

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, NJ
November 17, 2014

ROLL CALL:

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

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

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

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Mayor's Proclamation: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Council President, Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen good evening and welcome to our November meeting. Tonight we are going to have a proclamation read on Pancreatic Cancer. One of our citizens who were very instrumental in having this done every year, and they are Todd Cohen and Mrs. Cohen. Todd's Dad and of course Mrs. Cohen's husband had passed away from it and they are very active in the work to help Pancreatic Cancer (awareness). Also Susan Barr is here along with Councilman Al Barr, Al's brother was also a victim of Pancreatic Cancer and they are visitors in our chambers every year at this time to hear the proclamation read and continue their diligence against Pancreatic Cancer.

Mayor Bonaccorso calls up Todd, Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. Barr to join (him) at the podium while the Proclamation is read by the Township Clerk.

Todd Cohen: I think it's probably like the sixth or seventh time we've come but it's truly an honor (for) my family and the organization I work for, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

You can check them out online at www.pancan.org. I'm truly honored to have this done in Clark. This is my seventh proclamation that I've done throughout the State of New Jersey as far north as Wanaque and as far south is South Plainfield. Our organization is really looking on spreading the word of awareness of Pancreatic Cancer. It's the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and it's projected to be the second leading cause as early as 2020. If you don't know anybody who has Pancreatic Cancer, over the next couple of years I'm assuming you will sadly because it's definitely on the rise. Our family has been touched like you mentioned, my Dad was diagnosed right around 9/11 and he passed away about a year later. And that's what you hear most of time with these cases. Like I said the survival rate is just six percent. So people that get Pancreatic Cancer, many times, it's too late and the life expectancy is average about five to eight months. Every year I go to another funeral, every year I hear about more and more people getting diagnosed with the disease. We just had a walk about a week ago where we raised three hundred and forty thousand dollars for Pancreatic Cancer research and supporting patients. But it's not enough, we still need to do more. This proclamation does something in terms of raising awareness. But we have major steps to go in terms of finding an early detection method and finding useful treatment options for those that are diagnosed. So if you know somebody that has Pancreatic Cancer, please have them go to pancan.org, there's a toll free number at the bottom of the page where they can call and get patients support to learn about clinical trial options and it could possible save their lives. We are still quite a ways to go but every little step helps and this proclamation does one more thing in terms of helping out in terms advancing this disease and helping out the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in our mission of ending this disease sooner than later. So once again I also want to thank the Mayor for sponsoring this proclamation as well as the Council and also the Clerk Edie Merkel who has done an amazing job in always coming through in getting this done. So you know I would like to thank everybody and thank you for being here to hear this, thank you.

**Mayor's Proclamation
Pancreatic Cancer**

WHEREAS in 2014, an estimated 46,420 people will be diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in the United States and 39,590 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS Pancreatic Cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020; and

WHEREAS Pancreatic Cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent; and

WHEREAS when symptoms of Pancreatic Cancer present themselves, it is generally late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS approximately 1220 deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2014; and

WHEREAS the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* was signed into law in 2013, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Clark and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in New Jersey support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Clark are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE I Salvatore Bonaccorso, Mayor of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in Clark.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I would just like to say something about the Cohen Family for a minute. And I admire you guys in your diligence towards a cure to Pancreatic Cancer. You know their work now is never going to bring Mr. Cohen back and I think they all know that and we are mature enough to understand that. But the fact that they are here and they are trying to do something for god forbid one of us or someone we know or love is just so commendable and I mean that to sign that proclamation for you every year is just so easy and my heart fails to see your diligence in trying to help others at this point. You know a lot of people in life are like that, there’s a lot of people unfortunately just want to help themselves...but when you are helping others like what you are trying to do it’s really commendable and I want to say that here publicly. Mr. Cohen was a long time member of our community. I remember him umpiring baseball games when I was a child playing. But it’s just so heartwarming to see people who care about others and it’s a pleasure to have you and we will see you back again next year. And God Bless you all and good luck with your great work.

Motion to Resume the Regular Order of Business made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes thank you Mr. President, again Members of Council and ladies and gentlemen good evening. I have a great statistic that I'm very, very proud about. This Saturday our DPW...maybe some of you may have followed my Facebook on it, I posted a picture and had a little saying there that for the first time this leaf season they brought out our new DPW roll-off dumpster truck, it carries a thirty yard dumpster. After Hurricane Sandy the Administrator and myself went to the Council asking for funding to use this piece of equipment. One thing it would absolutely do is God forbid during such storm events like Sandy or Irene helps us clear the streets of Clark faster. But within my experiences in doing this kind of stuff I know that this would also help us throughout the year with other tasks we have. So the DPW rolled it out this Saturday, the men were out working overtime to get your leaves up off the street. And a total for the day of leaves picked up in this town is quite amazing; it was six hundred and thirty cubic yards of leaves picked up in one day, four hundred yards were hauled away by our new thirty yard roll-off dumpster. This truck will last us probably Council...I don't want to say longer than maybe we might be left here someday, but it's going to last a long time and it won't take an everyday beating. But when we are able to deliver services and spend taxpayers' money so wisely to get our streets cleared up...you know I drive through the town all the time and I have to say that I do not see many, many big piles out there at all. You can see that the town has been taken care of, as to date the DPW has been through this town four times already, four times already. So if you put them out we will take them away. Folks we like to always shoot for about December 10th as our last sweep of the town. Unfortunately sometimes Mother Nature or sometime some of you may not always cooperate. We want to get the leaves off the street. We know sometimes it's a daunting task but please try to get them out. There are still some up in the trees, they haven't dropped yet completely, but I'm sure with this rain today and cold freezing temperatures tonight we are going to see a nice drop by the end of the week. So get them out and we will pick them up. We appreciate your diligence in that.

The other thing I would like to report again is please folks we cannot take branches in the leaf piles. It's been fourteen years that I've been saying this; it's not even a service that we do not want to provide...it's a service that the dump site will not let us provide. If there are branches in the leaves and they mistakenly get loaded in our yard, we pick them up and we bring to the yard and they are in the pile we don't see them and the truck goes up to the landfill, they dump it, there's branches, they load the truck and send it back to Clark. So again as I said last month if there is a major storm event we will take your branches but in the meantime you are going to have to store them somewhere because we've had a branch clean-up here since March of this year right through October. So folks please help us help you and help us to get it done quicker.

I would like to also announce that on November 30th which is the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. There's going to be a big holiday festivity in Clark obviously. It starts off with my 15th Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Gran Centurions. There is a 9:00 am seating and a 10:30 seating and this is free of charge to Clark residents. If you do not know about this yet we hope you would call my office, the number is on our website and you can find the Mayor's office very easily (732) 388-3600 and please register your children to come to Breakfast with Santa. It's a wonderful morning, hot buffet; candy canes for the children and you can bring your cameras and

your recorders and have fun. So let's all welcome Santa. I know later that day I'm sure Councilman Smith will be reporting on our tree and menorah lighting. So it's a very, very festive day in our community.

I would like to also send my congratulations out to our PopWarner Cheerleaders. I believe they are the PeeWee's and they won the tournament up in Albany this weekend and they are headed out to see Mickey in Disney, so congratulations to them. The Clark Pop Warner Football Midgets I believe it is, won their semi-final game. They are going to the championship game in PopWarner, we would like to congratulate them and wish them all the best and a safe trip and a great experience in Disney and bring home boys the championship trophy to your town.

I would also like to tell you that we are up and running on Facebook at Clark Township. Please friend us. It's a great way for us to communicate with you during storm and power outages. Today we had a mini power outage over in the Third Ward and a piece in the Second. I went on my personal page which I've been doing for a long time and telling people on what was happening and thank God the matter was cleared up quickly. But this is a pretty good way for us to communicate with you through storm events and up to the minute emergencies if you will.

Also I would like to congratulate the Clark Police Department on another save of an overdose victim with their Narcan Life Spray. They saved about three victims that overdosed and as long as the people are breathing when they get there they can administer this Narcan and save a life. I just hope these people learn from that experience and take the opportunity that God gave them to have another chance and do things the right way.

Also I've been notified that there is a fraudulent call going around and I'm not sure if it's our town and I'm assuming it's others. Its people are calling up and saying that they are with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and that you've been you know caught whenever...one guy said it was embezzling money and or wasn't reporting income. And if you give us your credit card number and give us a payment of "x" amount of dollars we can take care of this immediately. Folks the IRS does not call you; it normally starts with a letter. And I guess when you don't answer those letters they probably show up at your door with the proper identification, I would imagine. So if you get any kind of call from the IRS saying this happened that happened...if it's a legitimate call and they wanted you for some reason they would set an appointment with you at one of their offices and from our long term CPA sitting next to me the IRS never calls. So and if they would they would say come to our office, I know there's an office over here in Mountainside, the Diamond Head Building and they would set an appointment. They are not going to take credit card information over the phone to keep you out of jail, okay, so folks it's the time of year where everyone is a little hustle and bustle with the holidays coming up. Do not give your information out over the phone to anyone. If you get this type of call, call the Clark Police Department at once and a patrolman will be over to take a report and probably a follow up visit from one of our Detectives. So please folks do not do that, they are scam artists looking to rob everybody. So anyway that concludes this portion of my report for tonight thank you very much Mr. President, Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen.

Township Clerk: I have the police, fire, and first aid reports for the month of October 2014 received and on file in my office.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese: Yes I just want to mention to everyone out there that the ALJ High School students will be presenting their fall play next weekend. It's "Lend me a Tenor" and that will be on Thursday on November 20th and then on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday they are also going to have a matinee at 3:00. The comedy is centered on an Italian opera star. So I encourage you all to come out and see our students perform not only at ALJ but all of the schools, but this one is next weekend. Thank you, that concludes my report.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Mr. President I'm really sorry I had this underneath my agenda. Anyhow folks I have a letter and Council from the General Assemblywoman Linda Stender of our district. This is on that Pilgrim Pipeline that they are trying to run throughout the country and in a small piece of Clark also. Assemblywoman Stender is very quick to say that the Pilgrim Pipeline analysis is proposing to install and operate two brand new pipelines to carry crude oil and refined products. The proposed pipeline route cuts through District 22 which we are a part of potentially impacting your community. I've been following the project and development I'm concerned about the possible impacts the proposal can have on public health, safety and our local environment. The current route crosses through important drinking water supplies, water shed, close to aquifer although the company states it would be collocated on an existing right-of-way. There still will be blasting tree removal and other associated impacts. And it goes on from there and I'm not going to bore you with anything but they are having a meeting December 10th Council, that we are invited to. Brian I think this might be a good evening to awake the Environmental Committee and get them up there. And I propose that we should be probably putting a resolution up opposing this for the December workshop meeting. And you know we can go from there. I'm sorry again to interrupt.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President...the police dispatcher had the Clark Volunteer Fire Department respond to 45 calls this past month. And when you think that there's 30/31 days in a month it's an awful lot of calls during the night or in the middle of the night. But they also asked me to please give another message which I did the last meeting. If you smell smoke you know if your smoke alarm goes off or you just think there might be something, do not hesitate to call. Because I've been on many calls where the people spoke and said they weren't sure if it was cooking or something. It could be the difference between (tape inaudible) problem or disaster. So again if you think there's something or your smoke detectors go off you call the police department who will dispatch the fire department. And that concludes my report.

Councilman Mazarella: Yes thank you Council President. I have the police department's monthly report summary for October 2014 saw a total of 3,326 calls for service. Of which 98 were alarm calls, 67 were motor vehicle accidents and 3,028 were miscellaneous calls. That's a lot of calls and that's our police department keeping our community safe.

The Mayor touched on DPW on the leaf pick-up and our efforts. But I just want to dovetail on that just to mention; please when you put your leaves out put them one foot from the curb, we want to keep that open area for water drainage in case there's a storm so it goes into our catch basins and it keeps the top of our catch basins cleaner. You can still drop off motor oil at our DPW yard Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and the appliance pick-up and electronic

drop-off has stopped until the spring time. We are getting close to snow season and I believe we are going be and the Mayor touched on this a while ago on a brine system. You are going to find throughout the community when we start to implement that you will see a white hue on the roadway, that's the brine being put down, and that's a good thing for our community and lessen the slippery surface and it makes for an easier snow removal.

And finally as you know I'm the Commissioner to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. I am also the Chairman of the Security Committee and the security initiative throughout the Plant. Last week I was notified by Homeland Security that they will be providing a one hundred and fifty thousand dollar (\$150,000) grant for us to be used to further enhance our plant security. Homeland Security believes that the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority is a major treatment authority in the State and they want to contribute some money so we can further enhance any possibilities of (preventing) any intrusion on our site and this money will be used for monitoring our perimeter and our infrastructure. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. I have the monthly report from the First Aid Squad. There were 121 total ambulance requests, 105 for Clark and 16 mutual aid. And the most frequent types were fall victims 21, breathing problems 13 and sick persons 13.

From the finance committee the town continues to meet its current obligations and continues to be financially sound. That concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Smith: Thank you Mr. President. Our Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo wants to remind everyone that registration for all winter programs is now open. The information is being sent home through the schools and flyers are available outside Ralph's office. If you have any questions, please contact Ralph at (732) 388-3600 Ext 4.

The 11th Annual Holiday Winter Festival will take place on Sunday, November 30th from 3-6 pm at the Clark Municipal and Recreation Building. The event concludes at 6 pm with the Tree and Menorah Lighting. This event is hosted by the Township and the decorated trees on display throughout the building are donated by various town organizations. There will be performances by the Clark School Choirs and ALJ Band, horse drawn hay rides and buggy rides, petting zoo, train ride, puppet show, live band, hot chocolate, treats, sugar donuts and most importantly, pictures with Santa! We also encourage everyone to donate an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

In order to pull off an event of this magnitude, many volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 29 from 9 am – 12 noon to help set up and decorate the entire building. For all the students in clubs or organizations that need volunteer hours, this is a fun and easy way to get hours. Help is needed to set up all Christmas trees, decorate the gym, cafeteria and hall ways. If you are interested and available, please stop by and help or contact Ralph. And that concludes my report for this evening.

Councilwoman Soyka: No committees, no reports.

Council President Toal: I'm going to ask the Clerk to notify Kevin Koch, Chairman of the Environmental Commission to call for a special meeting of the Environmental Commission with regards to this matter so they can start discussing and reviewing or coming up with a response, thank you Mr. Mayor for bringing this up to our attention.

November 4th an election was held and I just want to congratulate Councilman Frank Mazzarella from the 1st Ward, 2nd Ward Councilman Pat O'Connor, and 3rd Ward Councilman Elect Steven Hund to their election to the Council for the year 2015. We will talk about that later on the rest of the details. But congratulations gentlemen for a well done victory.

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 \$201,219.16 for the period ending November 12, 2014, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Toal directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, 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 opens the Public Portion of the meeting

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-151

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

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

WHEREAS the Township of Clark has received notice of an award of \$3,874.05 from the State of New Jersey, Body Armor Grant and wishes to amend its 2014 Budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2014 in the sum of \$3,874.05 which is now available as a revenue from:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$3,874.05 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

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

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

Moved and seconded by the Entire Council

Discussion: None

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

Resolution 14-152

WHEREAS Hull-Vicci Construction Corp. has requested the release of the Surety Bond posted as cash for completed work on Fire Station No. 2, located at 865 Raritan Road in Clark in the amount of Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$9,500.00); and

WHEREAS the Township has completed the final inspections and has determined that all improvements have been installed and constructed in accord with State and Municipal design standards and requirements and therefore has no objection to the release of the Surety Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby concurs with the Administration and directs the release of the Surety Bond.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Discussion: None

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-153

WHEREAS the Township of Clark has resolved to join the New Jersey Municipal Self Insurers' Joint Insurance Fund ("NJMSIJIF") following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS the Bylaws of NJMSIJIF require that each entity designate a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and Risk Management Plan; and

WHEREAS the Bylaws indicate that NJMSIJIF shall pay each Risk Management Consultant a fee to be established annually by the Executive Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Clark does hereby appoint Amalgamated General Agencies as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement effective 01/01/15 to 12/31/15 annexed hereto and to cause a notice of this decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Resolution 14-154

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or Business Administrator to execute an Agreement with T-Mobile USA, Inc. for the Lease of Municipal Real Property for Operation of a Wireless Telecommunications Facility located at 315 Westfield Avenue, also known as Block 198 Lot 14 on the official tax map.

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Soyka

Discussion: None

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-155

WHEREAS the Clark Special Events Committee in conjunction with the Department of Recreation desire to conduct a Community Bonfire; and

WHEREAS the Township has received a Certificate of Insurance for this activity under the Township’s Community Insurance Policy along with the required consent and approvals of the Board of Education, Fire Department and Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that the Clark Special Events Committee and the Department of Recreation are hereby authorized to conduct a Community Bonfire under the supervision and control of the Clark Fire Department and the Police Department at the Arthur L. Johnson High School JV Soccer Field on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Resolution 14-156

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby approve the Meeting Calendar for the Year 2015 as outlined below.

**CLARK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL 2015 MEETING DATES
Reorganization Meeting January 1, 2015
315 Westfield Ave. – 12:00 Noon**

WORKSHOP MEETINGS 7:30 P.M.

430 Westfield Avenue
Room 30

January 5
February 2
March 2
April 6
May 4
June 1
July 6
August 3
September 8 (Tuesday)

PUBLIC MEETINGS 7:30 P.M.

315 Westfield Avenue
Council Chambers

January 20 (Tuesday)
February 17 (Tuesday)
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21

October 5
November 2
December 7

October 19
November 16
December 21

Resolution 14-157

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following dates, in addition to one floating holiday of each employee’s choosing, will constitute the official Township employee holiday calendar for the year 2015.

New Year’s Day	Thursday	01/01/2015
*Day after New Year’s Day	Friday	01/02/2015
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday	01/19/2015
Presidents Day	Monday	02/16/2015
Good Friday	Friday	04/03/2015
Memorial Day	Monday	05/25/2015
Independence Day	Friday	07/03/2015
Labor Day	Monday	09/07/2015
Veteran’s Day	Wednesday	11/11/2015
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	11/26/2015
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	11/27/2015
Christmas Day	Friday	12/25/2015

*In Place of Columbus Day

A motion to adopt Consent Agenda made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion:

Council President Toal: I’m going to comment on the Bonfire. Our Bonfire dates back to Revolutionary War days. The community always came together either as Rahway or as Clark what then became a celebration event for our sports team (football team). Growing up in Clark we always had the high school bonfire. It was held in different location until then it was made safe and then in one year in 1989 they arson it, the kids went out the day before and burned the whole thing down but the town scrambled together and gathered all the branches and then it snowed, so fun times and fun memories. So please come out and support the children programs, the high school football team and come out and we will see you at the Thanksgiving game.

Council President Toal directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O’Connor, Smith, Soyka, 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 meeting to the public

Donna Steck, 1765 Dakota St.: I'm glad Mayor Bonaccorso alluded to the Pilgrim Pipeline Project because I am one of two homes in Clark that are targeted to have this pipeline on their property. We were visited back in June by the pipeline people. I have the information that they gave me and I have a survey permission agreement. There was I have to say a little bit of strong arm tactic involved. Now this pipeline...now let me just give a little bit of history, is going to go from Albany to the Linden Refinery. And it's going to carry as the Mayor said crude oil that's going to be converted into aviation fuel, jet fuel, things like that, things of that nature, dangerous things. And it's a dual pipeline, one pipeline is sixteen inches and another is eighteen inches, one is for coming and one is for going. It's a private company this is not a public utility, this is a private company that is trying to avoid having to accomplish this by taking this oil down the Hudson River from Albany to the Linden Refinery. Because they feel that is too dangerous. So they'd rather take this I believe I forget how many miles a hundred or seventy-eight or something like that from Albany to Linden through this pipeline. And it's affected many, many, many communities along the way, private citizens such as me not to mention the public property because Clark owns a portion of where this pipeline wants to go. And they want fifty linear feet of my property for this pipeline and very, very small portion of my neighbor next door. I have what they presented me as far as pictures of what it's going to look like, this is going under the tracks, go along L'Oreal headed into Scotch Plains and Fanwood up that way and then headed from my side of the tracks into Cranford and then onto Linden somehow I don't know that. But there have been many towns already that have adopted resolutions to try to put a stop to this. I mean many of them in Morris County...my girlfriend at work I have a co-worker who lives in Chatham who gave me her local paper about a very heated council meeting with tons of residents there because they are the ones that are going to be effective at the aquifer and you know probably other towns along the way. So we did the only thing we did and the only thing we did was back in June give them a right of entry and survey permission to look at that area of my backyard because it indicates if there is something back there that would interfere with the pipeline they would not be able to you know proceed on my part of the property if there were wetlands. They do an archeological survey to make sure that there's no dinosaurs buried back there or something. And of course you know apparently they must have done even though we indicated we wanted to be called when they were going to be back there because they were going to be on our property that never happened. But apparently they must have done their survey because then they showed up and unfortunately I was not home when they did this but it's a whole big twenty-seven thousand legal kind of pages that I'm sure the town lawyer Mr. Triarsi would probably know more about this than I do. But I guess my concern is I hope Clark takes a very serious interest in trying to not have this happen along with these other towns which you know Kinnelon, Watchung...

Mayor Bonaccorso: Donna we are and Mr. Laezza has been following this on behalf of my office and the council and you know it started out rolling. Now I did not know that they were at your

home in June. I wish I would have known a little bit earlier but that's fine. You know there was so much early conversation. What my practice has always been is we don't try to jump at the first thing we hear because you can create a lot of rumors, innuendos, panic and etc. and so on. But I know Mr. Laezza gave an interview to the TAP the other day. He and I have discussed this over the past month and as I talked to the council as they were coming in tonight which we normally kind of do. The Environmental Commission is going to be up there, I will be up there in December and representing it and we don't see any reason why and John I'm sure you would want to comment later on it or would you like to now. (John Laezza: I will later) no I'm just saying I know he has had conversations with them.

Donna Steck: Oh he has spoken; you have not spoken to the builder.

Mayor Bonaccorso: No, no, Mr. Laezza has been handling this. And you know like you say to come through your yard they just can't do it without your permission.

Donna Steck: Oh I understand and I plan on not giving them my permission.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Now if it was a township project, a county project, a state project, a federal project where they would say this is for a public service like we're doing up with the Clark Commons properties for public service, then they would have a right and they don't need permission. But we are not going to give them permission either to go through our Park.

Donna Steck: They are using strong tactics though by saying that they are going to claim eminent domain. And it's my understanding that when you are a private company you cannot claim eminent domain. But that's what they are doing, that's what they are doing to people along the way. And you know maybe if you get someone who like just doesn't know any better and doesn't Google a lot like I do you know and you don't learn these things.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well I would hope that anyone Donna, you know you are a bright lady we can see that and you are following this and you have your hands around it but you know it doesn't affect very much of Clark but I wish anybody else out there if people are going to come and start doing that to your house, you are going to have to consult your attorney or the very least your township municipal building and say "hey guys can this happened?" You know we can steer you to our legal counsel but in other towns I'm talking now, the engineering department, the Mayor's office to find out what your rights are, I hope people just don't sign away.

Donna Steck: Yeah well this seemed innocent enough and I had my son you know with us because not that it makes him super intelligent, I mean he is a police officer, so he knows a lot of this. It's not that he knows a lot of this stuff but I just wanted another set of ears there and eyes just to say you know... and just one quick thing the insulting thing was that they want fifteen feet linear feet of my property for something that they are planning on putting there for the foreseeable future. I can imagine it being there long after I'm gone this pipeline and they are offering us two thousand dollars, two thousand dollars. So the question I have is not that I'm going to do this it's just a scenario. Is there any kind of a law that prevents me from subdividing my property and selling it to Pilgrim Pipeline and then you can fight with them about the taxes for that portion of property and then lower mine?

Attorney Triarsi: There are a lot of laws but you can't do that, that prohibits that.

Donna Steck: You wouldn't be able to do that.

Attorney Triarsi: Not now I won't give you a comment until I see...

Donna Steck: Oh okay, okay, okay, I understand, I understand. But because that was proposed to them and the guy didn't know what to say.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Donna if you would like to get that paperwork to my office in the next couple of days or if I can have it tonight.

Donna Steck: You can have it all tonight.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Whatever you don't need or tell me what you need back after the meeting and I will give it over to Mr. Triarsi and he can take a look at it for us.

Donna Steck: Okay that's fine.

Council President Toal: The first time I've heard of any of this and I'm going let Councilman O'Connor because it's affecting the 2nd Ward. The first time I heard of any of this is through a story that appeared in the TAP into Clark today which I thank you for your reporting. And we are on top of this (Donna Steck: right) but again as the attorney said we have to get all of the facts before we can even do anything.

Donna Steck: No, no I absolutely understand that.

Council President Toal: So we are on top of it and yes I can't say it publicly but you know what I'm saying.

Donna Steck: Did you know that there were two houses affected in Clark. (Mayor Bonaccorso: yes) you did okay.

Mayor Bonaccorso: And a piece of Nevargic Park.

Councilman O'Connor: When I was out campaigning I actually spoke to her husband and he made me aware of the information, I called Mr. Laezza and Mr. Laezza gave me some information back and I did call the family back.

Donna Steck: Yes he did, yes Mr. O'Connor did do that. Except I believe you said that our house wasn't going to be affected but it is.

Councilman O'Connor: So what I was to believe at the time was that it was going to be on not your property but the right-of-way property. (Donna Steck: no) So actually it's on your property.

Donna Steck: Oh yes.

Councilman O'Connor: As Mr. Triarsi said he won't comment on it until he has all the facts. (Donna Steck: I understand) So we did the best we could at the time.

Donna Steck: No, no, no that's fine, that's fine.

Mayor Bonaccorso: After the meeting, give me what you need and I will be glad to (tape inaudible)

Donna Steck: I will, I will absolutely thank you very much, thank you very much.

Maryann Disporto, 955 Lake Ave.: Just to continue along on the Pilgrim Pipeline because it caught my attention too when I saw it in the news, so I started doing some googling. And question for the Mayor. Is this December 10th meeting a public meeting or only for elected officials?

Mayor Bonaccorso: I will let you know in one second Mrs. Disporto. I'm going to think it's for us...it's a municipal presentation. But I will double check it for you and if so I can Facebook you or something.

Maryann Disporto: Okay that's fine. The reason I asked the question and bring it up is because there are public meetings scheduled. One is tonight in Woodbridge obviously we are not there but December 2nd there's going to be a meeting and that's in Mountainside and December 4th there's one in Roselle. You can find the dates, the times and the places of these meetings if you go to a website that's called www.stoppilgrimpipeline.com and that's a coalition of many different environmental groups who have banded together to try to fight this. Also the environmental meeting is that a public meeting? (Council President Toal: yes) So will that be posted on the...

Council President Toal: That will be posted when it's actually called and you are welcome to come and hear what's going to happen.

Maryann Disporto: Okay thank you. And then the third question that brings this to mind and I don't know the answer to this. Where do we get our water from in Clark?

Mayor Bonaccorso: We get it from the New Jersey American Water Company.

Maryann Disporto: Where do they get it?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Out around the Manville area.

Maryann Disporto: So it's a reservoir.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes...I mean they are piped in from all over. But what I was familiar with years ago when it was Elizabethtown most so now. We use to have our water come up from like

that Manville, Bound Brook area through the pipelines this way. (Disporto: okay but its reservoirs) Yeah and it's wells too, there are wells and there are reservoirs and things of that nature. So now under the New Jersey American Water umbrella the system is you know a hundred times greater, so probably from all over the state.

Maryann Disporto: Alright I was just curious because when you talk about this pipeline coming down through the Highlands which has a lot of reservoirs. Also maybe this is going to come at the end when you do your comments...but I was looking forward to a report on the meeting that was held about the stadium in Rahway Park.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I gave you that last month; no I'm sorry you are correct.

Maryann Disporto: It probably would have been at the workshop meeting which was the day after (tape inaudible) which I completely forgot there was a meeting that day.

Mayor Bonaccorso: You are correct. I would be glad to give you that, I'm sorry my fault.

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia St.: I'm here in response to a posting that I saw on ourclark.com regarding an open and fair process for an Animal Control Services for the Township of Clark. It says here that bids (I assume that's what they are) will be presented to the Business Administrator or the Township Clerk on Wednesday, December 3rd. I was wondering how long they will be available for public inspection.

Township Clerk: You can come to the bid opening if you would like and as soon as they are opened they are public as long as you want to look.

Delia Collins: Okay. If there's an off chance there are no bids, what happens.

John Laezza: We go out again.

Township Clerk: I think there are six or seven sets of RFP's that went out.

Delia Collins: Okay and what does RFP stand for.

Township Clerk: Request for Proposals.

Delia Collins: Okay. What if they are not accepted? I'm trying to get a little public administration knowledge. They come into the township, they are opened by yourself or Mr. Laezza, reviewed and then they are presented to council at the workshop meeting. (John Laezza; correct) okay...once they are presented at the workshop meeting at an open meeting then they are voted on.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes. The thing is Delia you are forgetting one process...well you don't know the one process with due respect. You made a comment that you are correct and Edie made another comment which she's correct. There are seven or eight people that asked for requests, we would bet we would probably get something, we would bet on getting something and there's a

chance that maybe people won't. At that point we would have to go out for a re-bid. When the bids come in it's done in an open process at a public meeting, it's not done behind a closed door you are welcomed to be there, (Collins: on the 3rd) yes you can get all the information from Edie, it's in Room 30 at 10:00 sharp. The bids will then be reviewed by the Administrator and he will be making a recommendation to the council, that's the point that I want to explain to you, whether we are recommending for them to accept or reject or go out to re-bid. We have a right to reject if we don't feel something is in line or proper or what have you.

Delia Collins: Okay I understand that but what I'm saying...

Township Clerk: I just want to add one other thing. Logistically the workshop meeting is December 1st, so it wouldn't make that workshop meeting. So therefore if there's a recommendation from the Administration and in order to adopt on December 15th we would have to just give the information to the council. So there may not be a public meeting in between the opening of the RFP and possible award if there is something suitable to present to the council.

John Laezza: Just let me see if I can make it a little bit clearer than that. If the RFP meets the request for proposal and it meets all of the criteria that the proposal sets forth, then our recommendation to the council would be to accept it. Whichever one is the lowest bid that meets all of the requests for the proposal will get the award.

Delia Collins: Alright, is that proposal public knowledge now.

Township Clerk: Yes, again if you give me your email I will be happy to send it to you.

Delia Collins: Okay. Alright my one question and this is a concern. You said the public meeting and the workshop meeting is before the RFP opening. What I'm trying to find is if something isn't done by December 31st there will be no Animal Control in Clark.

John Laezza: It will be done before December 31st.

Delia Collins: Alright so that's how it happens.

John Laezza: That's how it happens.

Delia Collins: Okay. Alright and I just want to let the citizens of Clark know that since the township has continued the contract with Linden Animal Control, they are now taking your animals to Newark to Associated Humane. So if you do (John Laezza: we know that) I know I'm letting the public know, this is my forum here, the record keeping at Linden Animal Control is not the best, they have picked up animals and not let Newark know where they are from. So if you have lost your pet please call Associated Humane in Newark and also there is a Facebook page Union County Lost Pets. So we try to update that with all the pets that they bring in from the towns that were serviced by Linden. Thank you and have a good holiday.

Councilman O'Connor: Just in Newark the Associated, do they have chip readers.

Delia Collins: We hope so. I think so but a lot of individual animal rescuers in our town and in our county also have readers. So if they are brought in to municipal like to townships, Plainfield has their own, the police department and a few other departments have their own, so they read them right there. And we will be having a possible program set up by the Pity Project where any Pitbul will be chipped for free. And we are trying to get it before the holidays within Union County. So look on Union County Lost Pets and I will post on Clark Neighbors and thank you and have a good holiday everyone.

Council President Toal: Delia one last thing. I just want to say thank you from the Mayor and Council thank you for everything that you do for all of our four legged creatures dogs and cats.

Dario Valdivia, 9 Terry Lane: Good evening Council Members, Council President, Mr. Mayor and everyone else. I applaud you for your actions on the Pilgrim Pipeline, it's very good. When I was going making the rounds in the neighborhood I spoke to Ms. Steck and I didn't get a chance to speak to her husband about it and I was kind of wondering where we stood on that if we knew anything about and it was all cleared up now which is pretty good. Yeah there's a lot of you know that (tape inaudible) oil is a really dangerous thing and Pilgrim has a reputation or record I should say of leakage all over the place and so that's something you know we should really consider maybe doing a resolution because there's a lot of towns that are doing it. That and also I was just going to chime in on the Associated Humane Society. I've done a lot of work with them as well, they do have chip readers and they are very good shelter for animals and if we can even you know get their bid in and consider it that will probably be a great place to go ahead and have our animals shipped off to.

John Laezza: They are one of the proposals that will be coming in.

Dario Valdivia: Okay that will be great then. The other thing is too I just wanted to mention that you know right after the election on a Friday I ended up getting a card in the mail and stuff like that and I really didn't pay attention to it and stuff like that. But it was like it was written by some child or something or at least I think it was. And basically it just you know it just said a bunch of bad stuff to me. And I was just curious as to you know...I already reported it to the police. I just like laughed it off at first but then when I went ahead and put it on social media and my daughters got a hold of it because I have older daughters and they all got worried about me so they kept coming after me and said "did you go to the cops yet and tell them about it" so I finally did and I spoke to an officer who put it on the record and stuff. But you know this is really a really bad reflection of you know the residents in this town. I mean I'm not sure of which party did it and I'm not going to go ahead and blame anybody but I just want to go ahead and let everybody know that you know this right here isn't going to deter me from anything and I'm not scared at all. In the olden days when I was growing up we use to settle things out in the alley. So if these guys you know if they want to go and be childish enough to do this you know but that's all I wanted to say. But in any case again congratulations to the candidates that won and everything else the incumbents very good, it was an exciting you know campaigning and everything else and looking forward to 2015.

Seeing no one else coming forward Councilman Mazzarella made a motion to close this portion, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes thank you Council President. We'll start with the request for the report for the meeting on Rahway Park Stadium Turf Field however you want to call it. And I do apologize. I did mention it at the executive session but sometimes you lose track of the dates and where you are at. But anyway for the public record today. October 23rd I had a meeting with the County Manager Mr. Al Faella. About a half hour prior to that meeting the Mayor of Rahway, Mayor Steinman had called me and asked if he could join us. I would never say no, I said absolutely and we met and we discussed first about the Rahway Turf Field and proposed stadium. Citizens have emailed me and I gave them the County Manager's copies of those emails with all their concerns in it. Many of them I verbally reiterated to them. We had a very nice discussion on it and I kind of felt it was positive depending on what everyone's expectations is it's depending on how positive it is. At this point there has been no solid committee made and I would anticipate more dialogue and possibly more meetings on the subject. I understood as I said to Mayor Steinman the community of Rahway's desire to have a very suitable turf field for their sports teams and I can understand that doing here in Clark for our children. What I said I didn't quite understand was how it was going to interact in the Rahway Park in with our citizens. I said #1 to say five thousand seats stadium, you know when you think of stadium what do you think of, you think of Yankee Stadium, Somerset Patriots Stadium something like that which it would not be, it would be a football field with surrounding bleachers such as we have at Johnson. I also reiterated that our best rivalry games with the City of Rahway at high school time if there's maybe a thousand or twelve hundred people at Johnson there's probably a lot. This Thanksgiving I think you are going to see a lot less. I thought you know I told them five thousand seats were way, way too aggressive which then brought in the obvious other parts of the conversation which was parking, traffic etc. and so on. And that meeting they did make a concession that five thousand seats is way, way too aggressive and they would look to cut that down drastically. Without giving me a firm number at that point because again it was a first meeting and both sides would have to go back and talk to their people like I would have to do it with the Township Council. And we had about an hour discussion on that and Mayor Steinman left and then I went on with other business with County Manager Al Faella about Clark and Union County. So I do think it's going in the right direction. There were a lot of questions in those emails that they had taken notice too. I think our citizens did a terrific job. I followed up again with an oral presentation and they are going to go back and talk to the people and see if they can come back with some answers to what would be satisfactory of course for them and our community and what would make us happy. I discussed that we did not want to take an adversarial position as far as posting roads as "no parking" and time limits on them and doing things of that nature. But the residents of the Third Ward area that these people would be parking at would be very, very inconvenienced by this. Mayor Steinman said that he had a firework show in Rahway Park this July 4th and they had about ten thousand people in the park. As you know along with our firework show not everyone drives a lot of people walk and he thought it was done also orderly. The other thing he also said is that depending on what the parking situation looks like when they are already to go for any kind of events in there he would have a shuttle service which would have cars park if there's a school very close by that they can park in and shuttle people to and up

at the high school and areas like that and that was also good to hear. He said that they were looking to be playing football on it or maybe some soccer on it and maybe have his Mayor's summer concerts series out there which they have right now here in Rahway, I don't know the exact location of it but it's not a big venue, it was like when Clark had it. And I said to him even with that I said quite frankly Mayor you will never need five thousand seats because truthfully I'd rather bring a blanket and sit on the turf field because there's not going to be any bugs out there. And it's a lot more comfortable to sit there than it would be up into the bleachers and he agreed.

As I said folks prior to it my past relationship with Mayor Steinman he has always been a gentleman and very courteous and you know like any Mayor who's looking to help his community I don't think anyone is intentionally going out to try to hurt our community. So County Manager Faella is a gentleman and we had a very positive meeting. I know everybody is convening to the conference down at Atlantic City this week so hopefully next week I'll hear back more and we can start looking at setting up other discussions on it depending again on where they are at with their people. Because like us they have a process, they have so many meetings, so much time and it depends what's on the front burner and back burner as far as they are concerned. I know this issue is on the front burner for us. So I will be glad to relay comments to the Council if there's another meeting when and where and to come out and participate and I will keep the citizens of the township abreast of all that.

I would also at this time like to wish everyone a very, very Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a great family day to be with your loved ones to enjoy a great meal and to relax and thank God for what we all have and even at times when we are maybe not as feeling that we are not in a place that we should be in. You can always think that there's people in this world that are a heck of a lot worse off than any of us are and we should think about them and send prayers out to them for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving season. Also ladies and gentleman with the holiday season coming about you know there's money in the house, there are presents in the house, there are things of this nature so please help the Clark Police Department help you. If you see anything suspicious any time of the year but especially at the holiday time of the year. Give our main office number a call or 911 if you think it's an emergency, we'll have a police car out there. Drive sober, there are a lot of people on the road. Let's celebrate the holidays and enjoy ourselves and you know thank God for the time we all have here together in this world. So that concludes my report for tonight and I thank you all for your time.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President. As was said I want to thank the Cohen Family for coming tonight to remind us you know about Pancreatic Cancer and also applaud them for their continued dedication. I would like to thank Donna for coming up and speaking to us about the Pilgrim Pipeline; it was good to hear about what's happening. And I look forward to getting updates on that matter.

Congratulations to our re-elected Councilmen and also to our newly elected Councilman Steven Hund. I look forward to working with all of you again. And finally don't forget the play next weekend "Lend Me a Tenor." Come out and support the kids Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. You know it's not uncommon to see these shows sold out. So we would really like to get the crowd out there next Thursday, Friday, Saturday. And finally I just would like to wish

everyone as the Mayor said, I think he really put it well. Have a healthy, happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your families and I look forward to seeing everyone on November 30th at the tree lighting, thank you.

Councilman Barr: Everything they said. Just be careful, bad weather is going to be coming. So take care and Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes thank you Council President. I would also like to congratulate my running mates on our successful win this past Election Day. And just to all have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. God Bless you and until next month be well and stay safe, thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. I too want to congratulate the winners of the election. And now the election is over I want to thank the voters who came out and voted especially those who came out and supported me. I've been your councilman now for ten years and I'm looking forward to the next four. And just remember I'm just a phone call away if you want to reach out to me at (732) 382-9719.

Also I'm looking for volunteers for providing input on revitalizing Curry Park. That's the park that sits behind Friendly's. Although it has small play areas or children, I have the commitment of the Mayor and BA to revitalize the park by increasing the play area and adding some new equipment.

Additionally we are discussing adding a walking path around the park. If you are interested in providing input please reached out to me by email patrickjayoconnor@gmail.com and I will get back to you regarding a date, place and time where we can meet as a group to discuss.

I also at this time would like to congratulate Coach Dell from the Johnson Football Team, first year head coach was able to make it to the playoffs but unfortunately they didn't get past the first round. But just getting there in your first year as a coach is a success within itself. Also I look forward to seeing everyone at the Thanksgiving Day game. Last year the game was in Rahway so this year it should be in Clark and remember the night before is the bonfire at Johnson. And with that Happy Thanksgiving and I will see everyone next month, that's my report.

Councilman Smith: I'm going to say ditto on everything. Just real quick a reminder...we have a lot going in town in the next week with Thanksgiving. You have the bonfire, you have the football game on Thanksgiving Day and you have Thanksgiving with your family. This weekend as Angel alluded to you that you have the play at the high school. It's a very humorous play, so please come out and support the ALJ Drama Club. And also on the 30th we have the Breakfast with Santa and the tree lighting. And again Ralph needs volunteers on Saturday, November 29th. So please come on out between 9 and 12 and help us decorate town hall, thank you.

Councilwoman Soyka: Yes thank you. First I would like to congratulate the winners of the past election, I wish you all well. With the holidays fast approaching and time not being on my side I want to remind our new Third Ward Councilman Steve Hund who will be replacing me come January 1st about your commitment to the people of the Third Ward. My concerns are for those of us in the Third Ward over the proposed stadium multi-use football field. The Mayor gave a

good report on it. Most of you know that originally it was going to seat five thousand people; it has perhaps gone down to fifteen hundred seats and we are not sure. Still it's a lot of people in this small park and parking has not yet been addressed which will need to be done. Clark is not the only town that is involved in this or will have an impact. I have been getting calls from the residents of Rahway as well. I don't have the answers. I have not been able to contact the County Manager; I understand he is on a trip to China. I tried to contact the Deputy County Manager, I called him on Wednesday and I did not get a return call and I called him again today and did not get a return call. I was not invited to the meeting that the Mayor had although I did let them know that I wanted to go. I have this feeling that I'm being snubbed because I ask too many questions and I really don't believe it's a party thing. I do want to remind our new Councilman of your duty to the people of the Third Ward regardless of party affiliations. And I'm going to ask that you continue on this quest for Rahway Park to make sure that the people who live in that area are adequately responded too. These people have been calling me time and time again emailing me and they need to have some answers. I can't give them the answers because I don't have them. But if there's anything that I can do when you take your term I will be happy to help you.

And I would like to wish everybody a very Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving and one added thing lock your cars. We've had instances where people left their cars opened, so lock your cars. When you have gifts, presents or whatever still they are yours no one else's, thank you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Mr. President...I just have a question for the esteemed Councilwoman from the Third Ward. Marie when you are saying...well first off I would like to clarify it's not that you weren't invited to our meeting; it wasn't proper protocol to be at that meeting.

Councilwoman Soyka: I didn't understand why Sal.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Because not to sound crude, blunt, vicious or mean I am the Chief Executive of the Township of Clark. I am in the Administrative Branch responsible for the day to day runnings of the town. You are in the Legislative Branch. I had other business to speak with the Manager about it as I clearly told you and every member of Council up front. I had three at-large people biting at my heels to want to join us and I said to them at the proper I will be more than happy to bring you guys to a meeting and I even said that 3 and 1 is 4 which is you know as quorum and you said "well if it happens when I'm on the dais I would expect to be there" and I said absolutely Marie you are the Third Ward Councilwoman, you should be there whomever that person is but you are there now because that is only a common courtesy. You were on a Council prior to being on this one where the Mayor had meetings and did what he had to do and we didn't ask to go then, there are certain meetings that Council has the authority to be at and there's certain meetings the Mayor has the authority to be at. You are talking about phone calls and emails, so am I Marie, I represent the Third Ward, and I ran for re-election two years ago and the won the Third Ward. So I have as much to owe to the Third Ward as the other three wards in town. I'm just getting a little annoyed about the innuendo; you said you were snubbed, by whom?

Councilwoman Soyka: Not by you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well that's what I want to make clear.

Councilwoman Soyka: I'm sorry if I gave you the impression; it was not you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Okay I appreciate that then because I didn't snub you.

Councilwoman Soyka: It's when I called the County.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well that's something Marie I can't help you with you know that.

Councilwoman Soyka: I realize that.

Mayor Bonaccorso: But I appreciate that because you know...

Councilwoman Soyka: The fact of the matter when you had your meeting and you openly said you were going to discuss the Rahway Park issue. (Mayor Bonaccorso: right) That to me could have been a separate time and then you could have done your administrative stuff.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right, but you know what Marie when you deal on a county level like I do and the state level these people have so much time for a certain amount of things.

Councilwoman Soyka: I understand that Sal.

Mayor Bonaccorso: When I handed... you know let's talk about it for a moment, Marie I was given I think eight or nine emails, there wasn't three hundred emails, eight or nine people and I dropped the flyer in the Third Ward saying "if you have concerns email them to me I'm going to have a meeting." We said it at the meeting here. So I don't know how many calls you are getting or not getting or whatever but I do understand that I gave them nine very good intelligent very well worded direct emails and we talked about those issues. Like I said I'm not here to jump any entity of government. This was a meeting to let them understand that we the Governing Body, me and you with the council people are not happy with this. It was a time not to make it into an adversarial Clark versus Rahway versus the County a type of war. We have to do business with these people every day and the thing is that to say "okay here it is go back to your people and let's continue to dialog." And you know what I mean to (?) the way it is the other two gentlemen are the Democratic Party, I'm the Republican in the room and you know what I'm going to tell you...well I consider both to be excellent gentlemen and great representatives of the County and of their town. But we looked at this as a business type of thing to get this meeting rolling and that's all it was. Marie if there's another meeting between now and December 31st and I would ask you know to see where they are at and bring the Council; you are going to be the first call. Then the three at-large people can duke it out, I would say I would have to favor Councilman Barr next because he lives in the Third Ward and Councilwoman Albanese and Councilman Smith are going to have to shoot it out or flip a coin I guess, I don't think they would want to wrestle. But you know I mean it's only due respect Marie. If this was a Second Ward matter well it would be Councilman O'Connor and Councilman Mazzarella if it was the First Ward matter. Because I would have to go in protocol but I do appreciate you clearing up to being snubbed because Marie one of my strongest recommendation for you to replace Rich was for your

experience in these matters and I respect your experience and believe me I have nothing to not want you to participate when that moment is right.

Councilwoman Soyka: And I appreciate that. However, when I look at the situation and trying to find out information and it seems to be blocked. I haven't contacted the Mayor in Rahway. I have talked to his Business Administrator and we have exchanged emails. I have people from Rahway calling me saying that you know what's going on and people in Clark behind St. John's Church are calling me.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Marie listen the only advice I can give to you when you get them from Rahway is to have them call Rahway. Because you know what I hate to say it and I don't mean any disrespect to anybody but sometimes the political adversaries are against no matter what it is. And you shouldn't be wasting your time with that. They should be going to the Mayor and Council of Rahway, I know some people have. And like I you know say I do understand what he is trying to do for his kids, I get it, but in the meantime and he understood that we are trying to do for our citizens, so it was very productive and very good. And I'm going keep our fingers crossed that it can work out where the people of Clark will say "you know what we can live with this, this isn't so bad and make it happen for everyone." So I do appreciate you clarifying that because I know you do have a genuine concern. So thank you very much.

Councilwoman Soyka: You're welcome.

Council President Toal: I'm going to make my final comments. To the Cohen Family as the Mayor said Dr. Cohen or Professor Cohen portrayed Dr. Robinson and gave demonstration about medicine and ancient historical medicine.

To the Election 2014 you go out and campaign and it's a lot of fun, you meet some wonderful people, you meet some wonderful dogs and cats. But I want to say thanks to the residents who...I'm not a fan of lawn signs (political signs) but they are part of the game, they are part of the process so we have to use them, it's just a part of the way it works. But I want to thank the residents who allowed me to put my sign on their lawn because I don't like them but they let me do it and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. It's a part of the whole thing but thank you for allowing those things to be out there. Thank you for voting for me 720 we appreciate it. Again we are here to do what we are supposed to, to make a better Clark.

Final comments on Pilgrim: The Mayor mentioned it and I'm going to ask the Clerk to give whatever information we have or is available that she can collect to give to the Council members to bring us up to speed and at the December Executive meeting I'm going to be asking for a resolution of opposition and moved and seconded by the entire Council. But I don't want anything to be discussed until we get all those facts and information so we know more about what we are talking about, we can't make decisions without that. So again if the Clerk would do that, we will talk more about it at the executive.

Those we've lost: Florence Ruef a Clark resident since 1948, she was the mother-in-law of Dr. Kowalenko. Joe Orlando, Mr. Orlando was a young guy who became the Clark Republican Club President back in the late 80's and did a lot of things for the community behind the scenes. He

was one of those special guys who did things that you really didn't know who he was. He did a lot of things behind the scenes and he just passed away at a very young age and to his wife Denise our dearest condolences. Mrs. Marrone, Mrs. Marrone was the backbone of Caesar Marrone who ran Abraham Clark School when we were kids, he was the Principal and he lived over here on Raritan Road, our condolences to the Marrone Family; Gloria Crater, Mrs. Crater was a long time Clark resident who lived on Westfield Avenue and she was active in the Republican affairs and politics back in the 1960's, 70's and 80's. And then to Rosemary Budrock a lifetime member of the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, she was a volunteer auxiliary member and was a parishioner of St. John's Church.

Please come out to the bonfire; please come out to the Thanksgiving game. It's kind of fun going back and see people you might see and a lot of younger kids and you realize how old you are getting but please come out to the Thanksgiving game. Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving, any questions we are here to serve you and we will see you then at the December meeting.

Township Clerk: No thank you.

Attorney Triarsi: No report.

John Laezza: No report.

Police Chief Scherb: No thank you.

Councilman Elect Hund: No thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilwoman Soyka

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

APPROVED

BRIAN P. TOAL
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

