would like to thank all the police officers that received awards and all the other ones for doing a very well job as Mr. John DeSimone mentioned that Clark is a safe town and at night time I sleep very soundly, thank you.

Councilman Mazarella: Yes thank you Council President...congratulations Angel, it's a big accomplishment. And thank you John for keeping our finances so in tacked in our community, it's very important that we hold the line for our residents in these economic times it's rough. And by holding the line we really are benefiting our residents. We are keeping our taxes as low as we possibly can for them. As far as the police department goes I want to also congratulate all the recipients. Ladies and gentlemen we have a safe community as the Mayor has mentioned, but again if you see anything, please don't hesitate and if you suspect anything call the police department and they will come right down. It's better to be safe than sorry. Until next month be safe thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much...of course I would like to congratulate Officer McDonald and welcome him to Clark. And congratulate the officers who received awards tonight. And again they put their lives on the line everyday as you heard Chief Scherb say one of the suspects backed up his car hitting another patrol car and injuring the Sergeant. So again

sometimes when police do approach a car put your hands on the steering wheels or put them out the window to let them know you are unarmed and everything will be better from then on. With regard to Mr. Laezza, I would like to thank the Mayor for bringing Mr. Laezza to Clark.

Councilman Smith: Yes I just want to reiterate again the Drama Clubs in town...the ALJ High School Drama "Grease" everyone loves Grease so that's this Thursday, Friday and Saturday and next Thursday and Friday is the "Wizard of Oz" at Kumpf. Please come out and cheer on our students. And also the rec programs, please come on out and register soon, some classes are filling up and like I said the ones that are not may have to be cancelled, so please register thank you.

Council President Toal: My flyer is out, it's in your door handles and if you need any extras they will be at the Library or in the Clerk's Office. The Mayor has touched on something that's really, I called it Clark's dark history and he was absolutely right on it. From 1976 to 1983 we had over unfortunately seven fatalities. I'm talking about not anywhere else but here in Clark, these were kids who went to our high school, they were students, they had either just graduated or they were juniors going into their senior year and it was all either alcohol or drug related incidents... five motor vehicle accidents, two in house fires that were alcohol related by the person who then the house caught on fire because they were too inebriated to get out of the house and they were killed by smoke inhalation. But five accidents, my high school graduating class five days before my high school graduating class at ALJ had a motor vehicle accident with one of our friends and student right down the street from this building on the Denman Avenue curve. What I'm just trying to say is what the Mayor is talking about is real, do not mess with it life is too short.

Again I don't mean to be morbid here but I bring these people up on who we've lost in the last month because we should take note when we do lose some wonderful people. Harvey Keitel, Mr. Keitel was a longtime crossing guard for the Clark Police Department. Dr. Frank Stevens, Dr. Stevens along Raritan Road was a dentist; he was Clark's first dentist. Mrs. Ann Sywec, whose daughter works over at Vaccaros Bakery for many years; Mrs. Regina Schwankert, Mrs. Schwankert was a longtime parishioner of St. Agnes Church and I usher at 7:30 mass and she was a longtime parishioner there and her daughter again is a longtime Clarkite. And that concludes my report.

Police Chief Scherb: No report.

Fire Chief Cerasa: No report.

Public Safety Director DeSimone: I just want to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Passover and Happy Easter and congratulation to Angel.

Township Clerk: No thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

APPROVED

BRIAN P. TOAL
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk