

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, NJ**

**February 7, 2022**

**7:55 pm**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: James Ulrich, Business Administrator; Mark Dugan, Township Attorney; Edith L. Merkel, Township Clerk

Absent: Mayor Bonaccorso

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

Dispensed – Pledge of Allegiance recited at Special meeting prior to this meeting

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 HAWK, 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, as well as the Official Website of the Township, and the proper filing of said Notice.

The regular order of business will be suspended on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to swear in the 5 new members of the Police Department and to present Clark Police Department 2019 awards

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Heroic Life Saving Actions of William B. Harrison

Council President Minniti asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Toal                      Second: Albanese

**Discussion:**

Councilman Toal: explained the day in history and the actions taken by William B. Harrison

2. Authorizing Final Payment to S. Brothers, Inc. for work completed on the 2020 NJDOT Road Project – Wilson and Waterson Drive and 2020 Capital Roads – Emerald Place and Emerald Court in the amount of \$40,496.95

Council President Minniti asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Mazzarella                      Second: O'Connor

**Discussion:**

Councilman Mazzarella: asked if the contractor provided a Maintenance Bond. (Jim Ulrich: correct).

3. Ratifying release of the performance guarantee to Lettini Builders for work completed at 332/336 Valley Road

Council President Minniti asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Hund                      Second: Mazzarella

Discussion:

Councilman Mazzarella: asked the Business Administrator if this works the same way, as a private residence where they have to put a Maintenance Bond up due to several complaints during the construction.

Jim Ulrich: stated as per the Engineer’s memo and the resolution that the Finance Department is keeping it as a cash bond.

- 4. Authorizing the Health Officer and Township Clerk to enter into an agreement between the Township of Clark and the City of Elizabeth, Division of Health, STD Clinic

Council President Minniti asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Toal                      Second: O’Connor

- 5. Authorizing the purchase of a 524P Wheel Loader under State Contract in the amount of \$163,503.12 for use by the Department of Public Works

Council President Minniti asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Mazzarella                      Second: Albanese

- 6. Award of Contract for On-Call HVAC services – proposals will be opened February 10<sup>th</sup>

Council President Minniti asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Albanese                      Second: O’Connor

**POOL UTILITY RESOLUTIONS:**

- 7. Authorizing and Directing the Council President to enter into Pool Employment Contracts
- 8. Authorizing the Pool rates and fees for the 2022 pool season
- 9. Authorizing a two-year extension of the pool concession contract with Clark Concession Operations, LLC

Council President Minniti asked for a mover and second on Pool Utility Resolutions

Mover: Smith                      Second: O’Connor

Township Clerk: explained that the pool concession was bid last year, the vendor paid the township \$7,050.00 and by negotiations between the concessionaire and the township the local public contracts law allows an extension of that contract for an additional two years.

- 10. Authorizing the Tax Collector to make the proper adjustments for 100% Property Tax Exemption of Block 22 Lot 11 in accordance with a directive from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- 11. Authorizing the Tax Collector to make the proper adjustments for 100% Property Tax Exemption of Block 55 Lot 1 in accordance with a directive from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Council President Minniti asked for a mover and second on this Consent Agenda  
 Mover: Toal                      Second: O’Connor

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Each person addressing the Council shall first give their 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 Minniti opened the public portion of the meeting

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

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

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Albanese: expressed her condolences to former Councilman, Al Barr and his family on the passing of his wife Barbara.

Councilman Hund: expressed his deepest sympathies to Al and his family.

Councilman Mazzarella: expressed his condolences to Al, stated she’ll be missed.

Councilman O’Connor: expressed his condolences to Al, made mention that Council is here if needed. Also thanked Councilman Toal for continually remembering and keeping alive all those who have done well for the township especially with the heroic act of William B. Harrison.

Councilman Smith:

- announced that Clark Travel Basketball will be hosting their Tournament February 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup> and the following two weekends.
- Also, thanked the Administration and the employees for putting up with the tournament due to the fact that the travel basketball occupies the building for three weeks with the tournament

Councilman Toal: expressed his sympathy to Al. Spoke of the Harrison Family and their appreciation to the township. Also, continued to reminisce about the heroic efforts of William B. Harrison.

Councilman Minniti: extended his condolences to the Barr family.

Mr. Ulrich: no comment

Township Clerk: no comment

Mark Dugan: expressed his sorrow to Al on the loss of his wife Barbara

Council President Minniti asked for a motion to adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

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

ADJOURNMENT