

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.
May 19, 2014

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, John Laezza, Business Administrator; Howard Lesnik, Acting Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk;

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council 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 O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Police Department - Swearing in of a new Police Officer; Sergio D'Andrea

Mayor Bonaccorso: Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the meeting. Tonight, boys and girls, before we get started we thought that it would be nice for you to meet Clark's newest police officer. We have a few new ones, actually one that is here, Brandon Pitts, we swore him in about a month ago. Tonight we swear in Sergio D'Andrea. I would like to welcome Superintendent of Schools Ken Knops, who is here, and the assistance Superintendent Ed Grande is here too tonight, welcome tonight, as well as everyone else, welcome.

Chief Scherb: Welcome. Officer D'Andrea came to us from the Union County Police Department where he spent several years with that department. He is an Intergovernmental Transfer Program participant. We are happy to have him come to the Clark Police Department and start his career in our patrol division. And we welcome him aboard.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Boys and girls I am going to give you a quick lesson in local government. Usually all police officers start out at the police academy, and they take the police academy course, then they get hired by a department. Several years back, it must be about 15 years now,

the legislators in Trenton decided that they would allow police officers to transfer as long as they transfer from one civil service town to another, which Clark Township is. So Officer D’Andrea was with the Union County Police Department and he found out that Clark was such a great place to work that he wanted to transfer right over. More importantly I would like to congratulate you on becoming a brand new dad, mama is back there with a brand new baby.

Mayor Bonaccorso directed Sergio D’Andrea along with his family to come up to the dais to be sworn in to become a Member of the Police Department.

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Sergio D’Andrea.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Sergio, we would like to wish you the best of health and luck out there, stay safe, you certainly have a great reason to go home every night.

Sergio D’Andrea: Yes sir.

Council President Toal: To Sergio and your entire family, we wish you a warm welcome by the citizens of Clark and a safe, safe tour of duty for all of the years that you are part of the Township of Clark. We welcome you.

I would like to bring forward, and request to come forward the Superintendent Ken Knops. Mr. Knops you are here for a reason, please tell us what a wonderful program that you have been working on.

Ken Knops: We have a great program. Sergio, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment. And it’s always hard following your Chief up here. I have to speak at the Chamber after him and we decided that he is the only chief in the State of New Jersey that can actually fit into his suit.

We have a very special project that the children in front of me worked on. And they are wonderful authors and before this night is over I think I’m going to ask them to sign this book and maybe I can sell it on EBay and not have to work this summer. But we are very proud of them. We started off with a project where we wanted to get primary source interviews of Clark’s many Vets. This will probably be the first volume; we will probably do another one for Labor Day. But especially in the case of World War II Vets, this is probably the last half generation of children their going to have an opportunity to actually talk and interact. So information taken from the interviews was published in this book. But all the credit tonight goes to our children and our teachers. And I would like to introduce three very special teachers who were behind this project. From Frank K. Hehnly School we have Nina Sinicropi, from Valley Road School Kelly Williamson, and also our fifth grade teacher Brian Lowe.

I am going to turn this program over to the teachers but I want to thank the Mayor and Council. I really can’t tell you how fortunate we are in town to have a Mayor and Council that embrace education that they do in this town. We are indeed fortunate because in most towns there is a line, one side of Westfield Avenue would be municipal and the other would be schools. But we

really feel that we have personal friends and fellow educational advocates in the Mayor and Council. So Mayor, thank you so much.

Kelly Williamson: Good evening everyone and thank you for coming. We wanted to thank the Council men and woman and the Mayor for letting us come to this meeting and present you with our completed biography books. We hope that you enjoy them. So our idea for this project was that we wanted Clark to be the place for people to come and celebrate Memorial Day in Union County. So in order to start and complete our vision we decided to invite veterans that were currently in service and people that were veterans from all different wars, including Iraq, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. And we thought that this would be a great experience for students to learn what it actually means to be a veteran, and to actually understand the purpose of Memorial Day and why it should be celebrated and recognized as a National holiday. And we also wanted the students to get the chance to learn about the different time periods and the differences between each war. So this was a great experience also for the students to particularly interview World War II Veterans because unfortunately, probably within our next decade most of them will not be with us anymore. So this was one of those last chance moments for them to actually honor those from World War II and all of the other generations and the wars.

Nina Sinicropi: The students worked very hard on their interviews and used that information to create biographies, which were then combined into this book. So all three of our classes worked on this and it was a hands-on-learning experience, it was very engaging. And I am glad that the students had the opportunity.

Brian Lowe: As far as future plans, this is what I'm used to seeing here. But as far as future plans are concerned we have our Memorial Day Service this Friday as well as Frank K. Hehnly and Valley Road School. Frank K. Hehnly will be about 9:15 am, Valley Road is going to be 1:20 pm, so if any of you would like to come that would be great. It is very obvious that it was very successful in involving all of you, so thank you so much for coming. And thank you to everyone else and also the students especially who did such a great job on this. We had already had an outpouring of veterans who are trying to get into this book, even though it is published. So for Veterans Day we are going to try for a second volume. So thank you so much for starting for piloting such a great program, you really did a great job, thank you.

(Children present the books to Mayor and Council)

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well I know on behalf of the Council and myself, we would like to thank you very much for his wonderful book. Mr. Knops dropped one off to me; he gave me a little sneak preview of it. And I have to say that I was very, very impressed with the way this was done. When you look into the book, you'll see the veteran and who the story was written by. And I got through most all of them, there's a few more I think I have to read and they are very, very interesting. And you know boys and girls I think it's a great thing when your teachers and the school district encourage you to recognize the veterans of this country. You know we are all too quick to....we live in a great society where we basically can to what we want. There are rules and there are laws, and we all know about that, but the veterans of this country are the true American heroes. You know we like to watch the Yankee game and say, "Wow Derek Jeter is a hero," well he's a great ball player and a great role model in my opinion, but a true American

hero is someone who goes out there and risks his or her life for you and me to be able to live the kind of freedom we have. Everyone is dressed a little different tonight right? Well, maybe in some countries you can't dress like that, we would all have to dress the same, or earn the same amount of money, or be told what to do in the different regimes. It is really important that you do recognize the veterans of this country. And I know that we all have. Since 9/11, I think America has woken up to really see and remember what our veterans have done and are doing overseas. I remember being on the Township Council, my first year as Mayor, I was at the Memorial Day Ceremony and we are honoring at that point fallen heroes, people who literally gave their life in battle for us. And the crowd was dwindling each year. Some of the veterans get a little older and move on and what have you, I said, "This is wrong, we have to bring people out, we have to give attention to Memorial Day" Veterans Days is as important but we are honoring those who are here and what about those who gave their life. And we came up with the idea of having our Memorial Day Parade. And Councilman Barr has been chairing that parade for many, many years. And on Friday we are going to celebrate at the high school and remember. And Monday at 9:00 am we are going to have our township parade. So come out, stand on the curb, say hello to the Veterans, and come down to the ceremony. The ceremony is a quick hour not even it goes very quick, and sees everyone and participates, if you are in the Little League, cheerleading or soccer, or what have you. Everyone was invited to participate. And if you are out there and you feel that you want to participate next year, you have a fancy car, you have something that you would like to show off, please contact us and come out to the parade. It's a great morning. I am grateful to you for doing this and your teachers for doing this, it is very nice. As Mr. Knops said, we here, myself and the council appreciate our school district greatly and we are here to work with them as we've demonstrated over the years to see this kind of thing happen. So you should really go home tonight and be very proud of yourself that you were able to put together such a wonderful, wonderful book about all of our Veterans. Again, come out to the parade, come down by the high school at the end of the parade and you will see and meet some of the Veterans. And former Police Captain Bill Duffy always does the ceremony. He is as passionate as any veteran that I ever met in all my life, and a heck of a good guy. He will tell you about some of these people and what battles they fell in. I remember when we lost a few good people recently, seeing their parents come there and everything, it is scary. It is a scary time in the world overseas; we are safe here at home. But it's because of those great men and women that we are safe here at home. And 911 was a great wakeup call to this nation on what could happen at any time when America drops its guard. So again, thank you so much all of you.

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

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: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to invite and remind all of our citizens and anyone who sees this broadcast that we are holding our annual Mayors Golf Outing

on June 9th at Echo Lake Country Club. If you are interested in golfing or coming for dinner please call my office and ask for Fran and she will get you all the information. And of course Council, as always, you are all invited for dinner if you are not golfing, you are more than welcome to come.

I would like to quickly hit on again a topic that I hit on every month and that is following the rules of branch clean-up. I know that we were out picking up early and as soon as we did, people started putting them out again. Folks, please, we are happy to give the service but we ask you every month on the third week to put your branches out and we will come by the fourth week and pick them up. Please don't put them out earlier because you will cause a problem for vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the roadways. We want to keep our roads safe and clean.

Also, I want to remind everyone of the solicitation ordinance that we put in about a month or two ago, it is in law now. About a week or so ago I was golfing at the Keith Dolan Golf Outing and my daughter called me and she said there are two men in our driveway looking for you and mom. I asked her about what? She said, "Well they are looking to sell energy." And I said, "Okay then take a card, take a brochure, take whatever they got and tell them that I will get back to them. She said, "well I don't think that they have anything dad." So as I was sitting there I called the Clark Police Department off Councilman Smith's phone because I had my daughter on the other phone, and she is a junior and she's handling this situation very well. And two Clark Police Officers went over and they checked out the guys and sure enough they were legitimate, they were out doing that, they didn't register with the Clerk's Office. And the police department was too glad to tell them about registering to go see the Clerk, registering with the police department, getting all their paperwork straight and to have some better ID on them. The reason that I am telling the story its nothing alarming that happened but I too well know from over the years of being the Mayor of this town, situations where people saw something, or engaged with individuals and didn't pick up the phone and later found a reason why they should have. So to me folks it wasn't because it was the Mayor, that is what the Clark Police Department does very well. If you are not sure then pick up the phone and make sure we are not dealing with scam artists, or some of these people that are looking to break into your home or what have you. And the two officers came over, they did a very professional job, and they got back on the phone with me and said that they checked out and that they were fine. They ran them for warrants, etcetera and so on. So the solicitation ordinance is something that we put in because one of the primary reasons is to make sure that they are people that registered but secondly was to have people stop going to your doors when the sun went down and it was dark, where you could fall prey to some predators out there. So when you see this folks, make sure they are registered with the township and if they are not call the Clark Police Department, they will have a car over there momentarily. We will get them on the right page if they are legitimate people, if they are coming to your door when it's dark, it's going to be getting lighter out now, we adjusted the hours from spring and summer, fall and winter to deal with daylight savings time to make sure that these people are not knocking on your door at 8:30 or 9:00 at night where it is very hard to see who else is out there and exactly what they are doing. That was just a reminder to the community and that concludes my report for this evening, thank you Mr. President. I'm sorry I also have to make an appointment here, I beg your pardon.

Tonight we are going to make an appointment to Mike Altmann as a Class IV Member of the Planning Board filling the unexpired term of John Zamboni until the end of the year. Unfortunately for the Zamboni family and Clark Township we lost a truly nice man and a good citizen; John Zamboni who served on the Planning Board for the fourteen years that I have been here. And he was involved in the community in many aspects; he took the job very seriously and did a very good job. So we will be appointing Mike Altmann as a Class IV Member tonight until the end of the year. Thank you.

Township Clerk: Yes thank you Mr. President...first I would like to ask the teachers, if the public would like to see the book where could they get a hold of one?

Nina Sinicropi: There will be a copy in the public library.

Township Clerk: Okay perfect thank you. Also I have as usual the police, fire and first aid reports, all in my office for anyone who would like to see them.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President, I have just a quick library report. We have a big event coming up this Thursday at 7:00 pm and it is on the Life at Edwardian Manor. And they will have food and they will cover the culture and customs of the Downtown Abbey Era.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President...well if you saw this meeting from the beginning, you saw the great and momentous accolades for Memorial Day which was awesome which I'll have a little bit more to say. But first I would like to say that the police dispatcher had the Clark Volunteer Fire Department respond to 39 calls last month. And the Fire Chief also asked me to remind everyone to make sure that your batteries in your fire/smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are up to date and fully charged. It is very easy to forget to check them and you really want to make sure that all of your alarms are in working condition if there is an emergency.

And to go on just a little bit more about Memorial Day, as we know this Monday we are going to celebrate Memorial Day. It is usually considered the "start of summer." There will be barbeques, visits to the beach, family get-togethers, but let us not forget the reason we have Memorial Day holiday. We are a free country because of those who have given their lives so that we may continue to be free and be able to have our barbeques and parties and do whatever we want. One of the many ways we let them know that we will never forget is by having our Memorial Day Parade and the Memorial Day Ceremony immediately following the conclusion of the parade. For all those who have not remembered from the past years, the parade will step off at 9:30 am, from the corners of Westfield Avenue and Nassau Street, and continue to the Arthur L. Johnson High School where all participants will pass and review in front of the high school entrance. So I'm asking everyone who will be home next Monday if you are not a participant in the parade, please be a spectator. So those who did give their lives will know we do now and we always remember the sacrifices they made. And all of you at home who are watching this meeting, I would like you to wave to me as I pass you so I know you got this message. Thank you that concludes my report.

Councilman Kazanowski: Yes thank you...since I do not chair a council committee I have no report this evening.

Councilman Mazarella: Yes thank you Council President...for the police report Councilman Barr already related to you on how many fire calls our fire department responded to and Councilman O'Connor will relate how many first aid calls from our first aid squad responded to, so there is no need to repeat that information. This being said I would like to provide you with the other additional stats from our police department. April 2014 saw a total of 2,668 calls for service of which 62 were fire alarm calls, 56 were motor vehicle accidents, and 2,422 were miscellaneous calls. Again there were a lot of calls that they responded to. And please ladies and gentlemen as the Mayor related to you that if you see anything that may be questionable when you are out and about or by your home, please don't hesitate to call the police department, that's what they are here for and they will respond quickly as they always do.

For our DPW the Mayor touched on the branches. Grass recycling is every Monday, must be out at curbside by 6:00 am in 30 gallon containers, not placed in piles in the street, they will not pick them up or mixed with branches in the containers. Electronic drop-off is Saturday, May 31st at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Bulky pick-up is by appointment only; please call DPW to schedule your appointment before 3:00 pm Thursday the week prior to your scheduled pick-up in your Ward. Natural dark mulch is available and is delivered free of charge by our DPW staff. Please don't hesitate to call them, it's really good mulch. Paper shredding will be at the DPW facility on June 4th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm but there is a four bag limit ladies and gentlemen. And one final note...I was very impressed by this reference Mr. Knops and I look forward to additional volumes when they come out. Thank you and that's the extent of my report.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you...I have the Clark First Aid Squad monthly report for the month of April. There were 107 total ambulance requests in the month, 93 of Clark and 14 were mutual aid. The most frequent calls were sick person 16, fall victims 14 and motor vehicle accidents 11. So again these are volunteers out giving their time helping the community and helping others. Thank you that's my report.

Councilman Smith: Thank you Mr. President...Saturday the Clark Pool had there open house and it was very well attended. It was from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and there was a constant flow of citizens and also people from surrounding towns who came to look at the pool and to join the pool.

The Clark Pool will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary Birthday Bash on Saturday, June 28th. The day's events will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, games, free food, crafts, inflatable obstacle course in the pool and many other surprises! It's not too late to register for a pool membership. Registration forms are located outside the Brewer Recreation office or on the Clark website at www.ourclark.com. The Clark Pool is the most affordable pool in the area with recent improvements with upgraded concession, new picnic tables and umbrellas, new volley ball court and new Adirondack chairs. The pool offers swim lessons, Aqua Zumba, Swim Team, Adult Swim times, late night swim and other swim classes and activities.

It seems like almost every month or every other month our Recreation Department gets acknowledged or honored for another award. On May 5th Ralph Bernardo who is our Recreation Director received the Prestige Union County Humanity Award for public service for community work as Recreation Director and President of UNICO. This was another of many well-earned rewards that Ralph and the Clark Recreation Department have received for his hard work and dedication over the past few years. So I want to commend Ralph for all of his hard work and congratulations.

Recreation Report: The 6 week summer rec program begins Monday, July 7th at the Brewer Rec Center. Signups are still taking place for Summer Tennis Camp, Women’s Softball, Adult Tennis, Bocce and more. Contact Ralph Bernardo in the Brewer Rec Office for more information

Lastly, don’t forget the July 4th celebration at Brewer and ALJ High School with games, rides and vendors culminating with fireworks at 9:15 pm.

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:
INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3-29 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED “DEPARTMENT OF POLICE”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that Chapter 3, Section 3-29 of the Code of the Township of Clark entitled “Department of Police” is hereby amended and supplemented, so as to provide for the creation and appointment of the “Appropriate Authority” in accord with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, as follows:

SECTION 1: There is hereby created in and for the Department of Police of the Township of Clark, in accord with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, a line of authority relating to the Police function and for the promulgation of rules and regulations for the governing of the force and for the discipline of its employees. The Mayor of the Township of Clark or his designee, as it shall be deemed necessary, shall be determined to be the “Appropriate Authority” for the purposes referenced hereinabove and contained in the aforesaid enabling statute and the Clark Code.

SECTION 2: The “Appropriate Authority” shall act pursuant to law in all matters relating to the Police function in the municipality.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be read in *pari materia* with the provisions of Section 3-29 of the Clark Code and shall be interpreted in the context of the authority conveyed by virtue of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118.

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 Councilman Kazanowski

Discussion:

John Laezza: Basically it sets out the name of the appropriate authority to charge a grievance if it goes through (tape inaudible).

Council President Toal directly roll call:

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

Public Hearing June 16, 2014

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3-30 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED “VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that Chapter 3, Section 3-30 (B) of the Code of the Township of Clark entitled “Volunteer Fire Department” is supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1: Add after item (4) the title **Battalion Chief** and re-numerate the positions stated thereafter.

SECTION 2: **Inconsistent Ordinance:** 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 Mazzarella

John Laezza: This ordinance creates an officer’s position of Battalion Chief replacing the Deputy Chief position, it’s a different responsibility.

Discussion: None

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Public Hearing June 16th

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND ANY ANCILLARY COSTS RELATED THERETO AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$185,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey, (The Township) is hereby authorized to acquire Equipment for Municipal Purposes and any ancillary costs related thereto, such equipment is for:

Police Department use	\$ 50,000
Fire Department Turn-out Gear and Hose	\$ 35,000
Telecommunications and Recreation Equipment	\$100,000

Section 2. The sum of \$185,000 is hereby appropriated for the acquisition of said equipment and ancillary costs related thereto, as described in section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as “capital purpose”). Said appropriation shall be funded from the Capital Surplus \$80,000 and Capital Improvement Fund \$105,000 of the Township of Clark for the payment of the cost of said “capital purpose”.

Section 3. Said purpose is a lawful capital purpose of the Township having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and the capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

John Laezza: This (fund) is set aside for specific capital projects for some departments such as equipment for the police department computer equipment and turn-out gear and making sure that the hoses are up to date for the fire department and basically audio equipment for this room and for the recreation department.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Public Hearing June 16th

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I. Introduction.

A. The, Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-1 et seq., governs the sale of real property by municipalities in the State of New Jersey.

B. Pursuant to the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 (b), a municipality may when authorized by Ordinance conduct a private sale of real property to a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey.

C. By verdict dated December 4, 1930, the then Circuit Court of Union County, State of New Jersey, certain properties then designated as Block 830, Lots 1 and 20 on the Tax Map of the City of Rahway, County of Union and Block 919-B, Lots 1, 2 and 2A on the Tax Map of the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex (the “Property”) were acquired by the City of Rahway, Town of Westfield, Township of Cranford, Township of Springfield, Borough of Kenilworth, Borough of Garwood, Borough of Roselle Park, and Township of Clark in the County of Union and the Township of Woodbridge in the County of Middlesex (collectively, the “Municipalities”), which were then organized into a Joint Meeting for the construction and maintenance of a joint trunk sewer and a sewage disposal plant

D. By Deed from Halsey L. Vanderhoven et als, recorded April 2, 1930 in the Union County Register’s Office, Book 1201, Page 238 (the “Vanderhoven Deed”), a portion of the Property was conveyed to the Municipalities comprising the Joint Meeting.

E. By Deed dated October 28, 1932, from Harriet B. Edgar, the remaining portion of the Property not conveyed by the Vanderhoven Deed was conveyed to the Municipalities as organized as the Joint Meeting; however this Deed was recorded March 11, 2004 in the Union County Clerk’s Office in Book 5420, Page 520 and March 24, 2004 in the Middlesex County Clerk’s Office in Deed Book 5309, Page 727 (the “Edgar Deed”).

F. By Deed from the Municipalities to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, a public body corporate and politic duly created under the laws of the State of New Jersey, (“RVSA”) dated January 29, 1952 and recorded February 6, 1952 in the Union County Register’s Office in Deed Book 1958, Page 544 and recorded February 20, 1952 in the Middlesex County Clerk’s Office in Deed Book 1606, Page 20 (the “RVSA Deed”) the Municipalities conveyed the Property and other rights described therein to the RVSA as successor to the Municipalities organized as the Joint Meeting.

G. The RVSA Deed expressly referred to the Vanderhoven Deed as a source of title for the lands and interests conveyed but did not make reference to the Edgar Deed.

H. The Edgar Deed was recorded out of the chain of title of the RVSA to the Property, which creates a cloud on the title of RVSA to the Property and which cloud may be removed by a deed from the Municipalities to the RVSA conveying the portion of the Property described in the Edgar Deed.

SECTION II. The Township of Clark hereby ratifies and confirms the sale of that portion of the Property described in the Edgar Deed to the RVSA for nominal consideration.

SECTION III. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute, attest and deliver to the RVSA, the Deed attached and incorporated herein and such other documents as are necessary to consummate the sale of that portion of the Property described in the Edgar Deed to the RVSA, in a form acceptable to the Township of Clark and the RVSA.

SECTION IV. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION V. If any portion of this Ordinance shall be determined to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said Ordinance.

SECTION VII. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

John Laezza: Mayor and Members of Council this is allowing the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority to legally be on the land they’ve been on since 1930.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion: None

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Public Hearing June 16th

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 \$199,735.21 , for the period ending May 15, 2014, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese.

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 Councilman Mazzarella

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-67

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby appointed as Members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department effective this 19th day of May, 2014.

Michael Cook
219 Lexington Blvd.
Clark, NJ 07066

Michael Kniazuk
44 Elizabeth Avenue
Cranford, NJ 07016

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilwoman Smith

Discussion: None

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-68

Resolution: Change in Custodian of Petty Cash Fund

WHEREAS Anton Danco was custodian of the Police Department Petty Cash Fund; and
WHEREAS in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Governing Body of the Township of Clark is changing custodians to Police Chief, Alan Scherb; and

WHEREAS Alan Scherb is bonded in the amount of \$50,000.00 by virtue of a surety bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Resolution 14-69

Resolution: Change in Custodian of Petty Cash Fund

WHEREAS Peter Smith was custodian of the Pool Utility Petty Cash Fund; and
WHEREAS in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Governing Body of the Township of Clark is changing custodians to Pool Director, Michael Kozlowski; and

WHEREAS Michael Kozlowski is bonded in the amount of \$50,000.00 by virtue of a surety bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Resolution 14-70

Resolution Rescinding Petty Cash Fund

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Governing Body, of the Township of Clark, County of Union that the petty cash fund for the Business Administrator be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Resolution 14-71

WHEREAS the Township of Clark is unable to certify the tax rate at this time and the Municipal Tax Collector will be unable to mail the tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Tax Collector/Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and he has signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on this 19th day of May, 2014 as follows:

1. The Township of Clark Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the municipality for the third installment of 2014 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3)

2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2014 is hereby set at \$57,323,158.37

3. In accordance with law the third installment of 2014 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of the end of the grace period, or the twenty-fifth (25) calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

Resolution 14-72

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

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

Clark Township
Tax Refund- 2014

Block/Lot	Name	# Address	Refund	Amt Tran	Trans from	Trans to
21/10	Harry & Jaimee Strepp	21 Acken Dr.	\$34.18	\$1,975.48	2013/4	2014/2
48/20	Kevin Couper	161 Madison Hill	\$1,708.20			
176/24	Joseph Cirasella	331 Valley Road	\$1,725.65			
180/27	Gregory Hilyard	102 Delia Terrace		\$816.75	2013/4	2014/2

Resolution 14-73

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey has settled the following tax appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the following amounts in accordance with the Tax Court Settlement:

Block/Lot	Address	Orig. Assessment	New Assessment	Assessmt. Reduction	Year	Tax Refund	Int.	Total Refund
142/4	142 Central Ave	\$2,711,900	\$2,650,000	\$4,424.61	2010	\$4,424.61	\$763	\$5,187.86
142/4	142 Central Ave	\$2,711,900	\$2,650,000	\$4,566.36	2011	\$4,566.36	\$560.65	\$5,127.01
						\$8,990.97	\$1,323.90	\$10,314.8

Resolution 14-74

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	Credit	Additional
14	32	1347-0	Gloria Francisco	465	Madison Hill Rd	pool issue	\$ 785.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 225.00	
14	33	3157-0	Hilda Carranza	111	Lincoln Blvd	leak	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 1,345.00	\$ 680.00	
14	34	1998-0	Gregory Kniss	280	Madison Hill Rd	well	\$ 500.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 275.00	
14	35	4218-0	Emill Golias	344	West Lane	leak	\$ 945.00	\$ 705.00	\$ 240.00	
14	36	4806-0	James Switek	11	Rose Lane	water issue	\$ 2,174.44	\$ 319.40	\$ 1,855.04	
14	37	4831-0	Mary Britzak	1145	Forest Drive	water issue	\$ 9,371.40	\$ 225.00	\$ 9,146.40	
14	38	2806-0	Nancy Kowalski	45	Kathryn Street	toilet issue	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 460.00	
14	39	1544-0	Richard Lavroff	46	Surrey Road	water issue	\$ 2,865.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 2,640.00	
14	40	2106-0	Vincent Raimondi	9	Cutler Place	scd disallow	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$125
14	41	2762-0	Jeanne Houston	11	Yorktown Drive	water issue	\$ 5,145.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 4,920.00	
									Total Credit	\$20,441.44

Resolution 14-75

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	11R	1186-0	Brian Sheehan	16	Featherbed Lane	overpayment	\$24.57
14	12R	1779-0	John Curti	80	Post Circle	overpayment	\$24.70
14	13R	407-0	Carmelina Giacobbe	205	Briarheath Lane	overpayment	\$47.50
							\$96.77

Resolution 14-76

WHEREAS the Township Engineer has completed the final site inspections at the A & P, 1060 Raritan Road and has determined that all improvements have been installed and constructed in accord with State and Municipal design standards and requirements.

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 refund the remaining unused escrow funds to the A & P in the amount of \$55,018.40.

Resolution 14-77

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark upon the recommendation of the Mayor of the Township of Clark that Josephine Burkhardt residing at 16 Lincoln Boulevard and Robert Tarantino residing at 25 Blake Drive be and the same are hereby re-appointed as Constables in the Township of Clark to serve for a term of three (3) years the term to commence upon the swearing in and the posting of a Constable’s Bond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned persons shall be required to comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-120 *et seq.* which statute regulates the appointment, authority, duties and responsibilities of appointed constables.

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Resolution 14-78

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK AND FIBER TECHNOLOGIES NETWORKS, LLC TO PERMIT THE INSTALLATION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WITHIN PUBIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WHEREAS, Fiber Technologies Networks, L.L.C. (“Fibertech”), a New York limited liability company, with offices located at 300 Meridian Centre, Rochester, New York, is authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout

the State of New Jersey pursuant to an Order issued by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBP”) in Docket No. TE05080683 dated September 14, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Fibertech has requested the consent of the Municipality to occupy public rights-of-way within the Municipality for a period of fifty (50) years for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, repairing, maintaining and replacing a telecommunications system; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Municipality and its citizenry, particularly including the commercial and industrial citizens, for the Municipality to grant municipal consent to Fibertech to occupy the public rights-of-way within the Municipality for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the granting of such consent is and shall be conditional upon Fibertech’s continued compliance with all existing and future ordinances of the Municipality and its entering into a written agreement with the Municipality to, inter alia, indemnify and hold the Municipality harmless as to all claims and liability resulting from any injury or damage which may arise from the construction, installation, operation, repair, maintenance, disconnect, replacement and removal of its telecommunications system within certain public rights-of-way and provide liability insurance coverage for personal injury and property damage.

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

1. That non-exclusive consent is hereby granted to Fibertech to occupy the public rights-of-way within the Municipality for the purpose of construction, installation, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of a telecommunications system for a period of fifty (50) years.

- 2. The within granted permission is conditioned upon Fibertech entering into the attached Agreement with the Municipality and providing liability and property damage insurance coverage.
- 3. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Agreement subsequent to the filing of plans for approval by the Governing Body in the best interest of the municipality and its citizens.
- 4. A copy of this Resolution and the executed Agreement shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Resolution 14-79

WHEREAS the Township solicited quotes for proposals for a Fireworks Display to be presented on July 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS proposals were received from two companies; and

WHEREAS Schaefer Pyrotechnics, Inc., 376 Hartman Bridge Road, Ronks, PA 17572, submitted a responsible, responsive proposal in the amount of \$15,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that they hereby commit to a fireworks display presented by Schaefer Pyrotechnics, Inc., to be held on Friday, July 4, 2014 with a rain date of Saturday, July 5, 2014;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and appropriate officials of the Township of Clark are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Schaefer Pyrotechnics, Inc., for 2014 as sufficient funds have been appropriated in the 2014 Municipal Budget under Celebration Events Account #30-420-223; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when the contract is signed by Schaefer Pyrotechnics, Inc., they must include the proper insurance certificate endorsing the Township of Clark and the Clark Board of Education as “additional insured” on the policy.

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

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

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia Street: Good evening. I am here on two issues. First, there is a meeting tomorrow evening; the City Council of Linden is having their monthly or bi-monthly meeting at 7pm. I am inviting any resident of Clark to attend that meeting, to hear any issues regarding Animal Control, which Clark is paying forth to the Animal Control Department in Linden. They also handle Clark, Fanwood, Linden itself, Rahway and Roselle. I am also here to let everyone be aware that Linden Animal Control is not any part of FOLAS, which is ‘Friends of the Linden Animal Shelter,’ they are two separate and different entities within the area of Linden. We have a meeting scheduled with the Mayor of Linden this coming Thursday to speak to different animal activists in the area. I am also cautioning everyone in the town if they do have a pet that is lost and someone finds it; please try to hold that pet for 48 hours, so that it doesn’t go to Linden. And also there is a “Union County Lost Pets” Facebook page that has been in existence for about a year now. We established that when we had a lot of lost pets within Scotch Plains. We have recovered many pets. We had a pet lost for five weeks and it was recovered in Cranford. And also just to let you know that Roselle Park has instituted an Ordinance of “Trap, Neuter and Return,” We are working with Hillside to try to get that instituted into their town. And we’ve also heard that the Township of Springfield is also trying to allow this to occur in their town. We are not ready to bring this to the Township of Clark because we want to see how this works in the Borough of Roselle Park. And again, if you have a lost pet within the area of Union County, or any boarder town, or if you found a pet, please check: “Union County Lost Pets” Facebook page. We are on there almost eighteen hours a day trying to reunite families with their pets. Thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: You had mentioned about lost pets.

Delia Collins: Yes.

Councilman O'Connor: When I was getting my dog neutered, my vet told me that earlier in the day someone had brought in a dog that they found and they scanned it and saw the chip, and were able to get in contact with the owners of the dog. So I’m assuming that it is an option as well.

Delia Collins: Yes, I have offered to purchase one for the Township so that our Police Department would have it. And I am sure Dr. Orange would be willing to help, and possibly Clark Animal Hospital. Westfield Animal Hospital does that for the rescue groups for free. Westfield Veterinarian on Springfield Avenue in Westfield is open 24/7; they will do that for free. And you know it’s a very successful thing. Newark Humane has a mobile clinic that comes to Mountainside, Plainfield and Elizabeth and they will do a chip insertion, which is about the size of a piece of rice, for a nominal fee. A lot of rescue groups have programs that they will hold; I have not seen many recently. But Associated Humane will come out; they have a mobile unit that also does spaying and neutering for a nominal fee. And I think that People for Animals

offers it at their wellness clinic but I am not sure. It is a good thing to have for your pet. The main thing is that you have to keep it updated, people move, people change their phone numbers, people drop their home phones, they only use their cell phones. And a lot of rescue groups will put their own information in first, that way if the pet is found and the new owner hasn't registered it at least the rescue group will be notified. We had one that was adopted in Linden and wound-up in Baltimore, and the rescue group went down, and picked it up in Baltimore.

Council President Toal: Thank you very much Delia for all your efforts.

Bob Scutro, Linden, New Jersey: I spoke to you last month about Linden Animal Control and I am here again. First off I had met with Mayor Gerbunka from Linden on several occasions. He found out that I spoke to you last month. I believe that someone from the town spoke to him, and because of that Mayor Gerbunka has put a stop to the "seven day and out" rule. No longer are Pit Bull's being put down in seven days....because whoever spoke to him, Pit Bulls have been adopted and saved. I want to thank you all. And because of that I had shirts made up and I'm presenting to all of you. I want to give it to you Mayor first, and after the meeting I will give the shirts to all of council for my appreciation.

Council President Toal: That is very kind of you.

Bob Scutro: I appreciate it because Clark goes a long way for the City of Linden. We are meeting Thursday and they are going to have a resolution to the problem. And the Mayor promised me that it is going to be a good resolution. There is one serious issue that I am going to address tomorrow. Because the animal control is set up where you are supposed have an isolation room for a dog with disease, the problem is very serious to dogs, it is a killer, and we don't have that in Linden. So I recommend that if you find a dog, hesitate until the isolation room is made. I have a suggestion that I am going to present tomorrow and if they do that everything will be fine. And I have high hopes for the meeting on Thursday and I will contact the Mayor and let you know. Again, I appreciate your help, and after the meeting please come and see me because I have shirts for everybody. I thank you for your support.

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

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you very much for the shirt, it was very kind and we are glad to help whenever we can. Tomorrow morning Mr. Laezza and I will be sitting down with Krame Development and Shop Rite trying to help them find their way through the lawsuit that they have on the new shopping center up on Raritan Road. We met with them last week and we did pretty well for two self-made lawyers. We kind of cut through the red tape...say it the way it is. But anyhow hopefully some headway is being made there. Again to those of you who just tuned in we have the Mayor's Golf Outing June 9th at Echo Lake Country Club. If you are a golf

enthusiast it's a great course to play. Contact Fran at my office, there are still some open foursomes for you to join in and do this.

We talked about Memorial Day. The school district was here tonight and they did a great job in this great magazine. And also Mr. Knops and Mr. Grande...Councilman Toal will be putting this into our history room so it will become a piece of Clark history and that's a nice thing. Brian does a great job in that room and you know it really is a great thing. For the faculty, thank you for the over and above concern you take in our children. That's very important to us parents, we appreciate that.

Memorial Day is here, the summer is here, graduations are coming and underage drinking parties are not going to happen, it's plain and simple. Ladies and gentlemen if the Clark Police Department is called, they will act and they will act swiftly. And that comes from my office right with Chief Scherb's office right on down through. We have Project Graduation now. Councilman O'Connor, Councilman Toal, myself and those of you who have been living in town a long, long time know that back in the 70's and 80's every graduation season there was a death to one of our students or someone who recently had graduated, it's still one of our students. What you do behind your closed door with your child is your business. When you open it up to the community it becomes the business of the Clark Police Department. Back in 1998 I was a member of this Governing Body and we passed an ordinance allowing the Police Department to come onto private residence when there is underage drinking going on. There is no excuse for it. What you do with your children behind your door is your business, I will say that again. I'm not here to parent anyone else's children but myself and my wife we try to do the best job we can. Kids are kids we understand that. Drinking and driving could be #1 you can kill yourself, #2 if you kill someone else, it's an automatic seven years in prison, it's a hell of a way to end a school year. For some of you out there who may think that it's okay, well again that's your opinion, we all have a right to that opinion. If the Clark Police are called they will act and you know what I've said to you here for a long time...do not pick up the phone and call me. I cannot help you. The department is under orders with my own children. If they are ever picked up at a party, you do not bring them to Daddy's back door. There is no Mayor favor here, you bring them down to this building and they will go through the process because I'm not living that in my head every time my kid goes out. So far knock on wood. Kids are kids, kids are human and people make mistakes. But if you get caught, you are going to get prosecuted and that's the way it is. So let's enjoy the summer, let's give good advice to our children, let's celebrate our graduations like we do, let Project Graduation do a great job and tell the children that the drinking age is 21 in New Jersey. Thank you so very much and let's enjoy Memorial Day weekend. I hope it's a nice weekend, not a rainy one God forbid. And Al we'll see you at the parade. We will put on our walking shoes and we will give them heck out there as we honor our veterans and our fallen heroes. Thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you...Mayor I just have one question or clarification, I know the answer but its better if it comes from you. From time to time I get questions from people and they will say, the Mayor is having a golf outing and he advertises his own fundraising on the township's dime. Can you please clarify?

Mayor Bonaccorso: For those who are short of minds out there...”no” it’s a township fundraiser, okay. Whatever we do here in chambers is for the township. It goes towards a lot of special events we do. It’s a great day to have a lot of fun with a lot of people that live here in Clark and enjoy ourselves. So thank you Angel for that but for those of you who are keeping track it’s for the community.

Councilwoman Albanese: First I would like to thank John Zamboni for 14 years of service to the community. That’s really terrific and that’s a lot of knowledge that we are losing unfortunately but best of luck to Mike Altmann who will be taking his place.

Congratulations to Sergio D’Andrea our new officer, lots of luck to you. And as Brian expressed I don’t want to repeat those words but deep appreciation and congratulations on your appointment. Thank you (to Mr. Scutro) for the tee shirts and the update on the animals, I’m an animal lover myself, I have a few cats and I seem to always have cats and if we could have more we would.

Next as far as these books, I just hope to see these at the Library; perhaps we can do a special display. This is fantastic, I really love this, and I flipped through it and saw some of the recent graduates from ALJ, parents of some of the kids I know and some of the children that were here today, it’s really just fantastic. It will be cherished, so thank you for that. That concludes my report.

Councilwoman Barr: Thank you Mr. President...I’m not usually repetitive but I do want to congratulate Officer D’Andrea and especially the Superintendent, teachers and students for the amazing job they did bringing to the people the greatness and the sacrifices that our veterans made.

Councilman Kazanowski: Not to seem repetitive but I agree with my colleagues Al Barr and Angel Albanese. A job well done Mr. Superintendent, the teachers did a fantastic job as such and also congratulations to our newest police officer. And thinking of warm weather, so when you are thinking of warm weather and the sun, think of the Clark Pool because they are taking applications. We had a very nice turn out on this Saturday weekend and we open up next weekend. See you then, thanks.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes thank you Council President...first I would like to thank Delia and Bob for their efforts and your commitment to our pets, thank you. And I just wanted to mention that I’m looking forward to seeing all of our residents along Westfield Avenue viewing our parade and also at ALJ for our Memorial Day ceremonies this coming Monday. And I wish to thank all of you in advance for your participation honoring those veterans and heroes that have left us. It makes me proud to see our community come out in that way.

Summertime is approaching quickly as everyone has mentioned, and you know our children will be out and about. So to the motorist please be mindful of them and all who are walking and riding their bikes throughout our community, thank you and until next month be safe.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much...just so you know we actually sit in alphabetically order, so being an "O" towards the end of the dais here everybody pretty much takes up everything there is to say. And again we don't want to be repeaters but congratulations to everyone. But with that I actually do want to talk about something that I participated in most years and they touched on a theme tonight with Memorial Day and veterans and that is the Sixth Annual Waterson Dunham Valor Ride. And this is a valor ride that is going to take place Sunday, July 13, 2014. And it's to honor to fallen Marines...William Waterson who was a Marine and killed in the line of duty in Clark here and also Jason Dunham who was a Marine who was killed in the line of duty. And again this ride is to honor them and it's put on by the Clark PBA Local 125; the proceeds benefit the Clark PBA Local 125 as well the Jason Dunham Scholarship Fund. The ride begins and ends from the Deutscher Club which is at 787 Featherbed Lane in Clark. Registration is from 9 to 12 and the ride leaves at 12. Riders are \$25, passengers are \$15 and walk up donation is \$20. If you have any questions call Danny at (732) 259-3513 or you can contact Danny at hoot0311@yahoo.com and it's a rain or shine ride. This is a great ride; it's a police escort and there will be vendors, bbq, music and beverages. I think I've done it three or four years and it's always a great time. And speaking of rain or shine...as you know I like to ride my motorcycle and now that it's motorcycle season, please be aware of your surroundings and look for motorcycles. But this year I took a little trip down to Florida on my motorcycle. I rode down there by myself, it was 16 ½ down but it was 19 ½ hours back because that torrential rainstorm that we had, well I rode in it for eight hours. And what I learned in that eight hours of riding in the rain is, if you are driving a car please turn on your headlights in the rain because you really can't be seen, specifically if you are on a motorcycle because you really can't see the cars. So again please look twice for motorcycles. If it's raining, please make sure you put on your headlights. It's not that much for your safety; it's for the safety of everyone else so they can see you as well. And Chief that's a law in New Jersey isn't it? (Chief Scherb: yes it is) Yes it is but in some other states it might not be but just please make it a habit.

And now I'm going to be a little bit selfish since I have the Superintendent of Schools here. This was not planned; I didn't know you were going to be here. One of the things as an educator is to really be remembered by your students. And I remember when I was in high school there was one teacher in particular that stood out to me and it was Peter Fabreal. He was a guidance counselor and then later on became an Assistant Principal/Vice Principal of the school. But the success that I had in my life was because he took his time to take someone who needed a little bit of direction and gave it to me. So with that I would like to say I've seen the same type of behavior from Chuck Silva with my son. So you know Chuck Silva has done a great job helping my son reach his potential, so I just wanted to say that thank you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Pat, I want to add to this. You know you talk about...we have some younger teachers here but the other day a famous English teacher from Johnson stopped by my office in his motorcycle attire, on his Harley, Mr. Kurt Epps. And those of you who went to Johnson know Mr. Epps. And to this day we are friends. We Facebook and I've seen him since graduation many times and I worked with him in the de-regionalization issue back in 1996. And it's so funny that you mentioned that because you know when you go out of your way teachers for our students, they really do remember you, you do make an impact in their lives and take it from some parents who are a little bit older than you not a lot but a little bit. But it's really amazing when you have that special teacher and you know how they make that impact in your

life. It was so great to see him the other day and we are going to go out for lunch one day and enjoy some conversation. And there are many others but he is one that I really kept up with, even our former football coach Richie Foster, he is down in Florida. These were people who had a lot of impact in my life and taught me a lot, not only in the classroom but their whole demeanor and the way they handle themselves and it was a pleasure. So I'm glad you mentioned them because it came to mind for me also.

Councilman Smith: Thank you Mr. President...just a few quick things and then I'll end this as quickly as possible. As Councilman Kazanowski said hopefully warm weather this summer, please join the pool. It's going to be a great 40th birthday celebration all summer.

If anybody has been in the back of the Brewer Municipal Building by the softball field, you will see a whole bunch of yellow lines painted which Mr. Laezza I guess spearheaded that thing. And at first I said wow it's a lot of paint and it was the right idea but I thought overdone. But, last Tuesday we had a softball game and I happened to be there managing and one of my players is up at bat and a wild pitch hit her in the head. She went down right away, right away we ran over and I called the police department. And there were two police officers here within thirty seconds and the ambulance was there within like two minutes. And because there were no cars parked other than one and two the ambulance was able to get right back to the field and come on to the field and take care of the 8th grade student and was able to rush to the hospital. She was fine, she had a minor concussion and she went back to school a day or two later. She was cleared today to resume activities again. So your paint job worked extremely well. There were a few cars there and we asked the police that were there maybe issue a warning that night to the few cars saying "hey please don't park here" but I think it's been working out tremendously.

I'm going to steal a little of Mr. Knops thunder which I'm sure he is going to have at his next Board of Ed meeting. My daughter Gabriella is part of the Kumpf Choir and last Friday the Jazz Band, Choir and Choral (group) went to Jackson High School and then over to Great Adventure and they participated in a statewide choir and band contest. And it turns out that the (I'm going to read this, it's small print) The band, choir, choral and jazz band all received first place with an excellent rating for all the groups and that included high school groups. So our 6th, 7th and 8th grade middle school Kumpf outdid some of the high school teams that were there. They also received which they thought was one of the best awards, was the most enthusiastic and a respectful group. Which meant when the other groups and bands were playing they were the most respectful, paid attention and applauded, etc. And two students Michele A. received the best jazz band soloist and Jessica King received best vocal soloist. So I want to thank Ms. Alexandra for all the hard work she puts in every I think Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 7:00 over at Kumpf. So thank you, you have a great staff over there doing that. I think I'm done, all yours Brian.

Council President Toal: The Mayor touched on something with graduation and the kids trying to get out of school, especially those of you who have gotten their license; the issue of drinking and driving. The Mayor always brings it up that during our time, I'm just going to do it this way...1976 we are not talking about accidents happening outside of Clark, and we are talking about right here in town. People who just either graduated high school recently and then got into a lot of trouble because of drinking and driving; 1976 on Madison Hill Road we lost a recent

high school graduate, DOA on the Madison Hill curve; 1977 two Clark kids just recently graduated high school and on August 13, 1977 decided to go out and party, drinking and drugs, and they took Rt. 78 and they went West up to Clinton in a 1976 Pontiac Formula, I remember the car...a really sweet car, they lost it on a curve and ended up into a train trestle both incinerated; 1978 Clark residents two recent ALJ Alumnae that just graduated that were only out less than two months, both killed, a motor vehicle accident; 1980 my own graduating class, five days before graduating, we just had graduation practice and two kids not out of town, right down the street on Denman and Westfield Avenue ran into the telephone pole, he died three hours later in Rahway Hospital Emergency never survived. Our high school graduation was a funeral, it was a wake. They took his car and put it out on the graduation field, we walked around it...why?...because two kids tried to grow up too soon. Listen to the police, listen to the Mayor and listen to your parents, have fun but not the alcohol and the driving or the drugs; 1981 two kids ALJ, one not driving a car but he decided to go jump into the parents pool, built-in pool on Wendell Place head first in the shallow end because he was influenced by drugs, shallow end folks, he smashed his head open and died a few days later; 1983 two Clark kids just graduated high school and they decided to go down the parkway and they somehow passed out behind the wheel and ended up into the guardrail and the guardrail up into the windshield, both killed. I don't like talking about this stuff but the Mayor brings it up and we must instill to you the future and the present, don't let it happen again please.

Those we just lost. The Mayor had mentioned Mr. Zamboni, John Zamboni was a friend of mine. He was a very, very interesting man. He was a former prosecutor for Union County. He lived in Clark and raised his family in Clark, his son, and he was just a very, very special man who cared about the township and the citizens of Clark on how things are supposed to be done. And we will miss John very much. He died too quickly and too suddenly; and Donna Laskowski wife of Phil Laskowski, to his family our deepest condolences to you Phil and to your daughter.

Delia comes up and talks about animals and in Clark when you get the telephones poles in the neighbors and people start posting stuff, usually its garage sales. But if you've been noticing up near Kumpf School on every telephone pole is this flyer. And this flyer has a big very overweight cat on it, and I'm seeing just one and then all of sudden it turns into twenty, thirty...we are talking about forty to fifty to a hundred telephone poles with this picture of this cat that's missing. And I stopped and I pulled one off and I said let me read this, what's this whole thing about. The cats name is Patches, its white and black with a black tail and it's lost and the resident lives on 50 Miller Terrace, a young girl who lost her cat. And I thought the determination of that young girl to go out and put these flyers on every telephone pole for the entire Dressel Hills down near St. Agnes and to try to find her lost cat. So if anybody sees a stray cat name Patches there's a contact here and I'm going to leave it with the Clerk's Office and I'm also going to give a copy to Mr. Knops. So please help this young girl, she is from Clark and she lost her cat. But I just thought that was touching that she just didn't do a couple of poles, she went all the way through an entire development and continued on into another development and I just hope she finds her cat. I think that's about it.

John Laezza: Yes Council President...you know it comes May and then you get to June and tonight you passed an ordinance telling us we can send out an estimated tax bill. I have to say between the school, the town and the county, even the county; our taxes will go up 10.8 points.

That means for every hundred thousand dollars assessed your tax bill will go up \$108.00. Each of them stayed within their parameters. The overall increase in the tax rate is 1.4% last year to this year. I think everyone did very well, I want to commend the school for staying within their limits and for you council staying within your limits and even the county stayed within their limits. Thank you very much.

Police Chief Scherb: Nothing.

Fire Chief Cerasa: Nothing.

Scott McCabe, DPW Supervisor: Nothing to report.

Mr. Knops: Thank you for the opportunity and again thank you for your support at the schools.

Mr. Grande: Thank you again for everything.

Council President Toal: There are two ladies in the front that are from the new website. I'm going to give a quick history. Garden State News was the first media printed paper in the Township of Clark. Where Dairy Queen is today there use to be a house and the gentleman who lived there printed his own first edition of the Clark newspaper and it was called the Garden State News. That ended up folding because he passed away and then we had the Clark Patriot from 1966 on until about 1998 or so. The Clark Eagle then became Worrall out of Union and then they've been publishing for a number of years and they folded out a couple of years and now it's the LocalSource. And then that turned into the Patch, the Patch became a recent informational source, the Patch just basically pulled all of their funding because they were AOL which owned the Patch, AOL pulled all the money and pulled all of the reporters and now we have you. If you could just stand and explain to the community who you are and what are exactly your intentions are for Clark. Please come forward. We need to inform our community on who you are.

Elizabeth Clee, 107 Ivy St. and Susan Bonnell, lives in Scotch Plains but grew up in Rahway (TAP into Clark)

Elizabeth Clee, 107 Ivy St.: Well actually we were going to do it at the next meeting but since you put us on the spot we will do it now. Susan and I are starting an online newspaper devoted specifically to Clark...it's called "TAP into Clark." The reason we said we were going to get up next meeting because we plan to go live June 1st, so we are not up there yet, but it will be www.TapintoClark.net . It's the type of local dedicated just like I said to Clark and it is part of a larger organization because TAP into is in many towns in New Jersey and a couple in Pennsylvania as well, they are looking to spread. So you can go out there right now and go into TAP into and actually June 1st but right now it's still called the Alternative Press, that's where TAP comes from get it. So you can go to the alternativepress.com right now and take a look of what it should look like for us in about two weeks.

Susan Bonnell: In about two weeks we will be ready to launch and we do encourage members of the community to sign up currently at the alternativepress.com. You can sign up for e-news from

Clark, we are starting to pre-publish some stories and if anyone has any information that they would like to send out including the story about Patches. We are starting to publish them in (tape inaudible) so we ask people to reach out to us by going right now to www.thealternativepress.com and as of June 1st it will be www.TAPintoClark.net

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

APPROVED

BRIAN P. TOAL
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk