

**REORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
January 1, 2015**

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:

Color Guard: Sebastian Garcia, Alexander Mirek, Sean Mirek Jr., Tommy Norton and Nicholas Raab of Clark Cub Scout Pack 145 directed by Cub Master Scott McCabe

INVOCATION Sister Donna Marie O'Brien, Principal, Saint John the Apostle School

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

This meeting is in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing the Annual Schedule of meetings to the Star Ledger and Union County Local Source 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 WARD COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED NOVEMBER 4, 2014

BY: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance. He thanked Sister Donna Marie, St John the Apostle Church as well as Cub Scout Pack 145, Color Guard

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to:

	Councilman Frank Mazzarella
	Councilman Pat O'Connor
	Councilman Steve Hund
	Councilman Brian Toal

Mayor presented the "Certificate of Election" to the Newly Elected Council Member

Reorganization meeting of the Township Council 2015 will commence

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROLL CALL:

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

First Order of Business – Election of Council President

Township Clerk Edith Merkel opened the nominations for Council President

Motion to nominate Bill Smith as Council President made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

Motion to close nominations made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Roll call vote on the nomination of Bill Smith as Council President

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

Nomination is confirmed

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Bill Smith

Council President Smith took his proper place on the dais

Election of the Council Vice President

Motion to nominate Steve Hund as Council Vice President made by Council President Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Smith called for other nominations. Hearing none nominations were closed

Motion to close nominations made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Nomination is confirmed

Mayor Bonaccorso administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Steve Hund

Mayor's Appointments (Confirmation of Council Required)

Resolution 15-01

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

Lisa Dunn	Regular Member	01/01/15 – 12/31/19
Angel Albanese	Mayor's Alternate	01/01/15 – 12/31/15

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 above mentioned appointments to the Library Board of Trustees.

Motion to confirm made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella
Council President Smith directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, Mazzarella, O’Connor, Toal, Smith

Mayor’s Appointments (Without Confirmation of Council)

Affirmative Action Officer

Donna Mazzucco 2 yr term

Union County Transportation Advisory Board

Councilman Hund 1 yr term

Union County Utilities Authority Solid Waste Advisory Board

Councilman Toal 1 yr term

Councilman Mazzarella, Alternate 1 yr term

Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee (Public Improvements)

Councilwoman Albanese 1 yr term

Councilman Mazzarella, Alternate 1 yr term

Planning Board

Kevin Koch Class IV Member 4 yr term

Michael Altmann Class IV Member 4 yr term

Matthew Casey Class IV Member 4 yr term

Mayor Bonaccorso Class I Member 1 yr term

John Laezza Class II Member 1 yr term

Traffic Advisory Board 1 yr term

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

Emergency Management Coordinator

Jerry Fewkes 3 yr term

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Michael Nenortas Deputy EM Coordinator
Alan Scherb Police Chief
Sal Bonaccorso Mayor/Public Information Officer
John Laezza Business Administrator
Frank Cerasa Fire Chief
Laurie Sheldon Emerg. Med. Coordinator (Emerg. Squad)

Michael Hajkowski	Emerg. Squad Captain
John DeSimone	Director Public Safety
Nancy Raymond	Health Officer
Joseph Bonaccorso	Director Public Safety
Richard O'Connor	Township Engineer
Joseph Triarsi	Township Attorney
Richard Hedinger	Communication Officer
Carol Lukac	News Media Officer
Phyllis Cupo	Director Senior Citizens
Kenneth Knops	Superintendent, Clark Public Schools
Robert Sarnecki	Dir. of Security, Clark Public Schools
Dr. B. Orange (Veterinarian)	Lexington Animal Hospital
Scott McCabe	Clark Public Works/Fire Dept.
Tim Wierzbinski	Clark Fire Dept.
Chris Matthews	Clark Fire Dept.
Dawn Jenkin	Library Director

Environmental Commission

Regular Members 3 yr term

Joseph Seebode
Gerardo Caprario
Ellen Tiller Mulligan

Council's Appointments (Resolutions)

Resolution 15-02

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the Planning Board effective January 1, 2015.

CLASS III MEMBER

Councilman Frank Mazzarella 01/01/15– 12/31/15
(Council's Representative to Board)

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Hund

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Resolution 15-03

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby reappointed as Members of the Board of Adjustment.

Regular Member

Term

John Moricz	01/01/15 – 12/31/18
Ed Ruth	01/01/15 – 12/31/18
Douglas Krok	01/01/15 – 12/31/18

Alternate I

William Helm	01/01/15 – 12/31/16
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Alternate II

Christopher Tierney	01/01/15 – 12/31/16
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Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Resolution 15-04

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, 2015 and concluding December 31, 2015.

FUND COMMISSIONER

John Laezza

ALTERNATE

Councilman Alvin Barr

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Resolution 15-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby accepts the Mayor’s appointment of the following Members of the Environmental Commission.

<u>Regular Members</u>	<u>Term</u>
Joseph Seebode	01/01/15 – 12/31/17
Gerardo Caprario	01/01/15 – 12/31/17
Ellen Tiller Mulligan	01/01/15 – 12/31/17

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individual is hereby appointed as Alternate I Member filling the unexpired term of Ellen Tiller Mulligan whose original term was effective 01/01/14 – 12/31/15.

<u>Alternate I Member</u>	<u>Term</u>
Dante Tignini	01/01/15 -12/31/15

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

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

Resolution 15-06

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby appoints the following Members of the Municipal Alliance Committee for 2015 in accordance with NJSA 26:2BB-9:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE/SECTOR</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Ralph Bernardo	Coordinator	
Ron Ferrara	Student Assistance Coordinator /PTA	01/01/15 – 12/31/15
Victor DeMarzo	Teen Center Youth Representative	01/01/15 – 12/31/15
Brian Soos	PD Youth Representative	01/01/15 – 12/31/15

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

Resolution 15-07

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council as the Municipal Pool Utility that it 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 Pat O'Connor**

Moved by Council President Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Resolution 15-08

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, 2015.

<u>Regular Members:</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Karen Demarco	(3 year term)	01/01/15 – 12/31/17
Ann Sener	(2 year term)	01/01/15 – 12/31/16
Katherine Salimbene	(2 year term)	01/01/15 – 12/31/16
Lorrie Williamson	(1 year term)	01/01/15 – 12/31/15
Jennifer Freese	(1 year term)	01/01/15 – 12/31/15

Alternate I Member:

Kaitlin Mooney	(1 year term)	01/01/15 – 12/31/15
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Moved by Council President Smith, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

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

Resolution 15-09

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby re-appointed to the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee effective January 1, 2015

Regular Member (Social Services)

Term

Councilman Alvin Barr
42 Malvern Drive
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/15 – 12/31/15

Alternate Member

Councilman Brian Toal
116 Dorset Drive
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/15 – 12/31/15

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

01/01/15 – 12/31/15

Alternate Member

Councilman Frank Mazzarella
1 Fairview Road
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/15 – 12/31/15

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

Resolution 15-10

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following individual is hereby re-appointed as the Township’s Representative to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

Councilman Frank G. Mazzarella
1 Fairview Road
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Term: February 1, 2015 - February 1, 2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of State of New Jersey in accordance with NJSA 40:14A-4(e) and to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Toal

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Resolution 15-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby re-appoint Nancy Raymond as Registrar of Vital Statistics along with Jennifer Kobliska as Deputy and Gail Paterno as Alternate for the Township effective this 1st day of January 2015 for a term of three (3) years, pursuant and subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 26:8-11 et seq.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 15-12

WHEREAS the 2014 Municipal Budget totaled \$20,788,094.28; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Municipal Budget for 2015 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 2015 is \$4,804,534.00.

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 2015 in the total amount of \$4,804,000.00 exclusive of debt service.

**CLARK TOWNSHIP
TEMPORARY BUDGET - 2015**

Dept#	DEPARTMENT	SALARIES	OTHER	TOTAL
20-100	Administration	\$62,000.00	25,000.00	\$87,000.00
20-110	Mayor's Office	18,000.00	6,000.00	24,000.00
20-111	Municipal Council	12,000.00	10,000.00	22,000.00
20-120	Clerk	42,000.00	10,000.00	52,000.00
20-121	Clerk - Elections	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
20-130	Financial Administration	63,000.00	20,000.00	83,000.00
20-145	Revenue Administration	18,000.00	5,000.00	23,000.00
20-150	Tax Assessor	28,000.00	15,000.00	43,000.00
20-155	Legal Services	7,000.00	35,000.00	42,000.00
20-165	Engineering Services	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
21-180	Planning Board	2,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
21-185	Zoning Board of Adjustment	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
22-195	Code Enforcement	90,000.00	10,000.00	100,000.00
23-210	Ins & Bonding	-	500,000.00	500,000.00
23-220	Health Benefits	-	900,000.00	900,000.00
23-222	Life Insurance	-	6,000.00	6,000.00
23-223	Disability	-	12,000.00	12,000.00
25-240	Police	1,100,000.00	80,000.00	1,180,000.00
25-250	911	150,000.00	10,000.00	160,000.00
25-252	Emergency Management	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
25-265	Public Safety	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
25-266	Fire Bureau	15,000.00	24,000.00	39,000.00
25-267	Fire Hydrant	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
25-268	Fire Prevention	24,000.00	7,000.00	31,000.00

26-290 Streets and Roads	300,000.00	100,000.00	400,000.00
26-291 Traffic Lights	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
26-305 Grass	-	-	-
26-306 Leaves	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
26-307 Recycling	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
26-308 Cleanup	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
26-310 Building and Grounds	52,000.00	50,000.00	102,000.00
26-313 Shade Tree	-	7,000.00	7,000.00
26-325 Municipal Services Act	-	-	-
27-330 Public Health Services	25,000.00	3,000.00	28,000.00
27-331 Senior Citizens	10,000.00	2,000.00	12,000.00
27-365 Visiting Nurse	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
28-370 Recreation	35,000.00	9,000.00	44,000.00
29-390 Municipal Library	-	214,000.00	214,000.00
30-420 Celebration of Public Events	-	-	-
31-430 Utilities	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
31-435 Street Lighting	-	50,000.00	50,000.00
31-440 Utilities - Telephone	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
31-460 Utilities - Gasoline	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
32-465 Recycling Tax	-	-	-
36-472 Social Security - FICA	-	145,000.00	145,000.00
36-476 Unemployment Comp.	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
36-477 DCRP	-	-	-
42-102 Interlocal Svc-Bd of Ed	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
43-490 Municipal Court	60,000.00	7,000.00	67,000.00
	<u>\$2,119,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,685,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,804,000.00</u>
44-901 Capital Improvements	-	100,000.00	100,000.00
45-920 Bond Principal	-	1,115,000.00	1,115,000.00

45-925 BAN Principal	-		
		1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
45-930 Bond Interest	-		
		302,522.00	302,522.00
45-935 Note Interest	-		
		97,750.00	97,750.00
46-871 Deferred Charges	-		
		-	-
	\$ -	\$3,115,272.00	\$3,115,272.00
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		\$2,119,000.00	\$5,800,272.00
			\$7,919,272.00

Prior Year Adopted Budget (2014)		21,418,259.80
Less:		
CIF	100,000.00	
Debt Service	3,015,272.00	
Deferred Charge	-	
		<u>3,115,272.00</u>
		18,302,987.80
Percent of Budget .2625		4,804,534.30
Emg. Temp		
36-471 PERS		405,251.00
36-475 PFRS		919,287.00

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Resolution 15-13

WHEREAS the Municipal Sewer Budget for 2014 totaled \$3,300,000.00; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Sewer Budget for 2015 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year’s budget which is \$866,250.00 .

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 Sewer Budget for 2015 in the total amount of \$400,000.00.

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

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

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

Resolution 15-14

WHEREAS the Municipal Pool Budget for 2014 totaled \$332,000.00; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Pool Budget for 2015 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year’s budget which is \$87,150.00 .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, and State of New Jersey that the following line item is hereby adopted as the Temporary Pool Budget for 2015 in the total amount of \$85,000.00.

Miscellaneous Other Expenses	\$85,000.00
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Moved by Council President Smith, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 15-15

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, 2015 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, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY 2015

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.

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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| TD Bank | Columbia Bank |
| Community Bank | Investors |
| Wells Fargo | Provident Savings Bank |
| Bank of America | Santander 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.

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. TERM OF PLAN

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. 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.

Resolution 15-16

WHEREAS the Petty Cash balances of the Police Chief and Pool Director were turned over as of 10:00 a.m., December 31, 2014 to the Treasurer’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that there has been established a Petty Cash Fund for the Year 2015 and the Treasurer’s Office is hereby authorized to issue checks to the following department heads:

Police Chief	\$150.00
Pool Director	\$300.00

Resolution 15-17

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 and/or municipal fees 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 and/or municipal fees becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes and/or municipal fees 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 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes and/or municipal fees as provided by law.
2. Authorize Tax Collector to sell prior years delinquent taxes and/or municipal fees.
3. Effective January 1, 2015, 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.

Resolution 15-18

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that checks drawn upon the payroll account and agency account shall require the signature of any two of the following:

Mayor
Business Administrator
Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

Resolution 15-19

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 and the Star Ledger be designated as the official newspapers of the Township of Clark for the Year 2015.

Resolution 15-20

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby authorize the Administration and/or Township Clerk to advertise for upcoming Bids for all necessary government operations including capital projects and swim pool requirements for the year 2015.

Resolution 15-21

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 2015 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	As follows:
	Principal	-0-	As needed	\$150.00
	Project Manager	-0-	As needed	\$140.00
	Licensed Professional Engineer/Surveyor or Planner	-0-	As needed	\$135.00
	Staff Engineer	-0-	As needed	\$ 88.00
	Senior Engineering Technician	-0-	As needed	\$ 88.00
	Engineering Technician/Survey Technician	-0-	As needed	\$ 75.00
	Field Inspector	-0-	As needed	\$ 75.00
	Junior Engineering Technician	-0-	As needed	\$ 65.00
	Clerical	-0-	As needed	\$ 55.00
	Reimbursable Items	-0-	As needed	At Cost
Planning Board Attorney	Kelly Carey 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 15-22

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 Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts (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 10th 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, 2015 for a period of one year ending December 31, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Department of the Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts.

Resolution 15-23

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 2015.

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.

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2015

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Pat O’Connor, Chairman
Angel Albanese
Frank Mazzarella

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Brian Toal, Chairman
Pat O’Connor
Bill Smith

PARKS & RECREATION

Bill Smith, Chairman
Pat O’Connor
Angel Albanese

PUBLIC WORKS

Frank Mazzarella, Chairman
Bill Smith
Steve Hund

PUBLIC SAFETY

Al Barr, Chairman
Frank Mazzarella
Steve Hund

COUNCIL LIAISONS

Board of Education

Angel Albanese

Emergency Squad

Pat O’Connor

Recreation

Bill Smith

Fire Department

Al Barr

Police Department

Steve Hund

Public Works

Frank Mazzarella

Public Library

Angel Albanese

Senior Citizens

Al Barr

Environmental Commission

Brian Toal

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Council President Smith opened the public portion of the meeting

John DeSimone, 104 Goodman’s Crossing: First and foremost I want to wish all a very Happy and most importantly Healthy New Year and welcome the Council back of course. I would like to make a little presentation on behalf of the Clark Municipal Committee for your dedication a little token and we are going to expedite this. I am going to ask Madame Clerk if she would pass these out. Happy New Year everyone.

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

MAYOR’S STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS

Good evening, Sister Donna Marie O’Brien, Cub Scout Members, Members of Council, Members of my Administration, Board of Education Members, Members of the Clergy, my family, friends, and citizens of Clark, Happy New Year to you all.

It is an honor and privilege to stand before you today as I enter into my 15th year as your Mayor.

So much has been accomplished over the past 14 years in the Township of Clark, thanks to the hard work and dedication not only from this administration and Council, but from you, the citizens of this great town. 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; teamwork and I thank you all for that. It is because of our ability to work together; professionally, competently, and most of all; without integrity, that has enabled this administration to work successfully, not only on a local level, but with the County and State as well.

It is a pleasure to work together as a team, without the obstacles of personal agendas along the way. After all, it is all of us who benefit in the end. When you build a strong, stable, safe and happy community with a top-notch school system, property values go up, and the Township as a whole becomes more desirable. From singles to seniors – we all benefit inevitably.

Thank you to all of our recreational boards, coaches, players, and parents who all work so hard together – to achieve, to learn, to grow, and most of all, to have fun. The time you generously give to our children, aide in nurturing our future leaders.

It is the sense of pride and community, as well as overall success and desirability that puts Clark Township as one of New Jersey’s top places to live.

Speaking of children, I want to thank my children, Christina, Kellie, and Joey, and my wife Geraldine. Thank you for all your patience, your confidence, and for your love; without that I would not be here.

This administration has achieved great things, and will continue to do so, undoubtedly, throughout the coming years.

As for my friends on Council, Angel Albanese, Al Barr, Frank Mazzarella, Pat O’Connor, Brian Toal and Bill Smith. I thank you all for your continued cooperation, dedication, compassion, and friendship throughout the years. We have achieved so much together, and I look forward to achieving even more. Councilman Hun, welcome, I look forward to working with you!

Council President Bill Smith, the best of luck to you. Anything you need, just ask. It has always been a pleasure working with you.

Councilman Brian Toal, thank you for your past year as Council President. As always, you did a great job.

I would also like to thank John Laezza, and all of my administration department heads and employees. We would be a shell if it were not for all of your commitment and dedication.

Clark Township is running very well, but my focus is to make it even better. The plan that has made Clark a county, state, and a nationally recognized town is something we are proud of. Look around; we are cleaner, nicer, and have so much more to offer than all the towns around us. But, I know that people still want more, and I am willing to accommodate your needs. Safety and service for our home town will always be a priority.

All services that Clark residents have grown accustomed to will continue, such as bulky clean-up, branch clean-up, grass clean-up, Fourth of July fireworks, Breakfast with Santa, Tree-lighting festivities, the Easter Egg Hunt, Senior Breakfasts, Senior BBQ's, senior bus, existing and new recreational programs...and many more to come!

Giving our children the best quality of life is 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, the place where I grew up. Let us continue to serve our seniors, as well as preserve the future for our children.

As gate keepers of the present, we hold the keys as to what's to come for Clark. Our Township is already one of the leading towns in the county with regards to providing services to our citizens, as well as the recreational services available to every age group. And we are leaders in public safety, thanks to our Police Department. Also, thank you especially to our Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad. You save our town each year, not only with your work and service, but you save us in our budget with your efforts and love for our community. Thank you!

Recent development approvals will keep Clark on a fiscally sound path. The development of our Senior Housing will bring great ratables to our Township. The Miele Property will also be beneficial in this way.

L'Oreal sold their manufacturing building to their neighbor, Kerry Industries, thus bringing a hundred new jobs to our town. Over the next few years, L'Oreal plans to build a new research development center. Yet another opportunity for Clark to gain more tax dollars and establish new jobs as well.

Reflecting back over the past year and prior years, Clark has transformed into a vibrant community. Still, first and foremost, it's a real "home town". With the addition of the new Clark Commons, it's a town that big business is betting on. This \$60 million dollar project will be a great tax return to our town and our schools.

When Clark Commons opens, I will be directing our Police Department to institute a "Park, Walk and Talk" community policing. Twice per day, every day, a patrol car assigned to our business district will park, get out, and walk into every business and talk with the managers of each establishment. It will be great exposure, so that the people who invested into Clark can see and meet out officers. The customers will see our officers to only reassure the safe community Clark truly is.

The Commons will welcome our teenage children, encouraging them to stay in their own town, and not have to go to Westfield or elsewhere. Our officers will get to meet our children personally with the “Park, Walk, and Talk” assignment. Knowing our officers by name is great for our youth. Not only does it bring back the older home-town feel, but our children can feel comfortable to approach an officer if need be. It will also deter any undesirables from coming into Clark to make trouble. So let’s welcome, patronize, and enjoy our new Clark Common.

Today’s world presents more challenges every year. In particular, law enforcement is being put to the test. Not only do police officers have to work with every day risks, they are now under the scrutiny of the media constantly. Just look at what happened recently in New York.

My message to the Clark Police is this; I/we support YOU! Be professional, use your training, and be on alert every second of every day. Be sure to back each other up, protect yourself, and I would like to thank our brave men for all they do.

Once again I would be remised if I didn’t again mention all of our department heads in our town for all you do. And there’s a lot that goes on behind the scenes that you folks never see that make this town run so well. And to all of our employees they do a great job in our community. In particular I would be remiss if I didn’t mention Clark’s Rock Star Ralph Bernardo as our best Recreation Director in the State of New Jersey. And he has a patience of a Saint because everybody pulls at Ralph for their children and for their groups and he does a great job. So Ralph to you and your staff and your volunteers I thank you so much.

Today I have to close though with thanking our Public Works Department this year. Joe Bonaccorso and Scott McCabe this is by far the best group in the entire County and I will put that up against anybody. This year alone in our town the Department of Public Works went through our community 15 times picking up leaves. There is no other town in New Jersey that does that and I can guarantee you. Hey I remember back 15 years ago Mr. Laezza and I were sitting in transition and we were told we would be through on December 21st for the second time. That didn’t stand and I thank them for all they do and their men. And you know it’s just not leaves, it’s the branches, its grass, its snow, its bulky clean-up, they are there and they do a great job. So I would like to thank those guys again and their department.

At this time I would like to tell you it is an honor and a privilege to serve you as Mayor and I thank you. And may God Bless all of you and our wonderful community, have a good day.

COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL REMARKS

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Council President Smith. Good afternoon everyone. I want to welcome Sister Donna Marie, all of our dignitaries, elected officials, citizens, family and friends thank you so much for coming today.

We are here for our reorganization but especially to celebrate the election of our newly elected Ward Councilmen. So let me start by expressing my sincere congratulations to Councilman Hund, Frank Mazzarella, Pat O’Connor, and Brian Toal on their election and re-election. I look forward to working with each of you, all Members of Council, and our Mayor and our Administrator.

Congratulations to our new Council President Bill Smith and Council Vice President Steve Hund, I know you will do a great job and of course you can always count on my support.

I will try not to repeat and it's always a hard act to follow the Mayor who is so eloquent and really summarizes where we are headed and what we've done. He mentioned many of the things that are happening around town with our Woodcrest Development to the Senior Housing, to the new Clark Commons that is under development. I did reflect upon what we did during 2014. There were many investments that we made in addition to the great services that are providing to our township. In addition to our road improvements we made improvements at the Clark Pool. We added a volley ball complex; we purchased new umbrellas, tables etc. game tables. For the safety and mutual use of our township we added a new entrance at our Valley Road Grammar School. We purchased two new safety vehicles for our police department that are equipped with utility interceptors. And this is pretty exciting; in August we entered a purchasing agreement with Rahway, Kenilworth and Roselle to acquire a Brine machine which we will be using to cover the surface of our streets which will help us in reducing snow buildup and hopefully knock on wood we have been enjoying a wonderful winter thus far although we are only a week into it. But this addition will be great for our environment.

In addition to purchasing those items, we've purchased safety equipment and hoses for our Fire Department and a new generator for our Municipal Building. And we also put into motion plans for next year and we are very excited about the fact that we will be adding two new pumpers to our fire rescue squad which we expect to be delivered this spring. In anticipation to that we made improvements to our Raritan Fire House. We are also planning improvements at the Westfield and Terminal Avenue intersection. These are some of the things that we've been invested in again on a continuous path of improvement.

As the Mayor mentioned as for day to day operations here in town I want to express special thanks to our township employees and directors for a job well done this past year. And who, day in and day out make this place a safe, clean, fun, and great town to live in, and a town which I'm very proud to serve and be a part of. It has taken time and years to turn this ship around but I believe we have been and will continue on a course of continuous improvement in 2015. A special thanks to our Mayor, I look forward to working with you again Sal. And also to our BA John Laezza, John I am keeping you to your promise of 2031, don't forget that.

During this past year several employees were promoted or retired. Hence, this year we've welcomed several new employees including the Mayor's Confidential Aid Jennifer Kobliska and in addition we've had several policemen retire or been promoted. And it's a pleasure to see all the new officers that we've brought on board and we are recruiting two more in early 2015. And a special thank you to all of our committees, boards, and fire and rescue volunteers in town for a job well done. As the Mayor said you know it's really the citizens of this town that make it so great and we really count on those volunteers. Congratulations to those who also were re-appointed today in addition to those who are taking on new opportunities. That's what really makes Clark Township a great place to live in. I'm also particularly pleased to have appointed several new firemen this year, they had quite a new list of enrollees and they have expanded the area that they are recruiting from, it's just been a big help to our community.

In reflecting on 2014 I also want to remember those who have passed this year who contributed the most valuable priceless asset you can offer and that's their time and dedication. Three in particular come to mind and that one is Third Ward Councilman Richard Kazanowski, Library Trustee Joan Syzmonifca, and Planning Board Member John Zamboni who all served their community for many, many years in their positions.

As I enter my 15th year on Council most important of all I want to thank those citizens who elected me. It's an honor and a privilege to serve you and I plan to continue to ensure that we are fiscally sound, keep our taxes as low as possible, and continue to provide the many services that our Mayor mentioned in his presentation this morning.

In closing I want to add a special thanks to my husband Bob and my children, my two sons Taylor and James for all of their support. And I wish you all a very Healthy, Happy New Year, thank you.

Councilman Barr: Mayor Bonaccorso, Members of Council, Ladies and Gentleman. It was 14 years ago today, that I came before you as a newly elected Councilman. I remember informing you then, of the many programs we were planning to initiate, that we knew, would be beneficial to the residents of this town. I could go on and on listing all the items that have definitely improved the lifestyle of Clark's residents and transformed Clark Township into one of the most progressive and highly recognized municipalities in all of Union County.

As I reflect upon all of the many programs that have been accomplished, I can say unequivocally, that thru the leadership of our Mayor, whose sincerity in continually wanting to improve the living conditions of Clark's residents is without question,our Business Administrator John Laezza whose extensive knowledge of finance and government always leaves me in awe and with the caring and cooperation of my fellow Council Members, Clark is most definitely a much better town both fiscally and physically, since our present administration took office.

I want to thank all those who extended themselves so much to help make this past election so successful. I can't tell you all the names because there were so many but I would however like to mention at least some of the leaders of the campaign. Mayor Bonaccorso, whose leadership is unparalleled, Bob Kobryn, who has the ability to handle so many of the intricacies of a campaign, John DeSimone our committee chairman and of course, my fellow colleagues on Council who worked tirelessly going door to door to make sure our message was heard.

I remember being asked many times why would anyone want to be on Council. It was an unforgiving job where no matter what decisions were made there would always be those that would find fault. Well I believe these past elections and this last election proved beyond any doubt, the vast majority of Clark's residents do appreciate what has been accomplished. It shows they were able to visualize and understand the tremendous effort and thought that went into the wonderful progress this town has realized...It also showed they became informed voters, who were able to distinguish the difference between campaign facts and campaign fiction.

I want to extend my heartiest thanks, to all those who went into the voting machines and pushed the buttons that made this a successful election. My friends let me assure you, you did make the right decisions this past election.

I want to congratulate our new third ward Councilman Steve Hund and thank Councilman Brian Toal for being a very interesting Council President this past year. I also want to congratulate our new Council President Bill Smith and our new Council Vice President Steve Hund. Thank you and have a happy, safe, but most importantly a healthy new year.

Councilman Hund: I am honored to have been elected to the Clark Town Council as your Third Ward Councilman. I would like thank the voters of the Third Ward for their confidence in electing me to represent them as their Councilman. I would like to thank the four most important individuals in my life, my wife Cara and our three boys, Cameron, Brandon & Aidan. I appreciate the support you showed me during the campaign and on Election Day. I would like to thank other members of my family for always being supportive of me throughout my life, especially my mother Judy Hundand, my Brother and Sister Will & Ann Hund. I also need to thank you in laws, longtime residents of Clark, Rich & Barbara Superak.

To the Mayor, Council and Town officials I look forward to working with each of you over the next four years. My first act as councilman will be to work closely with the town officials on negotiating a favorable outcome for the residents of Clark regarding the proposed stadium in Rahway Park.

I began my campaign in September and finished on Election Day. As I walked door to door I spoke with many wonderful Third Ward residents. For those of you whom I did not have the pleasure of speaking with, I look forward to speaking with you during the next four years of my term.

To the citizens of Clark’s Third Ward I look forward to serving you over the next four years. As your councilman I will represent you and your families to the best of my abilities. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns during that time frame. You can contact me by phone or my email which is ever more convenient for you.

I will take great pride in representing the Third Ward residents as well as the entire community of Clark. So with that I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and may it be a very prosperous one.

Councilman Mazarella: Thank you Council President and congratulations of your appointment. I want to pledge my support to you this coming year, if you need anything feel free to reach out to me, I will always be there for you.

Mayor Bonaccorso, John Laezza, Colleagues, Distinguished Guests, Family and Friends good afternoon.

First I would like to start by thanking Mayor Bonaccorso for the confidence he has shown to me during my tenure on Council and recent campaign and it is truly wonderful that we were all very successful with the outcome and I congratulate my Colleagues for their success as well.

To all that supported me and voting for me especially Bob Kobryn whose tireless efforts keeping our records straight with the State and John DeSimone that has been there for me handing out flyers and all, I really appreciated it. I also want to give a special thanks to my brother-in-law Ed Dubroski and my friend Joe Bonaccorso who stood beside me the entire Election Day through the campaign, thank

you Joe, a true friend. And I would be remiss if I didn't reach out to my wife Theresa and thank her for her patience and understanding throughout the year and my recent campaign, thank you hon.

Ladies and gentlemen I have been your Councilman for the past 12 years and it has been an honor. And I thank you for your continued support and friendship. I consider myself to be a basic individual and the only thing that I can still commit to, is to do the very best I can for you. This was my philosophy since I took office and will continue to be a priority of mine to live and govern in a community that we all can be proud of to continue to explore any option that will create a better lifestyle for us all. And to continue to ensure that our community is the safest and affordable it can be and to continue with the services that we all are accustomed to.

Just to mention a few...our outstanding Recreation Department for all the residents young and old. A Police Department that is committed to the town and the residents to keep them safe, a Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Emergency Squad and Emergency Management personnel who respond in a moment's notice to whatever our emergency needs are. With all of the services that have been and will continue to be provided to the residents by our Public Works Department with an outstanding staff that are right there doing a great job every day. And of course to our Municipal Staff and employees thank you for your hard work and commitment to the residents of our community.

Ladies and gentlemen by your support you have ensured that our team remains intact and be assured that we will continue to do the right thing for you and our community, moving forward, working hard in an effort to stabilize taxes and ensuring continued fiscal responsibility to our community.

We have embarked in a computer age with Facebook at our fingertips, so to be more efficient to you and to advise you of happenings and notices about our community quickly and efficiently. Please consider to friend me on Facebook or email at fmazzarella@comcast.net or if you are not able to do that or if you prefer to call me instead please call me at (732) 574-9130 with any of your comments or concerns.

In closing on behalf of my wife Theresa, my children and my grandchildren Dominick and Rocco we wish you a very Happy and Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Thank you and God Bless.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. Good afternoon and Happy New Year. Congratulations to Bill Smith on being elected Council President and I would also like to take this time to thank Brian Toal for his efforts in 2014 he did a nice job. I would also like to thank the Mayor, the Business Administrator and the Administration and Edie and her team for all of the hard work they put in over the past year and previous years I'm sure this year going forward.

At this time I would like to thank my wife Nancy, my two children Kyle and Courtney as well as the voters in the 2nd Ward who supported me in my bid for re-election as the 2nd Ward Councilman. Additionally, I would like to thank Al Barr, Bill Smith, Laura and John Caliguire and the Mayor for standing with me at Brewer on Election Day to show their support for me.

I would also like to thank all of those who worked the phones, people who put signs on their lawns and those who attended the fundraisers this year.

As the 2nd Ward Councilman I look forward to continuing to work with the Mayor and Council ensuring that the voice of the 2nd Ward residents are heard as well as provide our citizens with the services they have come to expect at the lowest possible cost.

Although I am the 2nd Ward Councilman, I cast my vote for the entire community, a community that I grew up in and a community that we can all be proud of. I am honored that I have the opportunity to continue to contribute to the community in this way and look forward to making a great town even greater.

As Councilman Mazzarella had said we've entered the electronic age of Facebook and Twitter and Snap Chat, with that I have a Facebook called Councilman O'Connor, please feel free to friend me on that as well as reach out to be on my phone at (732) 382-9719 or you can reach me at email at patrickjayoconnor@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns. So you have three ways to get in touch with me and additionally you can always call the office of the Clerk and leave a message for me and they do a great job in making sure that I do get the messages.

So congratulations to all the other Councilmen who won their election and good luck to you guys in your four years and I'll look forward to working with everyone and have a great day and thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. I'm going to keep this brief. Mayor, Council President Smith, Members of the Clark Municipal Council 2015, Madame Clerk the backbone of this community, ladies and gentlemen you do not do these meetings and stuff and keep this whole town running without this woman and her office. They do incredible work by keeping us in check because we need to be kept in check because some of us get a little bit off track but she reels us back in and says go and do this, so with thank you Madame Clerk and your office. I didn't say enough at the end of the December meeting but we thank you for everything you do. And to Mr. Laezza our Business Administrator, the gentleman who is behind the scenes making sure a community run by finance is the master mind who gets it done to keep the taxes low. Every time you go to a door and knock on a door its "my taxes are too high" that's true they are because we are trying to keep them at a level to keep the community at a certain pace and that man handles it all and he does a great job. To my Mom, Kathleen Toal, is here today thank you for coming out I appreciate that and being there when I need help.

Today ladies and gentlemen today we reaffirm our commitment of who we are, what we're doing, and why we are here and why we are Council Members. We are trying to make a better Clark; we are trying to make it a better community. We are mere caretakers of this community, this 2015. A hundred years ago they try their best at there circumstances that were presented to them. We are mere caretakers taking the time that we have on this planet to say thank you God and thank you residents for allowing us to sit here and go in the direction to make a better community for our children and the future of Clark and to preserve our past. It's a simple task, simple goals when we work together to communicate the needs of the people to bring in the issues and resolve them to make everybody happy, it's a simple plan a simple process. But today I reaffirm my commitment that I'm going to keep this township and work with this administration and these council members to be clean, safe, green and historic the way we had it as a child and the way the next generation sees this town. It's our hometown and we must take care of it and with that pretty much says it all. We must continue to work together, to communicate together and communicate to our citizens and say I'm here to serve

you. You are my boss; I'm just a 4th Ward Councilman with these members to do a better job for a better town.

With that I say Happy New Year to everyone and God Bless.

Council President Smith: Before I read my statement, our recreation director Ralph Bernardo asked me to announce a few things on live television. Registration for the 2015 winter recreation programs in ongoing, you need to register immediately. All information is located outside Ralph's office or you can contact him directly. Indoor soccer begins tomorrow Jan. 2 and Sat, Jan. 3 which is a very popular program in town. Clark Skate Night is scheduled for Sat, Jan. 17 at Warianco Park. Tickets can be purchased directly from Ralph.

I know it's been a long reorganization meeting and I promise to keep my comments as short as possible.

I just want to thank my wife Susan and two daughters Dominique and Gabriella for supporting me the past two years as a councilman. I also want to acknowledge my parents who are here today for attending the meeting and for always being there for me.

I want to thank Brian Toal for doing an excellent job as council president in 2014. I am honored that my fellow council members have elected me as Council President for 2015. I look forward to working with each of you as we continue to offer our residents the most services of any community in the state while keeping Clark the most affordable place to live and raise a family. I am looking forward to working more closely with Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, and our Business Administrator John Laezza and the rest of the townships administration. With their leadership and the council's impartial legislative responsibilities, Clark has and will continue to be fiscally responsible for the citizens of Clark.

2014 was another historic year for Clark and I am sure we will see and hear about that from Councilman Toal in the years to come. The Senior Citizen Complex on Terminal Ave is in its final stages of construction, the Miele Property development is well underway and the Clark Commons on the old Gypsum site is scheduled to open in the summer of 2015. These developments will add considerable tax revenue towards the townships budget. As the Township of Clark continues to evolve and grow, we as a council will continue to make decisions that are in the best interests of our citizens and will improve our townships appeal. I plan on making it a priority to concentrate on the Westfield Ave. corridor which includes the old Jack Tavern property and the old A&P building. These properties are privately owned and I assure you Mr. Laezza has and is continuing and will continue to do everything in the townships power to work with these owners and get these properties developed and occupied.

As elected council members we work for the citizens of Clark. You may or may not always agree with us, but ask that you respect our decisions that are always in the best interests of Clark. We are all easily reachable and encourage you to attend the monthly council meetings. We value your ideas, concerns and feedback which help us in formulating our decisions.

In closing, I would also like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year, thank you.

Attorney Triarsi: I have no report Mr. Chairman other than to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

John Laezza: Council President, congratulations on your appointment. I would like to correct a term that Councilman O'Connor gave me at the holiday season of Ebenezer. My theory has always been each of you and our citizens can have anything they want, they just can't have everything they want. Have a good year and good luck to all of you.

Township Clerk: Thank you Mr. President and congratulations. 2014 was a great year to work with all of you. Councilman Hund I'm looking forward to working with you and I'm sure this coming year will be great. Most importantly I would like to thank Terri Mazarella and Dawn DelVecchio for all the work they do in our office, we are a great team, and that's how all this happens. If the citizens need to get in touch with us or any of the council our website has all of the direct phone numbers for every department head including our office. And emails coming in are checked continuously so please feel free to contact us. Happy New Year.

Council President Smith: Before I have Sister Donna Marie come up and do the benediction I just want to acknowledge a few people who are in attendance today. Joe Bonaccorso our Director of Public Works; Jerry Fewkes Emergency Management, you always see him in that white truck with the OEM driving around town and he is always available; Ralph Bernardo our Recreation Director and his self-appointed volunteer assistant Dominick; Vic DeMarzo who runs our Teen Center; Lorraine Aklonis and Henry Varriano Board of Education members, Chief Alan Scherb, thank you for all your hard work; JH Barr who is our Prosecutor; John DeSimone who is our Public Safety Director and a GOP Chair; Mr. Bob Kobryn who is the Chairman of our Hyatt Hills Golf Commission.

BENEDICTION: Sister Donna Marie O'Brien, Principal, Saint John the Apostle School

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

APPROVED

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

