

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
October 19, 2015

ROLL CALL:

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Proclamation

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Mr. President, Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen good evening. It's that time of year again where we are going to be doing a Proclamation tonight for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Each year I'm asked to do this and I'm very, very pleased to do this because we have a family here in town that lost their loved one to Pancreatic Cancer. And it delights me to see this family here every year and continue on the fight, for a cure, and for awareness of Pancreatic Cancer. So I'm going to invite up the Cohen Family to talk a little bit about it and then we will have the Clerk read the Proclamation. And Todd I know you can do it more eloquently than I can when it comes to this subject because you have such a strong passion for this and I commend you for that. Welcome and it's good to see you again.

Todd Cohen: Members of the Clark Town Council, Mayor Bonaccorso and guests. On behalf of the Northern Jersey Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network I just want to thank you for this opportunity to address the town council.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization creating hope in a very comprehensive way, through research, patient support, and community outreach advocacy for a cure. I wage hope here today because I lost my father and my niece and nephew's grandfather, and obviously my Mom's husband thirteen years ago to Pancreatic Cancer. This past Thursday would have been his 73rd birthday. And since his passing I lost numerous friends to this disease and there's still no early detection method, no cure, and not much progress has been made. We lost giants like Steve Jobs, Patrick Swayze, Sally Ride, Luciano Pavarotti, Dizzy Gillespie and many, many more.

It's not only my life and the lives of family members who have been touched by this disease, it's a problem that's greatly effecting the community. It's currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States. But it's anticipated to be the second leading cause of cancer death as early as 2020. And more over an estimated one thousand five hundred sixty people will die from Pancreatic Cancer in New Jersey alone and it's estimated that over forty thousand individuals will lose their battle to Pancreatic Cancer this year. Like I said there's no early detection, and there's no diagnostic tools. And only seven percent of those diagnosed will live five years or longer. And that's a number that really hasn't changed since I've been doing this. And I've been here for seven/eight years and it's something that's affected more and more families and it needs to be known and be out there.

Once again I would like to thank the Council along with Edie Merkel for helping set this up and Brian Toal the Councilman also for helping set this up as well and joining this national fight against Pancreatic Cancer. November 8th we have our purple stride walk in Parsippany. It's a joint venture and we have over two thousand there and we are hoping to raise about four hundred thousand dollars for Pancreatic Cancer research and support. For more information you can go to www.purplestride.org/newjersey or you can go to our website www.pancan.org to learn more about if you know someone who has Pancreatic Cancer and learn about the organization, the mission and the research that we fund.

One again the last thing I want to say is November 13th is World Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day, we urge you to wear purple on November 13th. If you turn on the news you'll see a lot of newscasters wearing purple, it's a way to raise awareness for this terrible, terrible disease. And I just want to thank you once again for allowing us to have this time here.

Proclamation

WHEREAS in 2015, an estimated 48,960 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 40,560 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 its projected to become the second by 2020; 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 93 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS approximately 1560 deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2015; and

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the 7th most common cause of cancer related death in men and women across the world; and

WHEREAS there will be an estimated 367,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed globally in 2015; 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; therefore be it

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor of Clark and the Township Council, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2015 World Pancreatic Cancer Day in Clark, New Jersey.

In Witness Whereof, the Mayor of Clark, New Jersey, has hereunto set his hand and seal to be affixed to this proclamation dated October 21, 2015.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you for coming and thank you for your continued fight and awareness towards Pancreatic Cancer.

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thanks Mr. President. I would like to congratulate and thank UNICO for their festival again. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and to Ralph Bernardo and his group at UNICO, the citizens and neighbors from other communities who came out and enjoyed wonderful food, a great time over at the Brewer Recreational side of the building. It’s a real pleasure to go there to see this every year. You know it just amazes me on whether we have the Fourth of July Fireworks, or we have the UNICO or any other function and how everyone is just so well behaved having a nice time, there’s never any trouble there, and you know it’s just nice. We appreciate the citizens and again neighbors from neighboring communities who come out to the festival. We had a little rain on Friday night which kind of dampened it but I think everything came back strong on Saturday and Sunday. So everything was great, the food was delicious and it was a lot of fun and we were happy for that.

Last Monday of the month leaf clean-up will start in town, put your leaves out. Do not, do not put your branches in the leaves because we will throw them back on your lawn, okay. If you have grass clippings you are more than welcome to mix them into the leaf pile, its biodegradable

organic and it will go. The reason we are sticklers about the branches, I'll say it for the fifteenth time now, fifteen years I've been Mayor. It's really so much not us; it's the quarry where we bring the leaves to. If we dump a truck and there's branches on there, they don't throw the branches on the truck, they load the whole pile and make us take them back home, unload it take the branches out and bring it back up. And we have trucks that come in, our town trucks do not do that. We have a company who is into our leaf hauling removal contract who does that. So help us do the right thing by your tax dollars, keep the branches out of the street, branch clean-up is done for the year ladies and gentlemen. And that's all I have tonight Mr. President, Members of Council, thank you very much.

Township Clerk: Mr. President I have the police and fire reports for the month of September 2015 received and filed in my office.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to give my Library report; Dawn Jenkin our Library Director asked that I let everyone know about some fun activities and events that are coming up at the Library. This Thursday, October 22nd there will be a pumpkin painting for children in grades K thru 5. On Saturday, October 24th there will be an open house for those interested in volunteering their time at the Library. And on Friday, October 30th for children ages 2 thru 5 years old there will be a Halloween Hoedown. They will be performing crafts, games, and there will also be a costume parade for the kids. Don't forget about Tuesday night movie night at the Library. In September three hundred and ninety-nine people came out to see some new releases and old classics at the Library.

As I mentioned last month we received a Grant from the County Freeholders and it was used to purchase a StarWalk Collection of E-Books. The StarWalk Collection is now available and elementary students can access the books there and research materials from over five hundred titles online. This StarWalk Collection is also available to the teachers in their classrooms so they can access books from there as well.

And finally I want to mention that the Friends of the Library will be holding their annual shopping day on Saturday, November 14th. Various vendors will be onsite to get some holiday shopping done and they will be there throughout the day. And as you remember the friends group is there, it's the fundraising arm of the Library, so all the proceeds they raise are used to purchase items used at the Library such as the movie licenses, specialized children computers, books and programs. So thank you for your support. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. The Clark Police Dispatcher had the Clark Fire Department respond to 46 calls in September.

Many of the calls were for carbon monoxide alarms. Now that we are starting the heating season, the fire department asked me to advise all our residents to make sure your heating systems are in proper working order. All residents are advised to not only have fire detection alarms but to have carbon monoxide alarms also. You cannot smell carbon monoxide but it is a deadly gas that if not detected can be fatal if not detected early.

Another item I was asked to convey to our younger residents 18 or older who were thinking about becoming a member of a very important and exciting township function, is that the fire department is looking to expand so if you were thinking about being a firefighter, now is the time to contact the fire department. You can contact them directly or go to town hall and let our Business Administrator or the Mayor know that you would like to join the fire department.

One of the fire department ordinances for people who are not Clark residents; any trained firefighter who lives two miles outside the jurisdiction limits of the Township of Clark may complete an application to join the Clark Volunteer Fire Department. Trained firefighter requirements include successful completion of the State of New Jersey requirements for Firefighter One and Two Programs. Any application will be reviewed by the senior officers of the fire department and approved or denied for membership pending final approval of the Chief of the Fire Department. Once an application has been approved, the application will be placed on a wait list pending the need for additional members, or the application will be sent to the administration for the applicant to be approved for a position within the fire department. Any members joining the Clark Volunteer Fire Department who reside outside the jurisdiction limits of the Township of Clark shall not hold a position of Fire Officer. So if there's anybody out there who's looking to join an exciting department now is the time. Thank you that concludes my report.

Councilman Hund: Thank you Mr. President. I have the Police Department Report for September 2015. They saw a total of 2, 849 calls for service of which 90 were ambulance requests, 7 were fire department requests, 2 were vandalism, 19 were motor vehicle and resident lockouts, 107 were alarm calls, 100 were motor vehicle accidents and 2,493 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total of 37 adult arrests including 3 for theft, 1 for simple assault, 2 for fraud, 12 for drug use, 3 for DUI, and 16 warrants. That concludes my police report for the month thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes thank you Council President. The Mayor touched on a view items for DPW. I will just recap on a couple of them. Branch pick up is over. Please keep all branches on your property till the spring. Leaf pick up is scheduled to start on October 26th, please place your leaves one foot from the curb off allow water to flow, also please do not place on catch basin (street sewer). Grass may be put out with your leaves as the Mayor said. Do not put branches with your leaves; they will not be picked up. The last leaf pick up will be December 14th. And most importantly ladies and gentlemen, do not park your vehicles on leaf piles, your engine and exhaust are extremely hot and can start a fire.

Last electronic drop-off for 2015 is October 31st from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The last appliance and metal pick up for 2015 is on October 26th. And finally Ward 4 bulky pick-up is next week which is the last pickup for 2015 and will resume March 2016 weather permitting and appointments are required. And lastly we still have nice mulch available to all township residents, it's free of charge and we will deliver it and drop it off on your driveway. Thank you and that concludes my report.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. Good news from the Finance Committee; Mr. Laezza continues to keep a very sharp pencil and is able to keep the town in very good financial standing and able to meet all of its current obligations. So thank you Mr. Laezza.

I just want to add on to Councilman Barr’s fire department report; when it comes to changing your clock back and forward due to the season, that’s also an outstanding time to change the batteries on your smoke detectors and your carbon monoxide detectors, thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. This past weekend we had Four Centuries in a Weekend at the Dr. William Robinson Plantation. It was in full gala with a Civil War reenactment and other wonderful activities to highlight Clark’s history as well American history especially that Clark was a Civil War community being established during the height of the Civil War. A special thanks to Scott McCabe Director of the Dr. Robinson Museum as well as all of his volunteers who come out and give all their time and effort to make sure that the kids in Clark see what life was like in the past. So again thanks to them for everything they did. So that’s all I have for tonight.

Council President Smith: The Mayor spoke about the Italian Festival. Our Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo, who is also President of the Clark Chapter of UNICO, would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the 9th Annual Italian Festival. Special thanks go out to the many volunteers who worked in the various booths. The feast was a tremendous success due to the fantastic weather we had on Saturday and Sunday. Most of the money raised will go towards scholarships and donations to various youth leagues and organizations in Clark.

Trunk or Treat will be held at ALJ High School from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Halloween which is Saturday, October 31st. We are still in need of people to volunteer to bring their cars and distribute candy. If you have any questions and would like to participate, please contact Ralph Bernardo at the Rec. Office at (732) 388-3600 Ext. 4.

The Haunted House will also be held on Halloween at 7:00 pm at the Robinson Plantation on Madison Hill Road. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the rec center or the night of the event. Come on out for a friendly fright on Halloween night! If you have any questions and would like to purchase tickets, please contact Ralph Bernardo at the Rec Office at (732) 388-3600 Ext. 4.

UNICO is having a coat drive the month of October. Please drop off any unused coats that are in good condition at the rec center in the box outside the rec office. And that’s all I have this evening.

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

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

Ordinance 15-17

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

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-17

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

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

A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion: None

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

Ordinance Adopted

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 \$162,646.54 for the period ending October 14, 2015, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:

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

Council President Smith opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the citizen hearing on the agenda, seconded by Councilman Hund.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 15-123

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program, project identified as MA-2016-Lexington Boulevard and Broadway-00341.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Clark, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Business Administrator, Township Engineer and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2016-Lexington Boulevard and Broadway-00341 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Clark; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Clark and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Council on this Nineteenth day of October, 2015.

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Council President

My signature and the Clerk’s seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion: None

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

Resolution 15-124

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the Health Officer is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between the Township of Clark and the Visiting Nurse and Health Service (VNHS) in the amount not to exceed \$4,129.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2016 and terminating on December 31, 2016, pending the approval of the 2016 Municipal Budget.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilman Barr

Discussion: None

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Council as ABC Board

Resolution 15-125

WHEREAS an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 2002-36-006-010, heretofore issued to Largo Clark SPE LLC; and

WHEREAS the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term 2015-2016; and

WHEREAS the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark does hereby approve, effective October 19, 2015 the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Holiday Clark LLC, 36 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066 and does hereby direct the Township Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Holiday Clark LLC, effective October 19, 2015."

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion:

Councilman Toal: Mr. President, just for layman's term for the residents, what businesses are we talking about, because you have the corporate names on here, I just want to let the people to know exactly what businesses are we talking about as transferring.

John Laezza: The Holiday Inn.

Council President Smith: The old owners to the new owners at the Holiday Inn.

Councilman Toal: Thank you very much.

No further discussion

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 15-126

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it does hereby authorize the Tax Collector to settle Tax Appeal(s) and Issue Refund(s) and or Credit in the amounts indicated as authorized by the Tax Court of New Jersey for the following:

<u>B/L</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>New Assessment</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Refund</u>	<u>Credit</u>
71/5	118 Central Avenue	346,000	268,250	77,750	2011		\$ 5,735.62
71/5	118 Central Avenue	346,000	288,300	57,700	2012	\$ 3,041.38	\$ 1,351.32
71/5	118 Central Avenue	346,000	302,400	43,600	2013	\$ 3,377.69	
71/5	118 Central Avenue	346,000	309,900	36,100	2014	\$ 2,835.65	
71/5	118 Central Avenue	346,000	308,400	37,600	2015	\$ 3,017.02	
Principal						\$12,271.74	\$ 7,086.94

Resolution 15-127

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

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

REF	#	Account #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
15	1R	3726-1	Mother Seton Convent	55	Valley Rd	overpayment	\$2,667.50
15	2R	332-0	Ralph & Patricia Palmieri	979	Lake Avenue	overpayment	\$25.00
15	3R	1454-0	Martha Reddington	2	Avon Place	overpayment	\$2,880.00
15	4R	2126-0	Elizabeth Nied	7	Garside Place	overpayment	\$12.50
15	5R	576-0	Roy & Lisa Apuzzio	115	Armstrong Dr	overpayment	\$25.00
15	6R	134-0	RV Terrace LLC		Goodmans Crossing	overpayment	\$450.00
15	7R	1386-0	Glenn Robert Robinson	12	Hilltop Avenue	Overpayment	\$112.50
15	8R	4892-0	Ryszard Nieroda	9	Crescent Pkwy	Overpayment	\$24.62

15	9R	4004-0	COA Foods Inc	5	Lyons Mall PMB 528	Overpayment	\$447.75
15	10R	229-0	Roseann Pontoriero	56	Rutgers Road	overpayment	\$307.50
15	11R	4491-0	F Tenreiro	29	Linda Lane	overpayment	\$111.97
15	12R	541-0	Dominic Giafgalione	16	Kennedy Drive	overpayment	\$112.50
15	13R	2204-0	R J Kelly	16	Janie Lane	overpayment	\$20.90
15	14R	965-0	Edward Matthews	51	Briarwood Path	overpayment	\$112.50
15	15R	3091-2	Richard & Teresa Wray	75	Westfield Avenue	overpayment	\$25.00
15	16R	1272-0	Annette Weiner	64	Mae Belle Drive	overpayment	\$ 62.50
15	17R	2481-0	Theresa Berglund	29	School Street	overpayment	\$ 25.00
15	18R	4959-0	Christopher Jude Socci	772	Riverbend Drive	overpayment	\$ 10.00
15	19R	4579-0	Stella Balcazar	104	Lexington Blvd	overpayment	\$ 12.40
15	20R	3494-0	Mary Keller	36	Fulton Street	overpayment	\$ 12.50
15	21R	1893-0	Angela & Jessica Colon	461	Westfield Avenue	overpayment	\$ 23.15
15	22R	4419-0	Margaret & William Zombro	9	Oak Street	overpayment	\$ 112.50
15	23R	3867-0	Marissa Lombardo	2011	Boynton Avenue	overpayment	\$ 24.53
15	24R	5262-0	Christopher Ozemko	1001	Cellar Avenue	overpayment	\$ 226.33
						Total Refunds	\$7,844.15

Resolution 15-128

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer/CFO be authorized to apply the sewer account balance adjustments according to the attached schedule.

SEWER BILLING ADJUSTMENT 2015									
CLARK TOWNSHIP									
REF #	Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Original	Revised	Credit	Additional
15	35	1314-0	Schieferstein, Fred	385	Madison Avenue	water issue	\$1,605.96	\$ 225.00	\$1,380.96

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Council President Smith opened the public portion of the meeting

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes thank you Mr. President. Let me just hit the leaf cleanup real quick for you again. October 26th it starts Monday that will be all Wards. Then we go November 2nd of that week 1 and 2 Wards, November 9th that week 3 and 4, November 16th Wards 1 and 2, November 23rd Wards 3 and 4. And at that point we will be taking it from there as to whether we still stay with the Wards schedule every other week or we’re just out in mass cleaning everything. And as Frank said our last pick up should be on...we’re hoping if Mother Nature cooperates, on December 11th, okay, some years Mother Nature does and some years she just doesn’t.

Also I have a couple of announcements. First off I would like to congratulate our very own Councilwoman Angel Albanese. She has been appointed the Chief Financial Officer at South Amboy, so congratulation Angel on your new position. I know fifteen years ago when I ran with Angel for the first time and asked the people of this town to support myself and my running mates, I talked about Angel’s background in finance and her abilities and as we announced I guess a year or two ago that you passed the state test. She was working in a private industry and now she is out in public and I think that’s a great thing for our community to have a Chief Financial Officer from another community here working along with all of us. So congratulations Angel, it is well deserved.

Also I would like to thank the Union County Freeholder Board for the Grants we received last Thursday night at their meeting for Recreation and in the Historical Society. So thank you very much to the Union County Freeholder Board.

The other thing I would like to mention is two weeks ago I had a very, very nice meeting with members of the county, the county officials. And I think it was probably one of my most productive days as Mayor here. And we had two subjects we discussed; the first was the dredging of the Clark Reservoir and I had asked them to do this about a year or so ago, maybe a little less, and the County Manager Mr. Al Faella had taken me very serious on it and they started the ball moving. Hopefully by next fall at this time, by the time we go through the permit process and everything else they will be ready to do such an undertaking. Right now preliminary plans

again in conversation is they are looking to dredge it about three to foot feet which would be terrific for a number of reasons. #1 it would help in heavy rainfall to have a bigger area to put the water in. I remember when I first grew up here in Clark the Reservoir was very deep. One of the gentlemen at the meeting said to me he was out in the middle of it in a row boat and literally got stuck, it was so low. #2 it is going to be great for the environment, everything that lives in the Reservoir, the fish, the birds, the geese, and the ducks. So I think it's going to be a win, win, win for the community. If you remember back when I gave the Reservoir to the County, the one thing I said at the time is I didn't want to ever have to see Clark pay for that dredging bill. It's going to be quite steep but again I thank Union County Freeholder Board and the County Manager and all their department heads for working with me in this area. It's great bi-partisan government, and its part of our county tax dollars and they have worked with us very, very well here.

The other thing I mentioned to them also at the meeting is that there's conversation out there, well it's not a conversation, and it's been going on for about five years now. The bankruptcy court that appointed a person from the bankruptcy court for General Motors, the former owner of Hyatt Hills is marketing the property and they have been doing that for about five years now. I also at that meeting asked Union County if they would consider strongly taking over Hyatt Hills to keep it a Golf Course/Recreational site. And no promises were made at that point but they seemed to be very interested and excited about the possibilities. I had some more conversations this week and I will continue to push that forward. That is something that I do not want to see change as a golf course, it's clean, it's green and we've capped that mess many year ago. The course is very well received by the residents of our town and Cranford our neighboring community nearby. So hopefully we can come up with a plan that can suffice that. So that was a very, very productive day and I really, really appreciate the county's help in working with me together. At the meeting also on the dredging was the Mayor of Rahway, Mayor Samson Steinman because of course slowing water up affects his community who's downstream from us. And I would like to thank Mayor Steinman for his words that day of encouragement and persuasion. But the county was right on it and I'm very, very excited about that for the community. So that concludes my report. Have a great Halloween Trick or Treat. Our police department will be out that day in force, it's a day that I've always asked every Chief that has worked for me to make sure that all cars are moving between that 3 and that 6/7 o'clock period when the kids are out. Parents please use good judgment. We have the Trunk or Treat that's here for you, if the kids are going to go door to door make sure they are properly identified out there so cars can see when it starts getting a little dark. Please make sure they end at an appropriate hour, I think at that time of year 7:00 should be a responsible cutoff, so we are not going to seniors doors at 8:30/9:00 at night looking for a piece of candy. Be careful crossing, we haven't had anything bad and we don't want to start this year. So let's have a great Halloween and we'll see everyone back next month. Again to the Cohen Family thanks for coming out again every year, it's a pleasure to stand beside you up there, thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President. I had an opportunity this past weekend to attend the Four Centuries in a Weekend. And in addition to tours of the house being granted it was really nice that they had the encampment of the Civil War re-enactors from Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York. And as Brian said it was quite cold, yes it was very cold and they did sleep outside in those little tents if you passed by there. And in addition to the tours and the encampment Scott and the volunteers prepared traditional breads, corn chowder and roasted meat

using tradition hearthside cooking. So if you missed it, it will be held next year and I hope you will consider stopping by and supporting local history.

To the Cohen Family thank you very much for coming again this year. It really raises our awareness of Pancreatic Cancer. My Uncle passed away with Pancreatic Cancer many years ago and I found it was very interesting in reading the Proclamation that almost fifty thousand people in the United States die from Pancreatic Cancer or diagnosed with it. And there are three hundred and sixty-seven thousand people in the world that are diagnosed with it. That means that thirteen percent of all the cases that are diagnosed are in the United States, so you really wonder what's happening. If you don't know what the pancreas does, one of the roles is it digests food and also helps to regulate blood sugar levels. So although we don't know what causes it, it's really good for people to be mindful about what they are eating and try to minimize their consumption of processed foods. So just something to think about with all the diseases we have in this country are related to food consumption. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. One helpful addition I would like to make to the report that I told you about your heating units. What I also do when the furnace or whatever type of heating unit you have is off, take a damp cloth because if you notice over the summer it builds up with so much dust which is very flammable, so take a damp cloth and just go over the whole top of the unit, go over the duct work and it can be very helpful in the future. As I said I do make many of the calls with the fire department and so many were because of carbon monoxide. And that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Hund: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to thank Ralph Bernardo again for putting together the UNICO Feast. And I understand it was a very successful weekend, I was away but my boys enjoyed it thoroughly. And also to the volunteers that they really make the festival work, if it wasn't for all their volunteer time it wouldn't have been as successful. So again thanking Ralph for his excellent feast this year.

To the Cohen Family again thank you for coming out this year. Just reiterating all the other thoughts that everyone else has given to you, so I'll make that one brief for you. And then to all the resident of town especially the Third Ward I know we had a few car break-ins two weeks ago...just to be vigilant in locking your doors because the crimes are crimes of opportunity. We believe after speaking with the police department and the Chief that it's an individual or maybe two individuals that are just walking down the street lifting the car doors seeing if it's unlocked and if it's unlocked they reach in and take whatever loose cash or money maybe laying around, if it's locked they just move on. So just please lock your doors and also lock your houses. We do live in a very safe community due to our police department but it happens in every town and we just want to make sure that everyone is aware of that. Thank you and that's my report.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes thank you. Just to touch on what the Mayor said...Halloween is coming and it's getting dark early. So to the parents please talk to your children and tell them to be aware of their surroundings when they are walking around if there are any vehicles close to them and to try to minimize their walking on the roadways. And to the motorists traveling around the area please watch the children. As I said it's getting dark and it's easy to look the other way and we don't want to have a fatality on our hands with the children.

Thank you to Ralph Bernardo and UNICO for a very successful weekend. I was there Friday in the rain at the Frog Bog and it was still good, we had a lot of children come up and they were playing, so I want to thank you for that.

To the people that were here for the Pancreatic Cancer Proclamation, I commend you on your efforts in staying with it. And that's the extent of my report and until next month please stay well.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. Mr. Mayor I would like to thank you on behalf of the Second Ward residents and the township on the dredging of the Reservoir. I know that's not only going to help you know with the flooding but also keeping the water flowing. I know at some point it does get pretty stagnant and getting those trees and making it deeper will keep the water flowing and keep the people happy because stagnant water equals issues, so thank you.

I too attended the Four Centuries in a Weekend. I just want to thank Scott McCabe and second everything that Angel had said, I'm not going to repeat what she said but there was a lot of good effort by the volunteers, so thank you very much.

Congratulations to Angel on her appointment to the CFO of South Amboy. The only thing what would have made me happier if Angel could have found a position within this town because it's something that she has a lot of passion for and I know how good she is. Not only sitting with her on the Finance Committee but just on a one on one conversation. So Angel congratulations and they definitely got a winner in you, so thank you very much.

Also when it comes to the Clark Commons, I had an opportunity to speak to some residents in the Second Ward as well as residents throughout the town. They love it and the first comment I get "hey the traffic isn't as bad as I thought it was, it's really going good, great job." So once again Mr. Mayor nice job.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Pat. As any good politician will say we'll take any compliment but to be honest about it I didn't design the road and I too was hoping that the traffic engineers were correct in their professional judgment in designing this. I mean you know we all heard things in the past by professionals and a lot of times they are true and sometimes they are not but for some of the self-proclaimed traffic engineers out there without college degrees who wanted to talk about how bad the traffic is, it would be nice to come up and say "you know what I was wrong" because I've done it when I was wrong you heard it, so you know what thank God it's working well and everyone is enjoying it, so thanks Pat.

Councilman O'Connor: Not a problem and that concludes my report thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. Again Councilman O'Connor touched on it quickly with regards to the Mayor's efforts on getting the Reservoir dredged. Ladies and gentlemen that's a major accomplishment for this township to go after the Reservoir that's been spilling in for the last forty years and basically filling in. As you can see up near the Deutscher Club and over there at the old Hungarian Club it's basically filling into land and this is something that had

to be done. Mayor, I could only say as I said to you when I heard about this, we appreciate everything that you do. That is a major accomplishment for this town to get that and I said it that night to you not four but eight to ten because over time it just goes in again. So we want to make sure that we get it done right and again the engineers will make those decisions and we just want to say thank you to you. The Fourth Ward is mostly is the Reservoir, the deeper end, the Second Ward Councilman O'Connor's needs is the worst and we have to get the mouth opened up so then the water can spill out and continue and to move out naturally. But a very, very important step in Clark and we thank you so much Mr. Mayor.

To the Cohen Family I know Professor Cohen, Richard Cohen is looking down with such pride on his children especially with Todd leading the fight against Pancreatic Cancer and all the efforts. These are Clark kids ladies and gentlemen; Lee and Todd are both Clark ALJ Alumnae where they are going out and Todd leading the crusade for a deadly disease. So he is a home grown kid and Lee is over in Cranford now with his family. But again products of the Clark School System and again a good hometown Clarkites, we appreciate everything they do.

To the people we just lost; Joseph Cospito, Class of ALJ 1967; Joseph Antenucci, Joseph was a longtime Clark Special Officer, you could never forget him, he was always at the town functions for over thirty years. He served the Township of Clark with honor. We also lost Genevieve Olterzewski, Ms. Olterzewshi was a longtime resident with the American Legion and VFW Post. Water S. a longtime resident in Clark and recently Thomas Sheridan.

Also with good news we had Betty Citrano just turned 99, born in 1916, a resident of the township we wish her many healthier and happier birthdays.

Again Columbus Day, a great job UNICO Henry Varriano, Ralph Bernardo and Scott at Dr. Robinson great job. And we thank you guys for just bringing in your efforts and your time into the Township of Clark. That's all I have Mr. President thank you.

Council President Smith: Also at the UNICO Feast we had Freeholder Mirabella and the County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi joined us on Sunday when we gave out the awards for the essay contest. I want to thank the County again for supporting us. They work very closely with the Mayor and the Council, so it's a pleasure working with them. And that's all I have this evening.

Township Clerk: Nothing thank you.

Attorney Triarsi: No report.

Police Chief Matos: No comment.

John Laezza: Yes, first of all I would like to say something about the traffic in Clark Commons. As a township there was a cooperative effort both with the developer and our professionals. Our traffic engineer had a lot to do with assisting their traffic engineer in making it work. It was a cooperative effort and it came out well and for that I'm very grateful.

Secondly, this is October and I sent a letter out to all the department heads, so they probably will be asking you to make sure that I give them all the money they need and I'll give them all the money that they deserve. That's all I have for this evening, thank you.

Motion to go into private was made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

Executive Resolution 15-129

WHEREAS Section three (3) of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS this public body is of the opinion that circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council wish to discuss:

Potential Litigation and Police Personnel Matters

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subject matter of this meeting will be released when the reasons for discussion and action on it in closed session no longer exists.

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

Time: 8:15 pm Regular Meeting Resumed 8:44 pm

Motion to Resume Regular Meeting made by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese.

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

APPROVED

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk