

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
December 21, 2015**

ROLL CALL:

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Good evening Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen. Our leaf clean-up is technically over. We've been over with it but we're still out cleaning up some piles from some people who are a little behind the curve. So if you are behind the curve please get them out because we are going to stop completely and then you are going to have to store them on your property. We don't like to do that to you but on the other hand we've been cleaning them up since the last Monday in October. So I think we've been more than fair and more than ample to help you get rid of that.

The second thing I would like to do is congratulate our Township Prosecutor and Clark Attorney Jon Henry Barr on being installed as the Union County Bar Association President. We would like to wish Jon a great year as the President and congratulate him again from everyone here in Clark.

Today I was notified by the State of New Jersey that we were a recipient of a twenty thousand dollar grant to pay for ten body cameras for our police department. So that is a good thing and we are happy to have that and we are excited to see that in action. Sticking with the police department, our Chief Pedro Matos this week showed me a demonstration of our new dash cams that were installed and up and running. So if you get pulled over smile you are on Clark candid camera. I was very interested in seeing it and it's great for the police officer and also great for a citizen if you ever had an officer that was out of line. I know if it happened in Clark I know I

would want to know and the Chief would want to know. But more importantly immediately I started looking at this and the Chief and I were discussing it, it is a great training tool for any kind of officer that comes on our job who's new. The Chief would be able to sit him or her down and show them two or three different officers and their approach to a motor vehicle stop and how they handle a situation. So it's definitely not only there for our officers' safety and citizens' safety but it also can be used for training and other things of that nature. So it's really, I think, money well spent Council; when the Chief came to you folks to ask you to support that and you did and I think it's something that's going to go a real, real, long way. And that concludes my short report for this evening thank you.

Township Clerk: I have the police and fire reports filed in my office for anyone who would like to see them.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese: I just want to mention a couple of things happening at our Library. On Tuesday, December 29th while the kids are off from school there will be a program for fourth through sixth graders called "Coding for Fun". And it's a workshop on creative problem solving using blocks of code. You don't need any prior programming knowledge to get through an adventure in the mind craft world. And in the afternoon at 2:00 to 2:45 we will have a program called "Mammal Mania" where they will talk about the mammals from around the world, including behaviors, habitats, survival strategies and relationships with humans. And some of the live animals that they will have there will be a wallaby which is a small kangaroo, a rabbit, a guinea pig, and the Patagonia cavy which is related to the mouse. So kids always love the live animals, make sure you register in advance for that program. Also on Thursdays I just want to remind everyone that if you are new to computers the Library has laptops and there's one on one training for those that want to try that out. And also we have a new program that the high school is helping with and that's also during the week after school. And they are helping with learning how to use an iPad and an iPhone, so thanks to the kids for helping out with that program.

And then on New Year's Eve there will be a program just before noon for the kids to celebrate kind of a mini New Year's. So hopefully you will come out and participate in that program. And that concludes my update on the Library activities thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. First I would like to thank the Clark Volunteer Fire Department for getting Santa, some of his elves and one of his reindeer this past Saturday and taking him all around Clark in a spectacular decorated fire truck. They made many, many stops along the way so Santa could greet lots and lots of kids. And once again I want to say thank you from the Clark residents to the Clark Volunteer Fire Department, you guys did a fantastic job.

This past November the police dispatcher had the Clark Volunteer Fire Department respond to 48 calls. And so far from January 2015 to November 2015 our fire department responded to 517 calls and that doesn't include the calls so far this month. One other important item I was asked to convey to our residents from the fire department is about Christmas tree safety. I'm sure many of you have your trees already but it's important that you know some certain safety facts which I'll read some of the main ones; when you pick a tree choose a tree with fresh green needles that do

not fall off when touched. And here is something, before placing the tree in the stand cut two inches from the base of the trunk. This I never knew but is very important, make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, etc. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit, add water to the tree stand daily. Use lights that are recognized from a testing laboratory. Replace any strings of lights that are worn or have broken cords, it's very important. Never use candles to decorate the tree and also turn off the Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed. And just a few of the other facts; after Christmas get rid of the tree when it is dry; dried out trees are a fire hazard. And three facts that are important; in one of every three homes Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems and although Christmas tree fires are not common but when they do occur there more likely to be serious. And the last one is a heat source of course, too close to the tree causes roughly one in every four of the fires. So if you don't have your tree yet, you know what you have to do, if you do take care and be careful and have a Merry Christmas, thank you.

Councilman Hund: Thank you Mr. President. I have the Clark Police Department monthly report for November. We saw a total of 2,693 calls for service of which of 83 were ambulance requests, 13 were fire department requests, 3 were vandalism, 16 were motor vehicle and residential lockouts, 109 were alarm calls, 106 were motor vehicle accidents, and 2,335 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total of 27 adult arrests including 7 for theft, 1 for simple assault, 1 for eluding, 1 for hindering apprehension, 1 for unlawful use of credit cards and 2 for drug abuse, 6 for DUI and 8 warrants. There were a total of 11 juvenile arrests including one for burglary, 2 for criminal mischief and one for CDS and another for theft. And that concludes my report for the month thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes thank you Council President. The Mayor touched on the leaf season, it's pretty much finalized and it's over with. Just to let you know that our DPW forces were around the township seven times, they did the complete township, and that is a pretty outstanding job keeping our community as cleaned as possible. And with that please keep the streets free from debris so that the sweepers can sweep the streets properly. Mid-March will start the spring cleanup, weather permitting. Christmas tree pickups will start on January 5th but please don't put any bags or decorations with them; they will not pick them up, only the trees. There will be no electronic drop off for January so make a note of that please. And used motor oil can be dropped off at the DPW yard Monday through Fridays. And our forces are still out filling potholes as usual and if you see something in front of your house like a pothole or something like that just contact DPW at www.ourclark.com or call town hall to schedule our forces to go out to rehabilitate those potholes. And that is the extent of my report thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. From the Finance Committee the BA is putting the final touch on the Budget so that should be ready for council early next year, so thank you John. And from the Volunteer Emergency Squad, I had the pleasure of attending the Emergency Squad Installation of new officers luncheon during the month. And I will announce the new officers at our 2016 Reorganization Meeting of which I do invite the members of the Emergency Squad to attend. Thank you very much and that's my report.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. With regards to the Fourth Ward we had Westfield Avenue corner from Madison Hill Road being worked on with the Water Company and the lines

being redone, so traffic was all over the place, and that was within the last thirty days. And then they went up Kathryn Street now and they just started Gertrude Street. On Gertrude Street and Fan Street they are re-doing and there's an excavator and so they are drawing the lines from Kathryn Street down to Gertrude towards Adams Street. And I'm just trying to tell you the residents I know Christmas is a few days away and there's a dust full out there. They are going to work diligently and quickly getting in and out of there like they did on Kathryn Street. Is there any update for the residents on that issue Mr. Mayor, can you give us something?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Not on that street. Westfield Avenue they will be coming back to finish.

Councilman Toal: Going up towards O'Johnnies.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes they are past O'Johnnies right now.

John Laezza: They are going to be in Clark till late February.

Mayor Bonaccorso: There are a lot of water lines being replaced. We do understand it's an inconvenience and we apology but the water company is giving you back some on your water bill in updating your lines for better water pressure for fire safety and cleaner lines for cleaner drinking water.

Councilman Toal: Mr. Mayor thank you. I just wanted to know because people have been calling wondering what's going on and I just drove through there on my way to the meeting tonight and it's a dust bowl right now along that one corner; it was really bad but then you go a block over and it's okay. So again to the residents please understand they are trying to move quickly through there. It is a little bit messy and we are trying to get it done quickly, it's not the township, it's the water company. And again to the residents you also have to remember that that development was put in 1936 when you go up past Kathryn Street and the other section was in 1938 when those houses were built. So the infrastructure there goes back a few years. And as the Mayor and Mr. Laezza said we want it there for many more years so we don't have to deal with it. So again I apology for any mess, it's not really our fault, but we're trying to work with getting you the services you deserve. Thank you Mr. President that's all I have to really say tonight on this.

Council President Smith: I have the recreation report. Ralph Bernardo wanted me to convey his thanks to all of the volunteers who helped setup for the tree lighting and menorah lighting as well as the volunteers who worked the event that evening. It was another huge success put on by Ralph and the Recreation Department.

Tomorrow night the winners of the house decorating contest will be awarded in person. This year there were over thirty entries, so I'm sure we'll see something in print in the near future on who the winners are. And lastly next Saturday starts six weeks of indoor soccer. If your children are interested in playing and have not signed up, please do so immediately as most of the teams have already formed. And that's my report for this evening.

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

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

Ordinance 15-19

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF \$5,542,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$5,585,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,585,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OF SAID TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.

Council President Smith opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 15-19

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance made by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion:

John Laezza: Council President, Members of Council and members of the public, it's the time that the bond interest rates are good and the stock market and we decided to roll over some of our bonds so we can generate a savings to the township property taxpayers of about a quarter of a million dollars over the next four years. So it's a good way to save their money.

Council President Smith: Excellent. Thank you for your diligence as always.

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Ordinance adopted

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: Councilman O'Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee made a motion to approve the payment of claims on current and capital expenditures in the amount of \$184,201.37 for the period ending December 16, 2015, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:

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

Council President Smith opened the citizen hearing on the agenda

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 15-146

WHEREAS there exists a need for Professional Planning Services for the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS three (3) proposal were received for the position of Professional Planner and were publicly opened at 10:00 am on December 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed all documents required by the Request for Proposals (RFP) and recommend award of professional services contract to the firm of Shamrock Enterprises, LTD for the year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards a contract for Professional Planning Services to the firm of Shamrock Enterprises, LTD in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Resolution 15-147

WHEREAS there exists a need for an Auditor for the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS one (1) proposal was received for the professional position of Auditor and publicly opened at 10:00 am on December 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed all documents required by the Request for Proposals (RFP) and recommend award of professional services contract to Wiss & Company, LLP to perform the Audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards a contract for Professional Services to Wiss & Company, LLP in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

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 15-148

WHEREAS there exists a need for per diem Engineering Services including the duties of the Municipal Engineer for the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS one (1) proposal was received for the position of Professional Engineering Services under the duties of the Municipal Engineer and were publicly opened at 10:00 am on December 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed all documents required by the Request for Proposals (RFP) and recommend award of professional services contract to the firm of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC for the year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards a contract for Professional Services to the firm of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

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 15-149

WHEREAS there exists a need for Labor Counsel for the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS two (2) proposals were received for the professional position of Labor Counsel and publicly opened at 10:00 am on December 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed all documents required by the Request for Proposals (RFP) and recommend award of professional services contract to Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy for the year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards a contract for Professional Services to Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

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 15-150

WHEREAS there exists a need for Bond Counsel for the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS four (4) proposals were received for the professional position of Bond Counsel and publicly opened at 10:00 am on December 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed all documents required by the Request for Proposals (RFP) and recommend award of professional services contract to Rogut McCarthy, LLC to the professional position of Bond Counsel for the year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards a contract for Professional Services to Rogut McCarthy, LLC in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

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 15-151

WHEREAS in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 proposals have been solicited through a fair and open process as advertised on the Official Website of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS qualification submissions for the position of Special Counsel/Director of Law to represent the Township in litigated matters, contested tax appeals and to provide such other extraordinary legal services as may be required from time to time and to perform such services as are required by the Director of Law pursuant to ordinance were received on December 3, 2015 and publicly opened at 10:00 am; and

WHEREAS proposals were received by the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer with a recommendation to award the firm of Triarsi, Betancourt, Wukovits & Dugan, LLC for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby approves a contract for professional services with Triarsi, Betancourt, Wukovits & Dugan LLC, 186 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016 to provide litigation and tax appeal services to the Township together with such other legal services as may be required by the Director of Law pursuant to ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the value of the contract is subject to the 2016 budget appropriation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with said firm.

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

Council as ABC Board

Resolution 15-152

WHEREAS an application has been filed by Whole Foods Market Group, Inc. for a Place-to-Place transfer (expansion of premises) of Plenary Retail Consumption License 2002-33-003-005, for purposes of expanding the premises under license wherein the sale, service and storage of alcoholic beverages are authorized; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it does hereby approve, effective December 21, 2015, the expansion of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption licensed premises located at 1255 Raritan Road, Clark, New Jersey to place under license the area delineated in the application form and the sketch of the licensed premises attached thereto.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

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

Resolution 15-153

WHEREAS Retro Fitness, has requested release of the Maintenance Bond in the amount of Forty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Ten Cents (\$43,745.10) and remaining Escrow Funds for 225 Terminal Avenue, Clark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS the Maintenance Bond has been held by the Township for the required one year period; and

WHEREAS the Township Engineer has deemed the project complete and in compliance with Township Standards and recommends release of the Maintenance Bond and all remaining Escrow Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby concurs with the Engineer and authorizes release of the Maintenance Bond and all remaining Escrow Funds for the abovementioned project.

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Resolution 15-154

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for appropriation transfers during the last two (2) months of the year, when it has been determined it is necessary to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the sum appropriated therefore and where it has been further determined that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may, by Resolution setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than two-thirds vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and the same is hereby authorized to make transfers among the 2015 budget appropriations in accordance with the following schedule of transfers.

Budget Transfers #2

| | | <u>To</u> | <u>From</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 5-01-26-310-200 | B&G - Other Expenses | - | 25,000.00 |
| 5-01-26-290-200 | Roads - Other Expenses | 10,000.00 | - |
| 5-01-20-130-201 | Finance - Other Expenses | - | 10,000.00 |
| 5-01-23-220-200 | Health Benefits - Other Expenses | 25,000.00 | - |
| 5-01-20-100-200 | Administration - Other Expenses | 4,000.00 | - |

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|-----------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 5-01-20-111-201 | Municipal Council - Other Expenses | - | 4,000.00 |
| | | | |
| | | | 39,000.00 |
| | | | 39,000.00 |

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 15-155

**RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE
NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL SELF INSURERS' JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

WHEREAS the Township of Clark is a member of the New Jersey Municipal Self Insurers' Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS said renewal membership terminates as of January 1, 2016, 12:01 a.m., unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Township of Clark agrees to renew its membership in the New Jersey Municipal Self Insurers' Joint Insurance Fund for a period of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2016, and ending January 1, 2019 at 12:01 a.m. and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor/Business Administrator/Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the New Jersey Municipal Self Insurers' Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

Resolution 15-156

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark pursuant to P.L. 1985 and Chapter 3, Section 3-29N of the Code of the Township of Clark, that it does hereby appoint the following

named individuals as Class 1B and Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers to serve for the period commencing January 1, 2016 and concluding December 31, 2016.

1-1-2016 Special Police Reappointment List

- Class IB Beceiro, Anthony R**
- Class IB Burlew, Chris**
- Class IB DeVre, Arthur**
- Class IB Flicek, Francis**
- Class IB Leonardis, Richard**
- Class IB Ringwood, Tom**
- Class IB Stankwich, Margaret**
- Class IB Tarantino, Robert**
- Class II Brocato, Carmen F.**
- Class II DeLuca, John**
- Class II DeMarzo, Victor**
- Class II Ehling, John**
- Class II Kovacs, Michael**
- Class II Pollock, Sr., Michael**
- Class II Rapp, James**

Resolution 15-157

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark pursuant to P.L. 1985 and Chapter 3, Section 3-29N of the Code of the Township of Clark, that it does hereby appoint the following named individuals as Class 1B Special Law Enforcement Officers to serve for the period commencing February 1, 2016 and concluding December 31, 2016.

Thomas Buczynski
Joseph Gribbin

Resolution 15-158

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 following clothing bin operators having met all the requirements of Chapter 117 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 the vendors listed as follows to be displayed according to law effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

2016

| <u>Clothing Bin Operators</u> | <u>Location of Bins</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|
| American Recycling Technologies 98 Cutter Mill Road, S-290N Great Neck, NY 11021-3010 Attn: Ed Klein (908-616-3730) | 78 Westfield Avenue (2 bins) |
| <hr/> | |
| Carecycle, Inc. 625 Wortman Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11208 Attn: Peter Salm (866-931-0232) | 76 Central Avenue (2 bins) |
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| American Recycling Technologies, Inc. 98 Cuttermill Road, S-290N Great Neck, NY 11021-3010 Attn: Bruce Binler (917-939-5275) | 315 Westfield Avenue (2 bins) |
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| American Recycling Technologies, Inc. 98 Cuttermill Road, S-290N Great Neck, NY 11021-3010 Attn: Bruce Binler (917-939-5275) | 1060 Raritan Road (2 bins) |
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The Read Foundation 6 Broadway (2 bins)
313 Amboy Avenue, S-414
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Attn: Jacqueline Sivak (848-250-0336)

We Collect Clothes for a Cause 52 Westfield Avenue (2 bins)
625 Wortman Avenue 111 Valley Road (1 bin)
Brooklyn, NY 11208
Attn: Peter Salm (866-468-7228)

American Recycling Technologies 140 Central Avenue (2 bins)
98 Cutter Mill Road, S-290N
Great Neck, NY 11021-3010
Attn: Bruce Binler (917-939-5275)

Giving Will LLC 1074 Raritan Road (2 bins)
P.O. Box 329
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Attn: Anthony Cruz (732-485-3692)

Planet Aid 12 Clarkton Drive (1 bin)
3 Lincoln Drive 1030 Raritan Road (1 bin)
Fairfield, NJ 07004
Attn: Stanley Ferris (845-608-1675)

Resolution 15-159

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

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

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

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|---------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| SEWER ADJ 2015 | | | | | | | | | |
| REF | # | Acct # | Name | # | Address | Reason | Original | Revised | Credit |
| 15 | 42 | 4314-0 | Domenic Lettini | 332 | Valley Road | demo | \$ 225.00 | \$ 112.50 | \$ 112.50 |

Resolution 15-160

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2015 taxes; the Mayor has recommended to Council that such authorization be granted.

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

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| CLARK TOWNSHIP | | | | | | |
| TAX REFUNDS- 2015 | | | | | | |
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| BLOCK | LOT | QUAL. | NAME | # | ADDRESS | REFUND |
| 64 | 16 | | Veronica Haber | 82 | Dawn Drive | \$555.62 |

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

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

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR:

Resolution 15-161

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Clark Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Clark Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Clark Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Union;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Clark Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Clark Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June_30, 2017 in the amount of:

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| DEDR | \$ 13,053 |
| Cash Match | \$ 3,263 |
| In-Kind | \$ 9,790 |

2. The Clark Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Motion to add resolution made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

Motion to adopt resolution made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Barr

Discussion:

John Laezza: Basically Municipal Alliance Grant is a Grant that we get from the County through the federal government. It relates to youths and the drug control program. And it basically gives education information, lectures and alike, and how you are going to spend it and then spend the money. We’ve been doing it continually for the last fifteen years that I’ve been here.

Councilman Toal: I just want to say thank you Mr. Laezza for all your efforts. Because doing those grants you have to fill out a lot of paperwork, don’t you sir? (John Laezza: yes) And to get that money back to Clark we appreciate your efforts. That’s what I was trying to bring up to the people that when you hear Municipal Alliance, what does that mean? The residents want to know that we are working to get their money back here, thank you.

No further discussion

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

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

Gerald Hall, 1363 Westfield Ave.: I live in building 1300 of Woodcrest at Clark Development and I've lived there since January 24th of this year. I was the first person in that building. And for the last 34 days we have not had any elevator available to us. And we have four floors in the building. And there are nineteen occupants on each floor making a total of 57 occupants of the building because there's seventy-six but the first nineteen on the first floor don't use the elevator. But that leaves fifty-seven of us that live on the second, third and fourth floors that use the elevator. Well it's a health hazard now where people happen to go up and down those stairs that are crippled, that have bad knees and there's one occupant I believe on the fourth floor that is in a wheelchair and can't get out of the wheelchair and can't get out of the building for the last 34 days. And what I'm really asking of the Council if they could give us help in what directions we can take of curing this problem.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Mr. Hall thank you for bringing this to us. I was working on this the other day. Someone had notified my office that the elevator wasn't working. Before I start, so you do understand folks that this is a private building that we have no jurisdiction over whatsoever. I know you are asking for a direction which is a little different. I had my secretary call the owner of the complex Garden Homes and I told them. Because what was happening they were calling our first aid squad to assist to help bring the people down. Now again you know we don't mine doing that but the problem is that our first aid squad is a volunteer squad and we can't always guarantee if they are out on a call or something of that nature. And quite frankly I don't believe it's volunteers' jobs to have to do that. So we got on the phone immediately with the ownership and he said the management company that is in charge of that building or the complex is trying to work diligently on getting it fixed. They are looking to have a part in the next three or four days, no one told us it was 34 days, ever. And I said to them that that wasn't really good enough. Why don't you air freight the part and get it done tomorrow? Look, everything breaks. I think we are all reasonable to understand if something happens and you have to get a part in... a part on a machine that I own broke the other day and I had it air freighted in because I needed the part, the air freight costs as much as the part. So they said that they were going to do that and we didn't get any more calls so we kind of thought that it went away. There's really nothing from the council and myself to do other than I will have tomorrow our township officials get on them the best they can to try to get this done for you. But I would just keep bombarding the management company constantly. And I would consider telling them you are not paying rent until it gets fixed because that's not fair.

Gerald Hall: I don't want them to sue me for not paying the rent. I just got a bill today for my rent and I contemplated prorated it but it's gone over a whole month now.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yeah we didn't hear that, we heard it was something that just broke for about three days. (Gerald Hall: no, no) Okay tomorrow I will reach out again to the owners. I

will talk to our building Sub Code Official Mike Khoda to see if he could go over there and see what's going on. Joe is there anything from a legal side that we can do as a township?

Attorney Triarsi: The Department of Community Affairs in Trenton has a section that deals with elevator inspections and operations and what have you. That's probably where the call ought to be directed to Trenton to the Department of Community Affairs and ask for the section of the department that deals with elevator inspections and operations. I'm sure they can point you in the right direction. They have jurisdiction of all the elevators in the State.

Gerald Hall: Our building is affordable housing and everybody in the building is 55 and over. And I called two attorneys and one attorney wouldn't even take the case and the other attorney wanted twenty-five hundred dollars retainer and two hundred and fifty an hour.

Attorney Triarsi: I think if you call Trenton and speak to the right person and then let the Mayor know that you made that call so he can impart that wisdom to the owner. That might get you going a little bit. They don't want Trenton hounding their buildings.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well you know what better yet Mr. Hall when you are done come on over here privately and give me your phone number and what I will do tomorrow is I will have my secretary call the ownership again first and tell them that the next call is going immediately down to the Department of Community Affairs and that's the best we can do for you folks. Other than that we don't have any jurisdiction over it. So when you are done come on over and just give me your phone number off the air and this way we can get back to you and you can be the liaison to your neighbors.

Gerald Hall: You see I was originally surprised that the owner didn't retain their... they generally have a warranty or retainer from the contractor and all they have to do is get another contractor in to fix it and they back charge the contractor.

Mayor Bonaccorso: They probably do that...

Attorney Triarsi: Sal let me explain something to him. Those elevators are supposed to be examined and inspected semi-annually and they are supposed to be given pass or fail grades. Now it may have been that this occurred after one inspection and before the next.

Mayor Bonaccorso: But the building was just built in January Joe.

Attorney Triarsi: I think if you take the Mayor's advice and allow him to make one call to the owner and tell the owner that if he's not responsive you are going to call Trenton and talk to the people that are in that department and I think you will see that will get you some action. The builders and owners to do not want Trenton around their projects. And that may get you more attention than anything we can do.

Gerald Hall: Alright well all of us here tonight have to walk up four flights of stairs when we get home. Thanks for any help you can give me and Merry Christmas to all.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Okay well folks again we'll contact the two people tomorrow. We'll give the owner the first shot at it again and then we will call down to Trenton and we'll have Mr. Hall call back and he can relate it to you folks. The other thing is welcome to town. If you are new to Clark, it's a great town and we have a lot of great senior services so please get involved. If you go on our website...I know Councilman O'Connor is dropping some stuff off in your buildings that will direct you to some of our things that we do for our seniors in town. It would be great to have you a part of all that. The other thing is you are always better off if you have a problem like that just to call us verses waiting and come to a meeting. The council is a legislative body of government and they really have no jurisdiction over that. I'm here but I'm leaving shortly for another commitment but between myself and our Township Administrator John Laezza one of us will be able to help you get on the right track with a phone call. So you don't have to wait those extra days. We did hear you had a problem. One lady kept calling asking my secretary for the Mayor and she said "look the Mayor doesn't fix elevators, he has no clue" and I don't and you wouldn't want me to fix your elevator, you would be out of it for another 34 days. But as I say to you we would always like you to call us verses waiting for a meeting. You are always welcome to come to a meeting we have absolutely no problem with that but we can try to get you in the right direction. And I have my own business, I'm in and out of town hall a lot but the best thing to do verses saying let me speak to the Mayor is to talk to my secretary or Mr. Laezza's office. And if my secretary has to reach out to me to get the advice where to go with it and if Mr. Laezza's is in he will do that for you. We will always be glad to help you if we can as fast as we can. But anyway Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and welcome to town, and we will back to you tomorrow Mr. Hall sometime throughout the day, thank you.

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia St.: Just wanted to let you know they were back by the trains this afternoon with machinery. I don't know if they are going to come back tonight but they left but I don't know if it wasn't running as loud as it was the last time. But they were back there with not train cars I mean like maintenance, I couldn't see because it was like two houses down but I just wanted to let the Chief know.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Were they working you think Delia?

Delia Collins: I don't know it was about 9:00 am and they were still there and I'm just saying (Police Chief Matos: there not there now) I didn't hear them but I didn't see any lights. I would assume they are not coming back.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Chief can you just take a look on the way.

Delia Collins: I have a question...I went to the transportation meeting that was held in Cranford regarding congestion and different issues in the county. And I brought up to one of the gentleman from I guess the company that designed Central Avenue and Raritan Road; and the other day I saw another issue where a person went from the parkway up Central turned to go west in the east bound lane. So they had to back out by the White Diamond in the third lane where it meets going west and then come back out and go onto the west bound side of Raritan Road. So I suggested to him that in Springfield they have these poles so that people don't cross over trying to get onto to 22 east from the road. And it just seems that it's very confusing at like we had at the last meeting the road isn't high enough for people to see that it divides between the

east bound side and the west bound side. And this man had to back out on Raritan Road and then onto Central and then get back on to the west bound side.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Now you are talking about Central and Raritan.

Delia Collins: Right in front of the White Diamond.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Okay.

Delia Collins: Even if they can paint it yellow or something like that so people from out of town can see that there is a barrier there.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I don't have any problem navigating that turn but you know...

Delia Collins: But people that are out of town don't see that barrier there.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well we'll see what we can do Delia.

Delia Collins: I mean I can...it's a county road right?

Mayor Bonaccorso: That's a county road (Delia Collins: Alright so...) we'll have our traffic Lieutenant look at it (Delia Collins: or you can call the county) we will.

Delia Collins: I just have a question; I know you addressed it already about the Clark Bar at Whole Foods. Will that be opened just the same hours as it is now?

Mayor Bonaccorso: I would believe so yes.

Delia Collins: Okay...alright thank you. Just another quick question again about the animals, if you do get an animal for your holiday or your children or whatever, please get it micro chipped and make sure you register it. Thank you and have a great holiday.

Sharon DeMaggio, 1358 Westfield Ave.: I was sitting in the parking lot waiting for somebody and a helicopter was really low and it looked like it was going to land on the roof and it was hovering between two of the buildings. And then I started pointing to show one lady to look at the helicopter and all of a sudden it went and took off real quick. I don't know what that was I just thought that was strange.

Mayor Bonaccorso: When was that?

Sharon DeMaggio: That was today about 11:30.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We wouldn't have any idea.

Sharon DeMaggio: I just wanted to tell you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: It could be a developer looking at the project that has happened before with different developers going out and taking pictures maybe. But no we don't have any official notice of why.

Sharon DeMaggio: Okay...now how about the traffic light when you are going down Westfield Avenue and Retro Fitness is on your right.

John Laezza: That's being corrected.

Sharon DeMaggio: Thank goodness that's so dangerous.

John Laezza: We're making a new interchange there. We'll be making a right hand turn at Retro Fitness and we'll be making a left hand turn coming out of the complex. That's going to take a while to do.

Sharon DeMaggio: Okay and going down Terminal people give you the horn constantly because we're going straight. And the left lane turns left, I think the left lane should turn left and go straight and just have the right hand lane turn right onto Westfield Avenue.

John Laezza: Well there's going to be a continuous right hand turn, there's going to be going straight continually and there's going to be a left hand turn, there will be three intersections.

Sharon DeMaggio: Great thank you, have a good evening.

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

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes first off Mr. President, Members of Council and our citizens here, excuse me right after my report I have another engagement to be at so I'm going to be running out. I would first like to wish all our citizens of our community a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year. I would like to thank the citizens of the community for a great 2015. We have seen a lot of changes in Clark with our senior adult community over at Woodcrest; it looks nice. It's working. We won't give the elevators a good grade at this point but hopefully they will get fixed for you but we would like to welcome you all to the town. We saw the emergence of the Clark Commons this year which is really taking on a whole life of itself up there. So we have a lot of changes going on in 15. The citizens were very patient with a lot of the traffic they endured because of some of these projects. Right now the citizens are enduring a little work on Gertrude, Kathryn, Richard and Westfield Avenue like Councilman Toal has talked about earlier this evening. Folks this is infrastructure, these are old pipes being fixed and I know if you are not a beneficiary of it you might say "why do they have to do it", it's part of the water company's capital improvement projects. We pay into water bills here every month, gas

bills, we like when they come in to upgrade the infrastructure because it will probably help you later on. You know it's something you don't think about. You turn on your faucet and the water comes out and that's all you are really interested in but there has to be pipelining and cleaning done and water pressure. We found out in the Kathryn Street area that we've had some low water pressure which is a fire safety hazard for our fire department. God forbid your home is on fire your life can be at risk. So those are the things that we as a town like to see happen. In the meantime there's an inconvenience with it, there's inconvenience for me and every member of this council because we all drive on the same roads you drive on. So please understand that, thanks for being patient. We have a great community with a lot of great citizens living here and we have a lot of good things happening. I'll give you more in my state of the town address on the first meeting of the month. And I just want to wish everyone again a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Mr. President. Well to all of the seniors thanks for coming out, I see the Mayor will be addressing that. I just wanted to also mention to you that we have a lot of information on our website about senior programs. If you don't have a computer you can go to the Library. As I gave my Library report earlier this evening there is training on computers but there's also computers available for you to use, laptops as well as stations to work at and there's a lot of different activities over there as well as recreation programs for the seniors, so welcome to Clark.

I wanted to mention that in the past Jerry Fewkes from our office of Emergency Management has given C.E.R.T classes and there will be a C.E.R.T class starting on Tuesday, February 2nd. So if you are interested in emergency response training and being a volunteer and getting involved with that, the classes will start on Tuesday, February 2nd in Room 17 at 7:30. It goes on for nine weeks and they last for 2 to 2 ½ hours. If there's snow or what have you the classes will just extend on to another week in the program. So if you are interested in the C.E.R.T program reach out to Jerry Fewkes or I'm sure there's also information on the township website.

To our Council President thank you for a great year, excellent job, very happy with how everything went, you really did a great job Bill, thank you for that. And I just want to wish everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and if I don't see you before then have a Happy New Year, thanks.

Councilman Barr: Thank you. First of all I want to welcome our seniors. And as I was speaking to the gentleman before the meeting before we retired we were both in the same occupation and knew a lot of the same people which was really nice. But I would like you all to get involved in our senior activities, we have many and we have a good time. I am the Council Liaison to the seniors and a lot of people say "well I can't make every meeting" you don't have to do anything that you don't want to but it's there; we have our senior fitness center, so again welcome. I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, be safe and that's my report thank you.

Councilman Hund: I just want to wish everyone in Clark especially the Third Ward residents a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season. To President Smith congratulations on a great year, you

have done a wonderful job for us and hopefully I'll be able to fill your shoes next year. That's the end of my report thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes thank you Council President. I would like to also echo to you on what a good job you have done this past year. You have been on top of a lot of issues and you conducted our meetings as a true professional. And to the seniors welcome to Clark. And yes as my colleagues have mentioned if you do have a concern we are here for you. Don't hesitate to come back, come to the meetings and voice your concerns. There may be some things that we cannot do but again we can steer you in the right direction. And to the residents of our community have a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year and I will see you next year, thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: Thank you very much. I had the opportunity to attend Breakfast with Santa. I would like to thank Jennifer the Mayor's secretary and the rest of the administration for putting it together. It was a great success and it was filled with a lot of kids and a lot of joy that day, so thank you very much. Council President talked about the Christmas tree and menorah lighting, which went well and was very crowded and always a success and no disappointment again this year.

For the people who live around Curry Park, we are in the process of replacing the border that surrounds the swing set. Right now there's one length that's of brown material which we are replacing. We do know that there are some divots in the rubber that's there now that will all be replaced and that will be coming shortly. And to the residents (of Woodcrest) I'm the Second Ward Councilman Pat O'Connor and I'm the one that dropped off the 2016 Report of the People, so very nice to meet you. Thanks for coming out today and if you have any questions you know my phone number was on there as well. Please feel free to reach out or send me an email.

Bill Smith great job this year, congratulations, you did a really nice job and looking forward to you coming back to the regulars here without the gavel. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone and I will see you on reorganization day, thank you.

Councilman Toal: Thank you Mr. President. And we start off with Bill, you left your community a better place for your efforts this past year and we thank you for that. As I said there was a former William Smith on the town council in town history and you have continued adding your name and your family's name to continuing making a better Clark and we thank you for that.

As to what Councilman O'Connor had mentioned that the newsletter is out, I have them in boxes, I know he is out delivery them and I know Councilman Mazzarella is almost done. I will be hitting your doors and putting them in the door handles probably on Christmas Day, I have a little time. My schedule has been crazy. I was at Saugerties New York today and didn't know if I was going to make it tonight but I'm here because I can't miss this. But again the newsletter will be out to the Fourth Ward residents. It's a little bit different this year and again I thank the Mayor's assistance on this one and the new format we will be using this year.

And for those that we did lose in the last month, residents who do pass away we like to honor them and mention them because they did have a part in our community and we never should ever

forget them. Edward Burk a long time Clark resident; Cindy Stevens Class of 1980, I went to school with Cindy; Regina Mandrona, Mrs. Mandrona lived down the street from here and Mary Tomchuk. To these residents that we have lost in the last month we will also have our memories of them and we will never forget them.

That's basically it...Happy Holiday to you all again, the year went by quickly. And what I always said and what everyone was saying, we are here for you and this is your town. Our job is very simple to come here and try to take care of your needs as well as dream up ideas to make a better Clark. But again we are here to make a better Clark and that's what it is about and we thank you for your input and support and to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2016. Thank you Mr. President.

Council President Smith: I just want to thank all of the council members for their help and assistance this year. I also want to thank the Mayor and Mr. Laezza thank you for all your help, advice and information whenever I needed it. And Edie thank you so much for keeping everything running smooth up here you and your staff. And Mr. Triarsi thank you for keeping us out of trouble. And that's all I have but I want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Police Chief Matos: On behalf of the police department I would like to thank the entire town Council, Mr. Triarsi, Township Clerk, especially Mr. Laezza and Mr. Bonaccorso for all the support I've received and what the entire department has received from all of you. Thank you all it's truly appreciated and to you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and to all the township residents Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and have a safe and Happy and Healthy New Year, thank you.

John Laezza: Mr. President I want to say one thing to the citizens that are out here today; that each of these councilmen tells you to call them they will help you. When you call them they are going to call me, so it's easier for you to call me directly you'll get it quicker. I really don't want you to bother them that much because that's what I get paid for. But they are there and they are my voices out in the hinder lands to tell me what the problems are so that I can get them resolved, so that's what we like to do. And we did not hear thirty-four days; we heard it was a couple of days that we couldn't get elevator service. We have a document from the management team that they are working on the parts, they have been working on it and it sounds like to me that they got a bad elevator the first time, they better put in a new elevator, that's what I think they should be doing. So we'll get on that tomorrow morning first thing.

Councilman O'Connor: Mr. Laezza and to your point...I got a call late this afternoon from a resident telling me it was thirty-four days and I was waiting to see you to tell you thirty-four days, so again thank you.

John Laezza: Yeah so that was a surprise to us. Mr. President you did a good job and then I have to break in a new rookie tomorrow for next year, but they break in pretty easily. Merry Christmas to everybody and to the public thank you very much.

Township Clerk: Mr. President it was a pleasure to work with you this year. You made it very smooth and easy. Merry Christmas everyone.

Attorney Triarsi: I just want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Smith directed roll call:

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

APPROVED

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk