

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
January 21, 2020

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Mark Dugan, Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk; Police Chief Pedro Matos

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 pm by Council President O'Connor. 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 (Chapter 231, P.L.1975) as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing the Annual Schedule of meetings to the Star Ledger, Union County Local Source, and TAP into Clark, by posting such Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in Town Hall reserved for such announcements and the proper filing of said Notice. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

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

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

Volunteer of the Year Award presented by Director of Recreation Ralph Bernardo to Dominic Preite

Mayor Bonaccorso: Congratulated Dominic on his award.

Motion to Resume the Regular Order of Business was made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Hund

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- talked about the snow event of Saturday, January 18th
- DPW is in the process of concluding the town's Christmas Tree pickup
- talked about what DPW does during the winter months
- mentioned the rec department is running well

- went into detail about following township rules regarding branch pickup, explained a situation that happened in Westfield regarding a resident that removed too many trees
- mentioned the Report to the People recently went out in the mail regarding all the activities of the town, also all information is on the township website

Township Clerk: Reports given this evening will be available in the Clerk’s office and on the township website www.ourclark.com

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese:

Library Report: see attached

Councilman Barr:

Fire Report: see attached

Councilman Hund:

Police Report: see attached

Councilman Mazzarella:

DPW Report: see attached

Councilman Smith:

Recreation Report: see attached

Councilman Toal:

Environmental Commission: no report

Council President O’Connor:

Finance Report: Mr. Laezza and his team continue to keep the town financially solvent and meeting all of our needs

Tax Collector Report: I have received and reviewed the Tax Collectors monthly report of receipts which has also been properly filed in the Clerk’s Office

Emergency Squad Report: see attached

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

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

Ordinance 20-01

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FIX MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES

Council President O’Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-01

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-01 was made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 20-02

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES OF THE WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD 2020 THROUGH 2023

Council President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-02

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

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-02 was made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 20-03

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES OF POLICE PERSONNEL FOR THE YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2023

Council President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-03

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-03 was made by Councilman Hund, seconded by Councilman Mazzearella

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 20-04

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40a:4-45.14)

Council President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-04

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Smith made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-04 was made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Council President O'Connor

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 20-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 333 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED "TOWING"

Council President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-05

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-05 was made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Barr

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 20-06

**AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 347
ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK**

Council President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-06

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-06 was made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion:

John Laezza: explained the ordinance

Mayor Bonaccorso: added to the explanation of the ordinance.

No further discussion

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

Ordinance 20-07

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

Council President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-07

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

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-07 was made by Councilman Hund, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion:

John Laezza: talked about the safety feature of the ordinance.

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 20-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 302 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Council President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-08

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Smith made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Toal

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-08 was made Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Toal

Discussion:

John Laezza: explained the update of the ordinance regarding recycling.

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 20-09

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
CHAPTER 3 THEREOF, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" TO
ADD ARTICLE X ENTITLED "SWIM POOL UTILITY"**

Council President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-09

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-09 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion:

John Laezza: the ordinance corrects an omission in the code book.

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

Ordinance Adopted

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: Council President O'Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee gave a report on Current and Capital expenditures received and encumbered through January 14, 2020 in the amount \$222,180.46.

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:

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

Council President O'Connor opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

Seeing no one coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 20-29

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has certified that U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has deemed Michael Anthony Mascaro to be 100% permanently disabled, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54: 4-3, 30, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, Michael Anthony Mascaro owns the property listed in the tax duplicate as 41 Autumn Avenue, Clark, NJ, Block 175 Lot 16, and is entitled to one hundred percent of the taxes for this property exempt; and

WHEREAS, Michael Anthony Mascaro, has been billed \$2,822.19 for the 1st Quarter of 2020 and \$2,822.18 for the 2nd quarter of 2020, total amount of \$5,644.37, will be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, one hundred percent of the taxes on this property will be entitled to exemption for as long as Michael Anthony Mascaro is an owner of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make the proper adjustments to exempt this property as indicated above.

Resolution 20-30

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2019 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:

CLARK TOWNSHIP						
TAX REFUNDS- 2020						
BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND
180	1		Birnbaum, Douglas	106	Ross Street	\$ 2,041.00
181	10		Citera, Peter	57	Colonial Drive	\$ 2,024.88
146	17		Bridgeview Abstract	30	Florence Drive	\$ 2,318.30
43	17		Ballard, Brett & Blake	13	Wendell Place	\$ 1,281.24
52	20.02		Colicchio, Philip & Lalia	10	Elisa Lane	\$ 3,854.84
						\$ 11,520.26

Resolution 20-31

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Treasurer/CFO for authorization to refund overpayment of 2019 sewer fees; the Mayor has recommended to Council that such authorization be granted.

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

CLARK TOWNSHIP		Sewer Refund 2020					
REF		Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
20	1	1210-0	Ronald Meslow	4	Sevell Circle	duplicate payment	\$ 140.00

Resolution 20-32

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-43 and N.J.S.A. 2B:10-5 permits municipalities to establish systems to accept electronic payments for the collection of certain municipal taxes and fees when authorized by resolution of a Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 19-34, adopted January 22, 2019, authorized the establishment of such a system through utilization of Automatic Clearing House Credits (“ACH”) for the payment of municipal taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that the Tax Collector’s Office is hereby authorized to provide processing of electronic receipts of property tax payments and sewer utility payments beginning with the first quarter of 2020 tax payments.

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

Council President O’Connor directed roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Council President O'Connor opened the public portion of the meeting

Don Smith, 187 Gibson Blvd, Apt 8:

- Traffic concerns: Shoprite Way/Raritan Road
Parkway Circle/Sign/Guardrail
Gibson Blvd/Raritan Road
Gibson Blvd/road repair needed
- Lexington Village smoking issues

John Laezza: responded that they are watching the light at Shoprite Way, the entire light needs to be repaired, trying to get Shop Rite to pay for it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: responded that he will look into the Parkway signage, also discussed in detail about the guardrail/catch basin situation, road repair on Gibson Blvd and Lexington Village smoking issue.

Police Chief Matos: talked about signage and the retention basin.

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia St.: mentioned Associated Humane Mobile Unit will be at town hall for pet services on Wednesday, January 22nd for wellness visits from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm and Friday, January 24th for surgeries for spay/neuter, by appointment, 973-824-7080, ext. 118.

Seeing no one else coming forward Councilman Smith closed the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Hund

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- thanked everyone for their comments this evening
- reminded everyone regarding snow to check with the town's Facebook page, Nixel and TAP into Clark

Councilwoman Albanese:

- if you are not signed up for Nixel, you can go online, go through the County or go to their website, to get alerts on what's happening in the town
- talked about the signage welcoming people into town
- suggested to Don Smith the possibility of talking to his landlord about creating a smoke free apartment complex

Councilman Barr:

- congratulated Dominic Preite on his award for Volunteer of the Year
- mentioned Clark is doing so well and is a popular town due to the Mayor and Council who truly care about the residents

Councilman Hund: congratulated Dominic Preite for his award, it's well deserved

Councilman Mazzarella:

- reminded everyone to be careful with the cold weather, walking and working around their house due to possible ice and snow
- as always if you hear or see something, don't hesitate to call the police department
- stay safe and have a good night

Councilman Smith: thanked Dominic Preite for all of his volunteering at the Rec Center and for all the various youth leagues in town. He enjoys what he does.

Councilman Toal:

- gave a history of the signage in Clark
- announced the passing of Clark residents within the township; Ruth Schiller, Barbara Gawal, Edith Perlmutter, Barbara Fierro, Charlotte Schieferstein, Sheri Hudak, and Richard Meigs

Council President O'Connor:

- questioned the Mayor or the BA for an eta on the construction of the medical building on the corner of Westfield Avenue and Raritan Road (Mayor: no eta, but weather permitting it will go very quickly)
- said hello to Millie Russo, who watches every meeting

John Laezza: no comments

Police Chief Matos: no comments

Mark Dugan: no comments

Township Clerk: no comments

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Smith

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

APPROVED

PATRICK J. O'CONNOR
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

Upcoming Events at the Clark Public Library

January 2020- February 2020

What's New at the Clark Public Library:

Family Thursdays

The Clark Public Library is implementing a twice monthly series of evening family events called Family Thursdays. These events are made with working families in mind and designed for people of any age.

On Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 pm the library will have Family STEM Night where participants will have fun with experimenting and making. There will be 3D printing pens, coding toys, Legos, and more!

On Thursday, January 30th at 6:30 pm the library will host Family Board Game Night. Families are invited to come and play board games that the library provides or bring their own from home to share. Enjoy a laid-back night of gaming with family and friends.

To register, visit clarklibrary.org or call the library.

Kid's Winter Reading Challenge for Preschool to Grade 5.

Children earn small prizes for each of the first 4 hours of reading they log. Automatic entries into the drawing for every hour log. Register online at clarklibrary.org

Graphic Novel Book Club on Thursday, January 23 at 4:30 pm

Come join our graphic novel book club! Each month we will read a new graphic novel and discuss it together. This month's book is *Mighty Jack* by Ben Hatke.

iPad Basics Class on Friday, January 24 at 2:00 pm

Do you want to learn how to navigate an iPad or learn how to put it to better use? Gain confidence using your device by getting familiar with settings, installing apps and using the Apple Store, accessing the internet, and working with photos, music, and more. Please register.

Friends of the Clark Public Library Fundraiser

Indoor Mini-Golf at the Clark Public Library

Saturday, 2/1 from 11am - 3pm, Last tee time is 2 pm. Cost is \$5 per golfer. Play golf indoors on the first floor

Clark Fire Department

Clark, NJ

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Basic Incident Info for Incident Type

Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 12/01/2019 | End Date: 12/31/2019

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
12/02/2019	2019-572		***** Parkway North 135-136	Car fire fully involved on parkway N bound, between exits 135-136. Cranford FD on scene. Vehicle: Mercedes E320 Plate: RZA85A	1 - Active	
12/02/2019	2019-573		227 Lexington BLVD	Clark FD dispatched to fire alarm activation called in by apartment complex superintendent. Clark FD arrived and investigated scene, fire alarm activated accidentally when the occupants cooked food for too long. Natural ventilation performed to remove smoke. Alarm reset. Clark FD cleared scene without further incident.	1 - Active	
12/04/2019	2019-574		1255 Raritan	Responded to assist police with a medical alarm at model's. The Knox box key would not work, a manager is coming to the store, also the key for five below does not work	1 - Active	
12/04/2019	2019-575		1255 Raritan	report of a gas leak in city md	1 - Active	
12/05/2019	2019-576		1255 Raritan Road	Gas and sewage odor detected at Ulta. No known cause or readings. Gas company on scene to investigate.	1 - Active	
12/06/2019	2019-577		100 Commerce PL	Report of gas leak inside building, check with meter unfounded, gas company called	1 - Active	
12/07/2019	2019-578		78 Schwin DR	Report of oven fire, fire out on arrival, slight smoke condition	1 - Active	
12/07/2019	2019-579		87 Hutchinson PL	co2 alarm unfounded call gas company to check out. owner Mehalik	1 - Active	
12/07/2019	2019-580		Ivy Street	Crews were dispatched to the area of Ivy Street for the reports of smoke in the area. Units arrived and investigated to find a resident at 52 Fan Street was cooking and that was causing the smoke. No further actions were taken. Crews cleared and were made available.	1 - Active	
12/09/2019	2019-581		Valley		1 - Active	
12/11/2019	2019-582		Raritan RD	Dispatched to the above location for a report of multiple cable lines down blocking the roadway. Unit 1 Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival Engine 4 crew cut the cable wires and removed them from the roadway. PSEG and Comcast were notified and responding.	1 - Active	
12/11/2019	2019-583		Garden state parkway	4 car accident 1 person trapped. FD got 1 person out EMT then took over to check on the person, upon leaving 2 more cars where involled no need for FD involvement.	1 - Active	
12/12/2019	2019-584		421 Willow WAY	Contractor ripped into gas line while digging.	1 - Active	
12/12/2019	2019-585		264 Laurel LN	Contractor hit gas line while digging. GAS company called and is on scene.	1 - Active	
12/12/2019	2019-586		590 Raritan	Report of gas leak. Turned out to be sewer gas from grease trap	1 - Active	



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12/13/2019	2019-587		23a Ross ST	Call for odor of smoke unfounded	1 - Active	
12/13/2019	2019-588		306 Westfield AVE	Checking for an odor of natural gas at 308 westfield ave. Call was originally for 306 westfield ave call: 6:46	1 - Active	
12/14/2019	2019-589		16 Prescott Turn	Apparatuses involved: Engine 1 Engine 4 Engine 2 CFD responded to water in the basement. After investigating, the home was found to have a faulty sub pump. FFs then proceeded to pump out the residents basement.	1 - Active	
12/14/2019	2019-590		92 Ivy Street	Units were dispatched to 92 Ivy Street for a fire alarm activation in the basement. Alarm was sounding due to a low battery. Battery was replaced, units were cleared and made available	1 - Active	
12/14/2019	2019-591		27-29 Westfield AVE	fire alarm activation. alarm was discovered and reset no fire. scene cleared	1 - Active	
12/14/2019	2019-592		Garden State Parkway SB Ramp	Overheat, Cancelled by Unit 1	1 - Active	
12/15/2019	2019-593		Garden State Pkwy Southbound 1	Units were dispatched for reports of a multi vehicle accident with possible fire on the Garden State Parkway Southbound, South of exit 135. One car appeared to be overheated. Vehicles were secured. All units cleared and were made available	1 - Active	
12/16/2019	2019-594		1255 Raritan	Call for smell of gas at City MD gas company called	1 - Active	
12/17/2019	2019-595		36 Colonial DR	Clark FD dispatched to odor of burning in a residential dwelling. Home investigated, odor of burning found to be coming from the basement due to a sump pump failure. Sump pump burned out, odor from oil from a sump pump, no fire present. Ventilation performed. Clark FD cleared scene without further incident.	1 - Active	
12/18/2019	2019-596		43 Sycamore RD	Unattended cooking, no fire. Clark FD cleared scene without further incident.	1 - Active	
12/18/2019	2019-597		1197 Cellar AVE	odor of natural gas outside the apartment complex. FD Units check basements of near by buildings and found nothing. ETG on scene and released FD to follow up investigation	1 - Active	
12/19/2019	2019-598		63 Bartell PL	Co alarm activation. Investigated with two meters, no readings. Found alarm was 15 years old. HO advised to get new ones.	1 - Active	
12/20/2019	2019-599		***** Parkway North	Call to the garden state parkway north for multiple MVA. Police assist	1 - Active	
12/21/2019	2019-600		308 Westfield AVE	Dispatched for a reported odor of gas fronting the residence. Unit 1 Deputy 2 Engine 1 Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival a consistent slight odor was present. Deputy 2 returned both engines after metering nearby structures and awaited ETG. Etg arrived on scene and classified it as a small leak and released FD	1 - Active	
12/21/2019	2019-601		160 Terminal AVE	Fire alarm activation and upon investigation found it was due to a steam pipe release valve under a detector that set the alarm off. FD is working with maintenance to reset the alarm. While at scene, second alarm was activated and an additional unit was sent from HQ. See call #602	1 - Active	

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12/21/2019	2019-602		160 Terminal AVE	No reason was found for alarm. Alarm read as duct unit 7 in zone 12. Unit 1 advised the on duty employee to contact his boss if system is kept in trouble. CFD left scene over to Kerry with system silenced.	1 - Active	
12/22/2019	2019-603		112 Delia Terr	Dispatched for a reported carbon monoxide alarm. Deputy 2 Engine 4 responded. Prior to arrival Police Dispatch notified that homeowner was having an issue with the furnace. Upon arrival Units had readings over 400 ppm when the heat kicked on. ETG was notified and responded. ETG arrived and the scene was turned over to them.	1 - Active	
12/23/2019	2019-604		40 Joseph ST	Called for CO alarm, no readings, was an old alarm. Gas company was notified.	1 - Active	
12/24/2019	2019-605		51 Dawn DR	Unattended cooking	1 - Active	
12/25/2019	2019-606		607 Goodmans Crossing	Clark Fire Department dispatched to the apartment complex for the report of a fire alarm activation. Upon arrival C1 established command and investigated. Alarm activation was found to be set off due to unintended cooking. The resident extinguished the fire prior to FD arrival, and began to ventilate the apartment. No findings of extension, or heat noted. Crews clear and available.	1 - Active	
12/25/2019	2019-607		607 Goodmans Crossing	Set off in error due to unattended cooking	1 - Active	
12/27/2019	2019-608		22 Suburban RD	Co alarm, CFD check with 2 meters, on readings. Released to HO awaiting gas company	1 - Active	
12/28/2019	2019-609		301 Central	dispatched to general fire alarm sounding in all businesses at 301 Central Ave. PD reported set off due to failure to turn on exhaust fan in Burger IM. Unit 1 investigated upon arrival. Alarm was reset, natural ventilation.	1 - Active	
12/28/2019	2019-610		Garden State Parkway NIB	Report of car fire. CPD first on scene and reported engine compartment. CFD on scene and reported no fire, antifreeze on engine block	1 - Active	
12/29/2019	2019-611		Garden State Parkway	Dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on the GSP south with entrapment. Victim removed from the vehicle prior to the FD arrival. Engine 3 used for blocking.	1 - Active	
12/30/2019	2019-612		77 Central AVE	Fire alarm activated accidentally by workers at facility. Investigation performed, no fire found. Scene cleared without incident.	1 - Active	
12/30/2019	2019-613		33 Prescott Turn	Oven fire, self extinguished and self vented. Cleared the scene after investigation.	1 - Active	
12/31/2019	2019-614		76 Lincoln BLVD	Fire alarm activation caused by occupant blowing out candle. Police on scene, advised FD of situation. FD cancelled.	1 - Active	



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DECEMBER 2019

DECEMBER 2019 saw a total of 2,210 calls for service of which 129 were ambulance requests, 5 were fire department requests, 19 were motor vehicle and residential lock-outs, 98 were alarm calls, 91 were motor vehicle accidents, 5 were for vandalism and 1,842 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total of 30 adult arrests including but not limited to 1 fugitive from justice, 1 for weapons, 1 for aggravated assault, 1 criminal trespass, 1 harassment, 3 for simple assault, 9 for theft, 5 for drug abuse, 1 for hindering apprehension, 1 for DUI and 6 warrants. There were a total of 7 juvenile arrests including but not limited to 3 offenses against the family. The Detective Bureau handled 36 cases, clearing 26 of them. The Detective Bureau collected \$50.00 in firearms fees. The Records Bureau collected \$116.00 in discovery fees.

**DPW Report
January 21, 2020**

Christmas tree pick will continue for another week all trees must to be out by January 26.

Leaf Pick up is over.

Spring Cleanup starts mid-March weather permitting. Please do not put anything in the roadway until then.

Please remove all nets from the roadway so our equipment does not damage them and we can clean your streets.

Snow season is upon us, please park your cars in the driveway or a neighbor's driveway (ask permission) to help us clear the roadways.

**Electronic Drop off Saturday January 25, 2020 9 AM -1 PM
We are only allowed to accept certain electronics and fluorescent light bulbs.**

Acceptable item are TV's, Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Tablets, E-Readers, Printers, Personal Copy Machines, and Fax Machine.

Nothing else will be accepted.

Bulky Pick up: Household items, Carpet, Couches, Chairs, Furniture, and other such items. NO Electronics, Mattresses or Box springs, construction material, toilets, or metal

Appliance Pick up Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Grills (no propane tank) anything metal.

These pickups will start again in March weather permitting. Please do not put your item out until the weekend of your pick up.

Please help us help you to keep our town looking clean.

Recreation and Pool Report
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020

The Annual Ice-Skating night was held this past Sat, Jan. 18 at Warinanco Ice Skating Rink in Roselle. The ice rink was rented for Clark Residents only. Hundreds of our residents enjoyed the private ice time for a fun filled evening. Thanks to our Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo for another excellent event for our residence of Clark.

Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad
Report to Council
December 2019

Reporting Month –December 2019

The Squad was dispatched to **110 calls** in December

Our Out of Chute Time (time from dispatch to enroute) is slightly over 2 mins. (2 min 14 sec and our average response time from dispatch to arriving on scene is at just over 7 minutes (7 mins 01 sec) Total Year to Date dispatched calls = **1847**

Of these monthly calls, **90** were in Clark and the Squad provided Mutual Aid to neighboring towns **30**times as noted below,

Town	Calls December 2019	Year To Date
Carteret	0	4
Cranford	0	12
Colonia	0	1
Elizabeth	2	2
Fanwood	0	2
Garwood	0	0
Hillside	0	0
Linden	2	8
Plainfield	0	2
Rahway	20	112
Roselle	0	1
Roselle Park	0	0
Scotch Plains	3	20
Union	0	2
Westfield	3	21
Winfield Park	0	7
Other	0	3
TOTAL	30	175

Activities

1. The Squad served as a drop off location for Troop 310 **TOYS FOR TOTS -**
2. Our 2019 Holiday Fund Drive had been mailed– Please support us in our efforts.
3. New are hosting monthly Continuing Education Classes for our members and local EMTs.

Supporting the Community

The Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad provided service and support to the Township and community groups as follows:

Township Tree Lighting
Monthly Blood Drive
Standbys at Home football games

Respectfully Submitted
Laurie Sheldon
Captain

