

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, NJ**  
**January 1, 2013**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 12:00 pm by Township Clerk, Edith L. Merkel acting as Council President Pro Tem who welcomed everyone.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Color Guard: Clark Cub Scout Pack 145 directed by Scott McCabe

**INVOCATION:** Cantor Steven Stern, Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

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 Local Source 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.

**SWEARING IN OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

**By:** Former Governor Donald DiFrancesco

Mayor	Salvatore Bonaccorso
Councilwoman-at-Large	Angel Albanese
Councilman-at-Large	Alvin Barr (absent due to illness)
Councilman-at-Large	William F. Smith

Governor Donald DiFrancesco administered the Oath of Office to: Salvatore Bonaccorso  
Angel Albanese  
William Smith

Presentation of the "Certificate of Election" to the Mayor and Council-at-Large

Presentation by Republican Chairman John DeSimone: Happy New Year everyone...most of us here are pretty fortunate, so much has happened this year, it's been a horrible year for a lot of people and good for some. Fortunately here in Clark with our Mayor and Council they have done a tremendous job...DPW, Police Department everybody. But anyhow I'm here on behalf of the Republican Committee to present tokens to the Mayor and the Entire Council.

Brian Toal says to everyone we are family, it's all over, the games over, the political speeches are done and we have a Councilman here who is part of our family, so on behalf of the Republican Committee I would like to also give you (Councilman Kazanowski) something.

**Reorganization meeting of the Township Council 2013 will commence**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Albanese, Kazanowski, Mazarrella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal

Absent: Barr

**First Order of Business – Election of Council President**

Township Clerk Edith Merkel opened the nominations for Council President

Motion to nominate Patrick O’Connor as Council President made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Toal

Township Clerk Edith Merkel called for other nominations. Seeing none nominations were closed

Roll call vote on the nomination of Patrick O’Connor as Council President

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

Nomination is confirmed

Township Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Patrick O’Connor as Council President

Council President O’Connor took his proper place on the dais

**Election of the Council Vice President**

Motion to nominate Brian Toal as Council Vice President made by Council President O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President O’Connor called for other nominations. Seeing none nominations were closed

Council President O’Connor directed roll call:

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

Nomination is confirmed

Township Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Toal

**MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS:** (Confirmation of Council Required)

Terms run concurrent with the Mayor unless otherwise stated

**Resolution 13-01**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed John Laezza for the position of Business Administrator; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of John Laezza as Business Administrator whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

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**Resolution 13-02**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed Terance O’Neill for the position of Director of Revenue & Finance; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Terance O’Neill as Director of Revenue & Finance whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

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**Resolution 13-03**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed Terance O’Neill for the position of Tax Collector; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Terance O’Neill as Tax Collector whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

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**Resolution 13-04**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed John DeSimone for the position of Director of Public Safety; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of John DeSimone as Director of Public Safety whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

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**Resolution 13-05**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed Joseph Bonaccorso for the position of Director of Public Works and Engineering; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Joseph Bonaccorso as Director of Public Works and Engineering whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

**Resolution 13-06**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed Scott McCabe for the position of Certified Public Works Manager; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Scott McCabe as Certified Public Works Manager whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

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**Resolution 13-07**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed Mike Khoda for the position of Construction Code/Zoning Official; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Mike Khoda as Construction Code/Zoning Official whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

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**Resolution 13-08**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed Ralph Bernardo for the position of Director of Recreation; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Ralph Bernardo as Director of Recreation whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

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**Resolution 13-09**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed Victor DeMarzo for the position of Director of Teen Center & Teen Activities; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Victor DeMarzo as Director of Teen Center & Teen Activities whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

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**Resolution 13-10**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed Phyllis Cupo for the position of Director of Senior Citizen Affairs; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Phyllis Cupo as Director of Senior Citizen Affairs whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

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**Resolution 13-11**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed Brian Toal for the position of Municipal Historian; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Brian Toal as Municipal Historian whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

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**Resolution 13-12**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed the following individuals as Members of the Library Board of Trustees.

Christopher Pingor	01/01/13 – 12/31/17
Angel Albanese (Mayor’s Alternate)	01/01/13 – 12/31/13

**WHEREAS** these appointments require the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it hereby confirms the appointments of Christopher Pingor and Angel Albanese as Members of the Library Board of Trustees whose terms commence this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013.

Motion to confirm Resolutions 1 thru 12 made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

**Mayor’s Appointments** (Without confirmation of Council)

Affirmative Action Officer: (2 yr. term)	Donna Mazzucco
Union County Cultural & Heritage Affairs: (4 yr. term)	Brian Toal
Union County Utilities Authority Solid Waste Advisory Board: (1 year)	Brian Toal
Alt. Representative of the UC Solid Waste Advisory Board: (1 year)	Frank Mazzarella
Union County Coalition for Prevention of Substance Abuse: (4 yr. term)	Frank Mazzarella

Traffic Advisory Board: (1 year term)

Chief Alan Scherb, Chairman  
 Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor  
 John Laezza, Business Administrator  
 Richard O’Connor, Engineer  
 Councilman Alvin Barr, Chairman, Public Safety Committee  
 Lt. Mike Pollock, Traffic Bureau  
 Kenneth Knops, Superintendent Clark Public Schools

Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee: (1 year term)

Councilwoman Angel Albanese	Public Improvements
Councilman Frank Mazzarella	Alternate

Planning Board:

1 year term:	Mayor Sal Bonaccorso	Class I Member
	John Laezza	Class II Member
4 year term:	Robert Tarantino	Class IV Member

Environmental Commission: (3 year term)

Regular Members: Kevin Koch  
 Anthony Pedro

**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 O’Connor opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

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

**Council’s Appointments:** (Resolutions)

**Resolution 13-13**

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clark is a member of the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund and the New Jersey Municipal Self Insurers Joint Insurance Fund requires the appointment of Fund Commissioners to represent the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following appointments are hereby effective January 1, 2013 and concluding December 31, 2013.

**FUND COMMISSIONER**

**John Laezza**

**ALTERNATE**

**Councilman Alvin Barr**

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President O’Connor directed roll call:

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

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**Resolution 13-14**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee effective January 1, 2013

**Regular Member (Social Services)**

**Term**

Councilman Brian Toal  
116 Dorset Drive  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/13 – 12/31/13

**Alternate Member**

Councilman Alvin Barr  
42 Malvern Drive  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/13 – 12/31/13

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby acknowledges the following Mayoral Appointments

**Regular Member (Public Improvements)**

**Term**

Councilwoman Angel Albanese  
33 Victoria Drive  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/13 – 12/31/13

**Alternate Member**

Councilman Frank Mazzarella 01/01/13 – 12/31/13  
1 Fairview Road  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

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**Resolution 13-15**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individual is hereby re-appointed as an Alternate II Member of the Environmental Commission.

**Name & Address**

**Term**

**Alternate II**

Kyle Mulligan 01/01/13 – 12/31/14  
46 Wendell Place  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

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**Resolution 13-16**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council as the Municipal Pool Utility does hereby appoint the following Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to serve a term of one year until the next ensuing organization meeting and election of successor(s).

**CHAIRMAN: Councilman Bill Smith**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN: Councilman Richard Kazanowski**

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

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**Resolution 13-17**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council as the Municipal Pool Utility that the following individuals are hereby appointed as Members of the Clark Community Pool Advisory Board effective January 1, 2013.

**Regular Members:**

**Term**

Kaitlin Mooney	1 Park Street	01/01/13 – 12/31/13 (1 year)
Ann Sener	49 Victoria Drive	01/01/13 – 12/31/13 (1 year)
Terri Rodrigues	1 Acken Drive	01/01/13 – 12/31/15 (3 year)

**Alternate I:**

Linda Marhold	34 Washington St.	01/01/13 – 12/21/13 (1 year)
(Filling the unexpired term of Ann Sener)		

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

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

**Resolution 13-18**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individual is hereby re-appointed to the Planning Board effective January 1, 2013.

**CLASS III MEMBER**

Councilman Frank Mazzarella	01/01/13 – 12/31/13
(Council’s Representative to Board)	

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Toal

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

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**Resolution 13-19**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby re-appointed as Regular Members of the Board of Adjustment.

**Regular Member**

**Term**

John Caliguire	01/01/13 – 12/31/16
31 Garside Place	
Clark, NJ	

Steven Kaminsky 01/01/13 – 12/31/16  
329 Carolina Street  
Clark, NJ

John Tierney 01/01/13 – 12/31/16  
23 Cromwell Ct.  
Clark, NJ

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

**Resolution 13-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby appointed as Members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department effective this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013.

Michael Fabijanczuk Joseph Fabijanczuk  
119 Briarheath Lane 119 Briarheath Lane  
Clark, New Jersey 07066 Clark, New Jersey 07066

Moved by Council President O’Connor, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

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

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**Resolution 13-21**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute an Agreement with Kevin O’Brien, P.P. of Shamrock Enterprises, Ltd., Madison House, Suite B, 866 Madison Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07065 for Professional Planning Services at the rate of One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130.00) per hour.

Moved by Council President O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

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**Resolution 13-22**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute an Agreement with The RBA Group, Inc., 7 Campus Drive, Suite 300, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054-4495 for Traffic Consultant Services at the rates specified in their proposal.

Moved by Council President O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

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**Resolution 13-23**

**WHEREAS** the 2012 Municipal Budget totaled \$20,190,207.08; and

**WHEREAS** the Temporary Municipal Budget for 2013 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget less Capital appropriations and Debt services; and

**WHEREAS** the total amount that may be introduced as a Temporary Budget for 2012 is \$4,774,305.19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following line items are hereby adopted as the Temporary Budget for 2013 in the total amount of \$4,762,900.00 exclusive of debt service.

Moved by Council President O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Kazanowski, Mazzarella, Smith, Toal, Whiting

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**Resolutuion 13-24**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Sewer Budget for 2012 totaled \$3,312,153.00; and

**WHEREAS** the Temporary Sewer Budget for 2013 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget which is \$869,440.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following line item is hereby adopted as the Temporary Sewer Budget for 2013 in the total amount of \$400,000.00.

Salaries and Wages	\$200,000.00
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	\$200,000.00

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

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**Resolution 13-25**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Pool Budget for 2012 totaled \$319,000.00; and

**WHEREAS** the Temporary Pool Budget for 2013 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget which is \$83,737.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following line item is hereby adopted as the Temporary Pool Budget for 2013 in the total amount of \$80,000.00.

Miscellaneous Other Expenses	\$80,000.00
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Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

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

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**Resolution 13-26**

**WHEREAS** N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than the last ten days of the preceding fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS** the date of this resolution is subsequent to that date; and

**WHEREAS** principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 inclusive.

CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 100,000.00
DEBT SERVICE	
Bond Principal	\$1,071,000.00
Ban Principal	\$1,010,000.00
Bond Interest	\$ 327,904.00
Note Interest	<u>\$ 120,500.00</u>
	\$2,529,404.00

Moved by Council President O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President O’Connor directed roll call:

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

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 13-127**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Township Council does hereby desire to enter into a Cash Management Plan for the Township of Clark pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for deposits, investment of certain public funds, and the assurance that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest or dividend bearing accounts. (Copy of Plan to be made part of the Resolution); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Clark at a meeting held on January 1, 2013 that the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to utilize as depositories any banking institution which can provide a Government Unit Deposit Protection Act Certificate issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the designated officials authorized to make deposits and investments under the plan, are the Township Administrator, and the Township Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Township Council authorizes and directs the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer and other officials to follow the Cash Management Plan as may be modified from time to time effective January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

**CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY 2012**

**1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

**This Cash Management Plan (the “Plan”) is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits (“Deposits”) and investment (“Permitted Investments”) of certain public funds of the Township, pending the use of such funds for the intended**

**purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest or dividend bearing accounts or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the Maximum within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.**

**II. CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY.**

- A. Objectives: The priority of investing policies shall be, in order of Descending Importance, security, liquidity, and yield.
  - 1. Security: The safety of principal is the foremost objective of the cash management plan. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The objective is to mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk.
  - 2. Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk of loss due to failure of the security issuer or backer. Credit risk may be mitigated by:
    - (a) Limiting investments to the safest types of securities.
    - (b) Pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries, and advisors with which an entity will do business.
    - (c) Diversifying the investment portfolio so that potential losses on individual securities will be minimized.
  - 3. Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in general interest rates. Interest rate risk may be mitigated by:
    - (a) Structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and
    - (b) By investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities.
  - 4. Liquidity: The investment portfolio must remain sufficiently liquid to meet all structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands (static liquidity). Furthermore, since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the portfolio should consist largely of securities with active secondary or resale markets (dynamic liquidity).
  - 5. Yield: The investment portfolio must be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of least importance compared to

the safety and liquidity objective described above. The core of investments are limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed. The Chief Financial Officer shall carefully evaluate any investment offering above market yields. Securities shall not be sold prior to maturity with the following exceptions.

- (a) A declining credit security could be sold early to minimize the loss of principal.
- (b) A security swap would improve the quality, yield, or target duration in the portfolio.
- (c) Liquidity needs of the local unit require that the security be sold.

B. Standard of Care

(1) Prudence

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the “prudent person” standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio in accordance with the State Law and this policy. The Chief Financial Officer, acting in accordance with written procedures and this cash management plan and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security’s credit risk or market price changes, provided deviation from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and the liquidity and the sale of securities are carried out in accordance with the terms of the cash management plan and policy.

Investments shall be made with the judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

2. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

The designated officials involved in the investment process shall not have personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions. Actions of individuals involved in administering the cash management plan shall be governed by the Local Government Ethics Law. They shall disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. The designated officials shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of the Township.

3. Delegation of Authority

Authority to manage the cash management plan is granted to the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14. Responsibility for the operations of the cash management plan is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer. No person may engage in an investment transaction

except as provided under the terms of the policy and the written procedures established by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials.

**III. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN**

A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Township (and any other that may be needed during the plan period).

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Current Fund         | Dog License Fund                  |
| Capital Fund         | Public Assistance Trust Funds     |
| Insurance Trust Fund | Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund |
| Other Trust Fund     | Community Development Trust Fund  |
| Pool Utility Fund    | Grant Trust Fund                  |
|                      | Housing Development Fund          |

And the following interest accounts:  
Payroll Agency Account

**IV. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN**

The Township Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Township Treasurer (The “Designated Official”) are hereby jointly or severally authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making any such Deposits or any Permitted Investments, such officials of the Township are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made a written copy of this Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgment kept on file with such officials.

**V. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan. The Chief Financial Officer may designate other institutions, during the period of this plan, as deemed necessary for successful accomplishment of the plan objectives:

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| New Jersey Cash Management Plan | TD Bank        |
| Valley National Bank            | Community Bank |
| Wells Fargo                     | Columbia Bank  |
| Bank of America                 | Investors      |
| MBIA Class Fund                 | Sovereign Bank |
| Provident Savings Bank          |                |

Also, for purposes of investing, all institutions presenting a GUDPA certificate may be used. All such depositories shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Officials referred to in Section IV above.

**VI. DESIGNATION OF BROKERAGE FIRMS AND DEALERS WITH WHOM THE DESIGNATED OFFICIALS MAY DEAL.**

The following brokerage firms and/or dealers and other institutions are hereby designated as firms with whom the Designated Officials of the Township referred to in this Plan may deal for purposes of buying and selling securities identified in the Plan as Permitted Investments or otherwise providing for Deposits. The Designated Officials of the Township referred to Section IV above may designate additional brokerage firms and/or dealers. All such brokerage firms and/or dealers shall acknowledge in writing receipts of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Officials referred to in Section IV above.

Summit Discount Brokerage	Fleet Securities
Commerce Capital Markets, Inc.	Columbia Savings Bank

**VII. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS**

- A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:
- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of American or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
  - (2) Government money market mutual funds;
  - (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
  - (4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part of within which the school district is located;
  - (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units.
  - (6) Local government investment pools;
  - (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (c.52:18A-90.4); or
  - (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
    - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and of this subsection a;
    - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;

- (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
- (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c236 (C.17:9-4 1); and
- (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposed of the above language, the terms “government money market mutual fund” and “local government investment pool” shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

- (a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the “Investment Company Act of 1940”, 15U.S.C. sec.80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec270.2a-7.
- (b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17C.F.R. sec 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and
- (c) which has:
  - (i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
  - (ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the “Investment Advisor Act of 1940”, 15 U.S.C. sec 80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool

An investment pool:

- (a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;
- (b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec.270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;
- (d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act”, P.L. 1968, c410 (c.51:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed

necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;

- (e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- (f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9(C.49:3-56 and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities

**VIII. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN.**

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Township, then such instrument or security shall be covered by all custodial agreements with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Township to assure that there is not unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits.

**IX. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

On the first day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Officials referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the governing body of the Township a written report of any Deposits of Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The name of any institution holding funds of the Township as a Deposit of a Permitted Investment.
- B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.

- D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Township.

**X. TERM OF PLAN**

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the Governing Body of the Township approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Council, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

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**Resolution 13-28**

**WHEREAS** the Petty Cash balances of the Business Administrator, Police Chief and Pool Director were turned over as of 10:00 a.m., December 31, 2012 to the Treasurer’s Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** there has been established a Petty Cash Fund for the Year 2013 and the Treasurer’s Office is hereby authorized to issue checks to the following department heads:

Business Administrator	\$250.00
Police Chief	\$150.00
Pool Director	\$300.00

**Resolution 13-29**

**WHEREAS** NJSA 54:4-67 permits the Governing Body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes as provided by law; and

**WHEREAS** NJSA 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

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

1. The Tax collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 be delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31<sup>st</sup>, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law.

2. Authorize Tax Collector to sell prior years delinquent taxes.

3. Effective January 1, 2013, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.

4. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.

5. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in an official newspaper of the Township of Clark.

6. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Township Clerk to the Tax Collector, Township Attorney, and Township Auditor for the Township of Clark.

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**Resolution 13-30**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the funds of the Township of Clark be subject to withdrawal upon checks signed by any two of the following:

- Mayor
- Business Administrator
- Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

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**Resolution 13-31**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark in the County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Union County Local Source, NJTODAY.NET and the Star Ledger be designated as the official newspapers of the Township of Clark for the Year 2013.

**Resolution 13-32**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby authorize the Administration/Township Clerk to advertise for upcoming Bids for all necessary government operations including capital projects and swim pool requirements for the year 2013.

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**Resolution 13-33**

**WHEREAS** it is necessary and desirable in order to insure the general health and welfare of the residents of the Township of Clark to provide uniform procedures for administering the issuance, renewal and revocation of licenses for the placement of clothing bins within the Township; and

**WHEREAS** the enabling legislation adopted as Ordinance 09-20 and amended by Ordinance 12-06 provides for enforcement by the Police Department and the Township Zoning Enforcement Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the attached list of clothing bin operators, having met all the requirements of Chapter 3, section 3-29N of the Code of the Township of Clark are hereby approved in accordance with the law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Police Chief is hereby authorized and directed to issue permits to be displayed according to law effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

**Clothing Bin Operators**

**Location of Bins**

American Recycling Technologies  
98 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 290-North  
Great Neck, NY 11021  
Attn: Ed Klein (908) 616-3730

78 Westfield Avenue (2 bins)

H&M Leasing  
1245 Marconi Blvd.  
Copiague, NY 11725  
Attn: Marc Field (631) 225-5248

76 Central Avenue (2 bins)

Northeastern Import-Export, Inc.  
80 Crossways Drive East  
Bohemia, NY 11716  
Attn: Mike Moran (732) 522-0704

430 Westfield Avenue (2 bins)  
45 Central Avenue (2 bins)

We Collect Clothes for a Cause  
625 Wortman Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
Attn: Peter Salm (866) 468-7228

52 Westfield Avenue (2 bins)  
111 Valley Road (1 bin)  
1030 Raritan Road (1 bin)

Giving Back for America  
PO Box 293  
Avenel, NJ 07001  
Attn: Anthony Cruz (732) 485-3692

1074 Raritan Road (2 bins)

Planet Aid  
3 Lincoln Drive  
Fairfield, NJ 07004  
Attn: Michael Artz (866) 997-0101

12 Clarkton Drive (1 bin)  
1030 Raritan Road (1 bin)

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**Resolution 13-34**

**WHEREAS** in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 each public agency shall designate an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer or **P.A.C.O.**; and

**WHEREAS** the **P.A.C.O.** is the liaison between the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance (the Division) and the Public Agency and is the Public Agency point of contact for all matters concerning implementation and administration of the statute; and

**WHEREAS** the **P.A.C.O.** is also responsible for administering contracting procedures pertaining to equal employment opportunity regarding both the Public Agency and the service providers; and

**WHEREAS** the service provider shall include but shall not be limited to goods and services vendors, professional service vendors and construction contractors; and

**WHEREAS** the **P.A.C.O.** must have the authority to recommend changes to effectively support the implementation of the statute and its regulations; and

**WHEREAS** each year, all Public Agencies are required to submit the name, title, address, telephone, number, fax and e-mail address of the **P.A.C.O.** designated by the Public Agency to the Division no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year; and

**WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the Public Agency to update the **P.A.C.O.** designation at any time during the year if any changes are made.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it hereby designates, John Laezza, Business Administrator as the Public Agency Compliance Officer, effective January 1, 2013 for a period of one year ending December 31, 2013; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance.

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**Resolution 13-35**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Land Use Law and in particular N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.2 authorizes the Township to offset the cost of professional fees incurred by it in connection with Township’s or its administrative boards’ review of applications for development, the preparation of documents and the inspection of developments and improvements under construction; and

**WHEREAS** the fees or charges to be assessed in connection therewith shall be based upon a schedule to be established.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.2 that the following 2013 fee schedule as the same may be periodically updated yearly, for in-house review of applications for development, review and preparation of documents, inspection of improvements or other charges authorized by the Municipal Land Use Law is hereby approved.

**ESCROW FEE SCHEDULE (In-House)**  
Plan Review, Site Inspection & Testing Fees

<u>Title Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Work Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Township Engineer	Richard O'Connor Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC	-0-	As needed	\$130.00
Engineering Tech	Richard O'Connor Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC	-0-	As needed	\$ 75.00
Planning Board Attorney	Michael Cresitello DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, PC	-0-	As needed	\$150.00
Board of Adjustment Attorney	Howard Spialter	-0-	As needed	\$150.00

**Resolution 13-36**

**WHEREAS** in the past, the Township of Clark has availed itself of the right to purchase materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

**WHEREAS** it is desirable from time-to-time to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into on behalf of the State by the said Division without the necessity of advertising for bids, or in the cases where no bids have been received; and

**WHEREAS** it is contemplated that it will be necessary or desirable to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under such contract or contracts entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by said Division during the year 2013.

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

1. That the purchases by the Township of Clark, through the several municipal departments shall be purchased under a contract or contracts for such materials, supplies or equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury, in those cases where it is desirable and in the best interest of the Township of Clark, and in those cases where bids have been sought by advertisement therefore and no bids are received.
2. That a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Administrator, all Department Heads of the Township of Clark, Township Auditor, and any other party of interest.

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**Resolution 13-37**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby confirms the appointments of the following members of the Municipal Alliance Committee for 2013:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE/SECTOR</b>
Ernie Spies	Coordinator
Ron Ferrara	Student Assistance Coordinator /Parent-Teacher Association
Victor DeMarzo	Youth
William Buczynski	Youth
Ralph Bernardo	Senior Citizen
Phyllis Cupo	Senior Citizen

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

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Kazanowski, Mazzarella, Smith, Toal, Whiting

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2013**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Pat O'Connor, Chairman  
Angel Albanese  
Frank Mazzarella

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Pat O'Connor, Chairman  
Bill Smith  
Brian Toal

PARKS & RECREATION

Bill Smith, Chairman  
Pat O'Connor  
Angel Albanese

PUBLIC WORKS

Frank Mazzarella, Chairman  
Bill Smith  
Brian Toal

PUBLIC SAFETY

Al Barr, Chairman  
Bill Smith  
Frank Mazzarella

**COUNCIL LIAISONS**

Board of Education

Angel Albanese

Emergency Squad

Pat O'Connor

Recreation

Bill Smith

Police Department

Frank Mazzarella

Public Works

Frank Mazzarella

Environmental Commission

Brian Toal

Public Library

Angel Albanese

Senior Citizens

Alvin Barr

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE DIRECTOR OF LAW**

**Resolution 13-38**

**WHEREAS** Director of Law has appointed Jon-Henry Barr for the position of Prosecutor; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Jon-Henry Barr as Prosecutor whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

Move by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

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**Resolution 13-39**

**WHEREAS** Director of Law has appointed Stephanie Ann Mitterhoff for the position of Public Defender; and

**WHEREAS** this appointment requires the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointment of Stephanie Ann Mitterhoff as Public Defender whose term, commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013 runs concurrent with the Mayor.

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

**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 O’Connor opened the meeting to the public

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

Council President O’Connor directed roll call:

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

Council President O’Connor: Before we get to the Mayor’s State of the Township Address, I would like to take this time to thank some dignitaries that are in the audience today and thank them for coming out in sharing this Reorganization Day with us.

I would first like to thank Governor Don DiFrancesco for his time in being here today, thank you very much. We have Mike Tripodi, former Mayor of Kenilworth, Board of Education member Lorraine Aklonis, Hyatt Hills Chairman Bob Kobryn, Director of Public Works Joe Bonaccorso, Superintendent of Public Works Scott McCabe, Director of Public Safety John DeSimone and as being the Republican Chairman, we have the Construction and Zoning Official Mike Khoda, we have the former Mayor of Scotch Plains Gabe Spera, we have the Director of Emergency Management Jerry Fewkes, Member of the Planning Board Bob Tarantino, Board of Education Member Henry Varriano, Prosecutor JH Barr, Rec Director Ralph Bernardo, Chief Denis Connell, Board of Education Member Laura Caliguire, and Chief Alan Scherb. With that I would like to thank everyone for coming.

**MAYOR’S STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS**

Thank you Mr. President, good afternoon and Happy New Year to everyone. It’s always an honor to be standing before you as your Mayor to address you each and every New Year. And usually one of the hardest things for me to do is to read pre-written speeches. I really don’t like doing that and I would like to adlib and talk from my heart and my head. And today I might do a little bit of both. I have a speech written here of course. You know it’s a New Year, it’s a new beginning and it’s time to be excited for what holds for us in the future.

I would like to start off by thanking Canter Stern for being here today, Canter thank you very much and Happy New Year. And of course our great friend Governor Don DiFrancesco, you know I met Donny many years ago when I started as a Councilman, and he impressed me as a real, real good person, you can see that. And I watched his work as Senator for Clark for many years and Senate President and then on to be Governor and we developed a very good friendship. And you know sometimes in politics the people you meet aren’t really your friends. It’s what you can do for them or maybe they can do for you. And unfortunately that’s a fact. I’ve been very fortunate not to have people like that around me, whether it is right here on the township level. And Don has been an example of that, he is there for us as a government official but has always been here for us as a friend. And sometimes I like to think of him as Clark’s Governor because whenever he was there, he was always here for us and Don thanks again, it’s just always

great to have you here. And it is an honored privilege to see good friends here today and of course our citizens. Before I start I would like to invite everyone here back for lunch at 1051 Bistro. For those of you watching at home, you can't come because if you are not here I'm not inviting you.

Again Governor DiFrancesco, Canter Stern, Members of Council, my Administration, Board of Education Members, my family, my friends, citizens of Clark Happy New Year. It is an honor and privilege to stand before you today as I enter my 13<sup>th</sup> year as Mayor. So much has been accomplished over the past 12 years in the Township of Clark thanks to the hard work, dedication, not only from this Administration and Council but from you the citizens of our community, without you this town could not be a great community. Without your cooperation and appreciation our proven success would not be what it is today. Our success thus far has been due to one crucial component, and it's teamwork, it's because of our ability to work together professionally, competently, and most of all with integrity that has enabled this Administration to work successfully not only at the local level but with County and State as well.

It's a pleasure to work together as a team without obstacles or personal agendas along the way. After all it benefits all of us in the end. When you build a strong, stable and safe community, a happy community with a top notch school system property values go up. The township as a whole becomes more desirable from singles to seniors we all benefit in the end. There are many members within our community who are part of our team. For example, we have members of our Police Department who are in my opinion among the best in the State; I thank you all for keeping this community safe. Our top notch Volunteer Fire Department as well as our Volunteer First Aid Squad, also among the best of the best, thank you for your continued dedication, commitment, and compassion for our citizens. Let's not forget our Emergency Management Jerry Fewkes and Mike Nenortas. Let me tell you they have earned it in the last year with three major storms and we want to thank you. We also have a great hard working dedicated Department of Public Works who keep this town in tip top shape every day, thank you to our Director Joe Bonaccorso and our Superintendent Scott McCabe, thank you very much for your dedication and commitment. We have incredible recreation department that is led by our outstanding Director Ralph Bernardo, who continues every day to improve, increase programs for all of us to enjoy, thank you Ralph for your continued enthusiasm and dedication to this community. And thank you for standing in for me as acting Mayor along the way. You do not want to talk about your track record now. Seems like twice I've appointed Ralph as an acting Mayor and I've got disastrous phone calls and he actually came to me and say I'm done, put someone else next time. But Ralph thank you, and we all know it's not your fault. I want to also thank our recreational boards, coaches, players, and parents who work so hard in this community to give our youth the best opportunity. The youth of course is the future; therefore, it is vital for us to provide the best for them both academically and athletically. It is equally important for our youth to come to feel safe, sound and secure here at home in our hometown. I feel proud to call Clark their hometown.

It is with a sense of pride and community as well overall success and desirability that puts Clark Township as one of the New Jersey top places to live. Our heart is in this town, this is where I grew up, I went to school, and I chose to raise my children. That is why I continue to do the best I can each and every day. Speaking of my three children...Christina, first time I was sworn in as Councilman, Mommy was pregnant with you here, then along came my little Kellie and she was sleeping in my wife's arms and today I said who is holding the Bible and Joey said I was

sleeping last time, I want to hold the Bible. So Joey I want to thank you. I remember when Christina said she wanted to be the Mayor someday and the First Lady President, she might; hey we elected Obama right, so why not, but anyhow I thank you. To my wife Geraldine, thank you honey. My wife has been there from day one with me. We were newly married when I was approached to run for council and back in those days it was a real war here and it took a lot of time and a lot of effort. And I know there are sacrifices that Gerry and the kids make every day and maybe sometimes some things may be picked out on them by who their father is. But like I told them we are serving the community, we are part of this community; put your head up high and don't worry about what some people may say because we all know we can't please everyone. Overall though I don't want to give you the impression that my family is being mistreated, they're not. But along the way you always get a few unfortunately. So honey thank you, love you and the children, the staple of my life right there. And Mom and Dad thank you, you are here again today for all you do and listen too, so God Bless.

Fortunately I have put great people around me because I can't do it alone. John Laezza, Joe Triarsi, Rich O'Connor, Mike Khoda, Alan Scherb, Nancy Raymond, Edie Merkel, Ralph Bernardo, Terry O'Neill, Mike Ross, Joe Bonaccorso, JH Barr, Phyllis Cupo, TJ McDonald, Jerry Fewkes, our outstanding office staff, Frannie thank you my personal assistant for all you do and put up with, I do appreciate it. This Administration has achieved and will continue to do so undoubtedly throughout the coming years.

As for my friends on council, Angel Albanese, Al Barr, Frank Mazarella, Pat O'Connor, Rich Kazanowski and Brian Toal, thank you for all of your cooperation and continued support, dedication and compassion through the years. We've achieved a lot together and look forward to achieving more. Congratulations to Bill Smith, Billy for taking on this endeavor running for council. I've known Bill a lot of years, I see him as a hardworking member and President of Girls Softball and I really got to know Bill intimately in our travel basketball days together and we struck a friendship and he is task oriented, he is a hard worker, he has tremendous integrity. And he always does something to surprise you along the way. He told me after all these years of coaching basketball games and criticizing referees, he has now become a referee. So I told him that I would be definitely at a game to insight a riot on him this year. So anyhow Bill thank you and to your family, Sue and the girls I think you are going to enjoy this because your Dad I know is going to give 110% all the time. And to the Smith Family, who is here, thank you, he is a great guy and a great friend and he is going to be a great part of this team, I can guarantee that. Council President Pat O'Connor the best of luck to you my friend. You are just a delight to work with and I do, Pat, appreciate your friendship and sense of humor; we have a great time together.

Where do we go in 2013? I believe we will continue to grow, remain on an upward path we have been on for years. As I stand here before you today starting my 4<sup>th</sup> term I am humbled with the honor that my friends and neighbors have bestowed upon me. My first three years were filled with triumphs and some tragedies as well. I saw a fire, I saw wind, I saw flooding, I saw once in a lifetime record storms but all in all I saw how we toughed it out here in Clark, we survived together. I've always seen the great people of this town come together in the time of need. And I always will say when people are pushed to the wall; you will see their true character will be shown. Clark has that character and I'm proud to say I'm the Mayor of such a wonderful community.

Right out of the box this year the real work is going to begin. A very big decision has to be made on the 28 acres of the US Gypsum property. What's going to be there? We have to decide. A major corner of this will change. Council our job is to make sure we get this right. Strong debate will be heard, some pro's and some con's, but let's try to keep politics out of it, it's too important. Let's make sure we stand up to the task, let's make sure the ultimate solution will be best for this town. I started input in motion every available tool so we can make informed decisions regarding this property. No one should rely on hear-say or what some people believe is the truth. The people who serve on our Boards are both Republican and Democrat, they are residents, they care and they are volunteers. The members of our Planning Board and Zoning Board ladies and gentlemen are volunteers and I'm going to adlib again to say I thank those people from the bottom of my heart and I was a little disappointed at the Miele hearings when some, not all people made innuendos to those people who were up there as your neighbors trying to follow the state land use law and to get the project right. I know when people don't agree sometimes a different side of them might be seen but remember these folks are here for free trying to serve. And I've always said if you would like to jump on board and take the state required course for Zoning or Planning, fill out your resume and drop it off I'm only too glad to look for people when people move forward that want to serve. It's easy to sit out here and second guess, and that is your right, we all get to do that. But on the other hand let's remember that it's volunteers who are trying to make this community the right thing. And if you knew it all, then maybe you should run for one of these offices because I can tell you for myself and I would say for everyone up here, we don't think we know it all. We like to learn something every day and we try our best. So please remember that when we get into those hearings, you have the right to express your opinions and we do appreciate the pros and the cons but let's work together, we do have to get this right in this community. If we work hard and share our thoughts Clark will triumph. Every proposal will come and not everyone will agree and I want to thank this community for filling out my survey regarding the Gypsum property. It was a pleasure to read your thoughts and ideas.

I have learned from what has taken place especially in this last year. I experienced extreme weather conditions that seem to be occurring more frequently than ever before. I truly believe that we gave 100% in every situation. Hurricane Sandy gave me a whole new way of looking at the future, prepared for the similar situations. Although we faired pretty well and we've also learned we can improve and we are going to improve ladies and gentlemen. We are going to be able to put a generator at the Brewer Municipal Building so we can guarantee a warming and cooling center in the future. There are things that we have learned from this that we are going to move forward on but I am proud of the way this team went through Hurricane Sandy. Local government is unique, a term begins with a plan and an agenda and then situations arise, focuses change and lessons begin. Whether it is Mother Nature or any unexpected situations when problems arise, we at the local government must constantly keep in mind that we are the first call our neighbors make, even though we have the least amount of resources compared to county, state and federal government. Yet after twelve years as Mayor I welcome your call, our township awaits us to serve you. Clark Township is running well but my focus is to make it even better. The plan that has made Clark a county, state and nationally recognized town is something that we are proud of. Look around, we are cleaner, nicer and have much more to offer than a lot of towns around us. But I know the people still want more and I'm willing to accommodate your needs, safety and service for our hometown, we will always prioritize.

Our services of Clark residents have grown accustomed to will continue. Such as our bulky clean-ups, our branch clean-up, our grass clean-ups, our 4<sup>th</sup> of July firework show, our Breakfast with Santa and tree lighting days, menorah lighting, our Easter egg hunt, senior breakfast and bbq, our senior bus, new and existing recreational programs and Ralph always has a bag full of them every year and even more to come. You know it's amazing to me; I flipped on a channel from one of our neighboring towns and a service that we take granted that is so little to give you is picking up your Christmas trees at the curb, this one town said we don't do that make a deal with your garbage carrier but we are here for that. Also during the storm when we picked up all your debris off your lawns, some towns were just cleaning up the township trees and that to me is amazing. We are paying taxes. It's our job in government to provide those services and that's why I'm proud to say that we can do that for you. And sometimes when you say "what do you get for your tax dollars" and we all do that, look around in the other towns and I think you will be pretty satisfied.

We are giving our children the best quality of life first and foremost as they are our future. To our seniors, thank you for giving us the fruits of your hard work to help establish this great town where I grew up. Let's continue to serve our seniors as well as preserve the future for our children. Thank you to all of you for allowing me to lead this great community for which I am so proud, let's continue to work together and see our dreams become realities for Clark's future and let's continue to grow our hometown pride. Clark Township is a leader whether it is in local government, schools, services, or safety but most of all Clark is all of us. May God Bless you all and have a Healthy and Happy New Year and let's have a lot of fun this year, we are ending with tragedies, okay, God Bless thank you.

**COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL REMARKS**

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Council President O'Connor and congratulations to you and Council Vice President Toal...I look forward to working with you all, all Members of Council in 2013. To everyone here today I want to say good afternoon, Governor DiFrancesco, elected officials, honored guests, Mayor, Council, Cantor Stern, citizens, members of the Administration, friends, family and guests thank you all for coming today.

First I want to thank the Mayor; it's a tremendous pleasure to be a part of your team and to work with you Sal, congratulations on your election. And I also want to congratulate my running mates Councilmen Al Barr and Bill Smith. Most important of all I want to express my tremendous gratitude to the citizens of Clark. I pledge to do my best to serve you. I'm totally energized and overwhelmed with your support. To all the citizens of Clark please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns you may wish to discuss or issues you may want to talk about.

I want to thank you and say that I look forward to working with all of our township directors and employees in 2013. And also a special thanks to John Laezza our Business Administrator, one of the many employees as the Mayor has mentioned who goes the extra mile. John always has the overall good of our taxpayers in mind. John is relentless in making the most of every tax dollar raised and is meticulous in his reporting and adherence to deadlines. Our department heads know very well as we approach this budget season, that if they ask for something in their budget it better be justified or they ain't getting it. John your management skills make the council's job very easy, thank you very much.

The bottom line is that we are all here working together as the Mayor mentioned to make Clark safe, clean and to continue to provide the services that we are accustomed to here in town. It wouldn't be a complete presentation for me if I didn't mention our Library. We are very lucky in Clark to have a Library. Not every township has a Library in the State. But I do believe it's part of what makes Clark special. I want to thank our Library Trustees and our Library Director Patty Anderson and the great staff at our Library to make it a welcoming place and a tremendous resource of information for our citizens. This year also the Friends of the Library, the Clark Library Group was re-formed and it's off and running. This is like the PTA or Booster Club for the Library. They raise funds to support the Library's needs. In this past year they have had some very generous donations from citizens which are terrific but really what makes the Library great is the support of each citizen. So I hope you will consider supporting the Friends of the Library in this upcoming year.

I look forward to working with our Board of Education. Our schools have made great strides educationally and financially and I'm proud of our schools. To the many Board and Committee volunteers, they give their time to make Clark the best it can be, I thank you all for all that you do. It's increasingly difficult to get the volunteers in town as people work further and further away, there commutes are longer, their jobs are more demanding, they have to (drive in) traffic and have unpredictable hours, so it's really great to be in a community where people are willing to give their time and support in the many organizations...educational, sports or whatever. So again thank you for giving your time and efforts, I appreciate your contribution. As the Mayor said in his comments this town wouldn't be the same without teamwork, the teamwork of our employees and the teamwork of our volunteers. In addition to the existing services and programs that the Mayor had mentioned, I pledge to work for continuous improvement and improve communication with our citizens.

In closing I want to add a special thanks to my husband Bob and to my wonderful two sons Taylor and James for all their support in my time spent not only working on council but all the committee's, board's and many activities I'm involved with here in our great town.

Please remember our armed forces serving our country in your thoughts and prayers as I close. I wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year, peace to all.

Council President O'Connor: Now typically we would move to Councilman Barr who you could see is not here today, so with that I would like to say Happy New Year to Al Barr and hope he is feeling well soon, thank you.

Councilman Kazanowski: Thank you Mr. President...I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. As we begin this New Year there are issues that will demand our attention right away and they will all have impact on our small town quality of life in months and years to come. One of these is the re-development of the Gypsum property which will have a huge impact on traffic and congestion in the town. This will affect all of us and I urge all of our residents to become informed by attending the meetings and the registering your input.

It's also a time to refocus our energy on the downtown area of Westfield Avenue. This area has been stagnant for years with many of the properties vacant or underdeveloped. Our town needs a vibrant downtown area with healthier ratables. A commission has been formed last year to study

the issue and that's a start. With the start of the New Year it's time for a renewed focus on tracking businesses that would help our downtown thrive and make improvements that will help our existing businesses to prosper, other towns have done it so can we.

In the coming year I will join my colleagues in our commitment to maintaining and improving qualities of service we have providing for our residents. Though it will continue to be difficult economic times, we must look for additional ways to get more for our dollar by economizing; sharing services, and renew focuses on grants that are available to us. I look forward into working with my colleagues in a bi-partisan way to help us meet the changing challenges that we will face. In this New Year I urge residents to come out and get involved in your local government. The issues that we all face, we all face together. For my neighbors in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward I will continue to provide you with a newsletter and calendar to keep you informed and remember that my contact information is on such which if you have any information or questions you can feel free to give me a call.

Also I would like to respond to several phone calls I have received and yes my calendar will be coming out, it's in the works and it will be out by the end of January, thank you.

Councilman Mazarella: Yes thank you Council President O'Connor...to our Mayor, Governor DiFrancesco, Council colleagues, distinguished guests, employees, friends, and family good afternoon.

I want to start off by congratulating our Mayor Sal, Al Barr, Angel Albanese, and Bill Smith for your very successful win this November. And in my belief that once again the voters of our community got it right. As I said on election night you the voters fully understand the direction that we as a Governing Body have been moving towards to looking at viable options and to explore all opportunities in an effort in making this community the best it can be. To make our community attractive and provide services that other communities cannot boast. While doing this we are still managing to bring the least possible tax rate to you as well.

I thank you for allowing us to keep that vision and will continue to do so. I can list all the accomplishments we have achieved through the years but that would take too much time. So as liaison to the Police Department and Public Works I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Alan Scherb our Police Chief and all of our Law Enforcement personal for their efforts in keeping our community safe. And to you Joe Bonaccorso and the staff of Public Works for your tireless efforts in keeping our community clean as well. They along with our outstanding fire department, our first aid squad and our emergency management team; they are the backbone of our community. Without their commitment and dedication we cannot boast our accomplishments or successes.

To you Patrick O'Connor, I wish you well this coming year as Council President, it will be a very interesting year to say the least and you have my complete support, not only as a friend but as a colleague.

In closing I along with my wife Theresa would like to extend our very, very Happy and Healthy New Year to each and every one of you, stay well till next month.

Bill Smith: Thank you Mr. President...I'm very honored to be elected to the Clark Town Council by the citizens. I was very appreciative of the support of many of the family, friends and the citizens who are out there. I would like to thank my wife Susan and my two children Gabriella and Dominique who are here today, thank you for the support during the campaign. Also I want to thank Mayor Sal, Angel and Al for including me on your team and having the faith to include me in that endeavor. I also want to thank my Mom and Dad Bill and Angie who are here who instilled a lot of passion in me to get involved and make positive changes and that's one of the reasons I elected to be part of Mayor Sal's team.

To the Mayor, Council and town officials I look forward to working with each of you over the next four years. I'm eagerly looking forward to working with town leadership with input from our citizens on what is best for Clark to be developed on the US Gypsum site. There will be times when you agree with me and there will be times when you disagree with me but I do ask that you respect my decisions as well as the council's decisions and will always do what's in the best interest of Clark and its citizens.

Since I moved to Clark in 1994 and began raising a family I immediately began to get involved in many of the organizations and sports that my children joined. With my past involvement on many boards in many organizations in town with the most recent serving as President of the Clark Girls Softball and Clark Travel Basketball I'm anticipating a very quick learning curve on the inner workings intricacies of the town government.

When we first started campaigning and going door to door, in September I initialing thought many of the citizens would not take the time to speak with us and ask questions, and to my surprise on a Saturday or Sunday when they have 100 things to do around their house, they took the time and would meet with us, speak with us and spend a few minutes to discuss you know what our visions were of Clark going forward. So I do appreciate all the citizens who took that time to talk with me while I was going door to door.

Lastly or in closing, I just want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year and again thank you to the citizens of Clark; I look forward to serving you over the next four years.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President...Happy New Year everybody. It's another year and we got through it. It was not easy last year, not at all, but again as it's been said today it wasn't easy but you saw a community come together and work together, so we will start off there.

Happy New Year to all...Mr. Mayor, Councilman Barr if you are home watching please feel better, it's not the same without you up here, please get well soon Al. To Councilwoman Angel Albanese and to Councilman Bill Smith who I said to him earlier there was a Bill Smith who served on town committee back in 1900 to 1902, so continue doing a great legacy of your forbearers. Congratulations to the Mayor, incredible Sal you made history but you know what it all goes down to the simple process if you are doing a good job and the people do love you.

Okay, I look forward to working with you guys for another solid year, a year of making it a better Clark and a better hometown. That's why we are here, that's why you send us to sit here to be a better community because we work together to come up with ideas and to make a better township.

As we begin our 149<sup>th</sup> year, next year is 150; we come together to draw from our past to work together and to have full communication with the residents of this township to get their ideas, their thoughts and their words, and to then take that and to apply it with the simple idea of working a plan. By taking that simple notion and applying it in daily principles, we are able to make a better Clark. Mr. Mayor twelve years ago you came into office with a vision, a plan, and sir you accomplished those goals. You took those goals and you established what we call the foundation of the 21st century. You create the foundation and now it's our turn to work with you to create the actual rest of the house or to make it a better community. I pledge to work with sir to make a better Clark for the first level, the second level and third level, to make it that it carries beyond us to the next generation as they are sitting in the audience and in your lap that they have a safe and clean environment. As you said earlier of our Clark that we grew up in and we enjoyed, that's what it's all about, to help the next level of Clark.

To Council President O'Connor and the Members of Council 2013 I will do whatever I have to do to work with you to make sure that Clark is always safe. The one issue that's always out there is our safety and that's why we have the great police force and a great Police Chief. To make sure that the community is kept safe, clean, green and historic. Let us work together to make our dreams come true, our ideas and our vision of what Clark wants and what it should be that they do come to reality. And I pledge that we will continue to follow Abraham Clark the founding father of the Township of Clark and the United States of America that his quotes were consistency to purpose, to work together, that's what it's all about.

To that I say again Happy New Year, in the audience is my Mom, I have to say hi to my Mom. Again to everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year, we are here to work for you, this is our job and we love our hometown and we will make it a better place. Thank you Mr. President, I look forward to working with you and I will be quiet this year.

Council President O'Connor: For me I would like to first start off by saying Happy New Year to everyone. And I would also like to congratulate Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and the Council-at-large Angel Albanese, Al Barr and Bill Smith for the success in the past election, congratulations to all of you and good luck this coming year and your next four years. I would also like to thank the Council for their confidence in me in having elected me as Council President for 2013, so thank you very much I appreciate that.

Okay 2012 was another good year for Clark. We were once again recognized by independent third parties as one of the top places to live in New Jersey and in the Nation. Our recreation program continues to grow and the township entered into a partnership with Rutgers University Cooperation Extension which assisted in the construction of our green storm water management facilities within the Township of Clark as well as our green parking lot in front of town hall. However, 2012 was not a year without it challenges. The biggest challenge was that of super storm Sandy and the havoc it created not only on the State of New Jersey but the Township of Clark as well. Despite all of the adversity that this storm caused, it did show us how our community did pull together and make it through neighbor helping neighbor, friend helping friend and in many cases stranger helping stranger. All of our departments were tested, public works, police, fire, emergency squad, emergency management as well as the township administration. Overall our township fared well and I would again like to thank all those who helped Clark make it through the storm. 2013 will be a year of change, not only for Clark but for

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward as well. One of the priorities of 2013 will be addressing the 28 acres of private land which over the years has been a smoke stack community and the owners of the property are seeking change. In 2012 the Mayor conducted a community survey seeking opinions as to how the citizens would like to see the property used. We are encouraged by the responses received and the potential positive impact for Clark. It is now council's responsibility to have the professional planners and traffic consultants to advise the township as to what if any Master Plan changes should be made not only for that property but for our present downtown area. One of my roles as Council President is to work with the Administration to follow these recommendations and to be transparent to the public as to which decisions are best for the Township of Clark. I will look forward to working with the council and the administration in 2013 as well as a community at large on all matters that will help Clark continue to move in a positive direction, thank you.

Attorney Triarsi: Thank you Mr. President...I would just like to wish the Mayor and his family and the Members of Council and their families and of course our extended family here in Clark a very safe, healthy and prosperous New Year thank you.

Township Clerk: Yes thank you...I'm looking forward to working with this Council, congratulations Bill, and to the Mayor and BA of course, we work together on a daily basis. I also want to thank Terri and Dawn from my office who helped put all of this paper together, I couldn't have done it without them. I also want to give a special shout out to Al, I know you are watching Al we miss you it's not the same, and you saw me stumble over your name several times, so get well. Anyone who is here who has been appointed to a board I have your oath; please see me after the meeting thank you.

Chief Scherb: I just want to wish you all a Happy New Year and I look forward to working with each and every one of you in 2013.

Joe Bonaccorso, Director of Public Works: I just want to wish everybody a Happy New Year and stay healthy.

John DeSimone, Director of Public Safety: Congratulations to Mr. President and our elected officials. Al I hope you are feeling better, I miss you and congratulations. But there is something that I've noticed this past year. You know Al Scherb kind of walked on eggs when he took over, the Mayor wasn't sure which direction he was going to go, looking at a new Public Safety Director or whatever, whatever...but I want the public to know that you've done a great job and you are very well respected and I'm very happy to see you here, congratulations. And Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year, actually if you have your health that's it, thank you.

Ralph Bernardo, Recreation Director: Congratulation to all of the elected and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jerry Fewkes, Emergency Management Coordinator: I just want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy, Safe and hopefully a storm free New Year.

John Laezza: Thank you Council President and congratulations on your appointment. Your leadership will be a little different than we had before and I'm sure it will be great. I would like to thank the Mayor for his confidence in re-appointing me and contrary to what everyone thinks I

was not here 102 years ago when Bill Smith was the first Smith on the Board. Donny DiFrancesco and I go way back, Governor thank you for coming.

The next four years are going to be challenging and they will be good challenges. The first 12 years we had to first bring Clark back from the dregs of the earth to make it the town that it is. And it was my pleasure to be named the chief operating officer and given the freedom and flexibility to make it happen. Sal had his goals and he said it's your job to get it done, I want financial stability and I want services for the community, we think we've done that and we will continue to do it better.

You hear words like shared services and grants and probably those terms came about in 1970 when I was a Director of Local Government. Those are buzz words that once you exercise great care and getting them involved. Shared services are not always what it's made out to be nor grants. Grants are money from someone else but the money from someone else is you and me whatever it is, if it's federal dollars or if it's state dollars, if it's local dollars it's your dollars. And it's my responsibility to make sure we live within those dollars for the Township of Clark. I enjoy the challenge, I love the work and it keeps me going and I expect to go till 2031 then I'll be 100. Thank you and good luck and Happy New Year to everyone.

**BENEDICTION** Cantor Steven Stern, Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED

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PATRICK O'CONNOR  
Council President

ATTEST:

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EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk

