

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
March 16, 2020

ROLL CALL:

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

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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Good evening, welcome to our March meeting and the time of unknown in our State, Town and Country; Coronavirus

Protocols for the Community:

Recreation and Teen Center – completely closed no exceptions

Senior Bus will continue on regular schedule; some seniors do not have a way to shop

Food Pantry run by Health Officer, Nancy Raymond open tomorrow March 17th

12:00 – 1:30 at the Municipal Building, Rec side, Cafeteria only

Town Hall is closed to the public as of this morning (3/16/20) – Employees working behind a locked door. Sign on door with phone numbers, box to drop your sewer tax payment in and another box for other things. Mayor's precise directive to employees – I want the citizens taken care of at any cost but with reasonable discretion factoring urgency and time sensitivity. Call or email if you have an urgent matter and we will figure out a way to try to help you. Trying to provide services with caution for citizens and employees.

Municipal Court – Closed

Police Department – Open (to public only for emergencies, call first 732-388-3434)

Public Works – continue services; bulky clean-up, spring clean-up (until end of April)

Library – Closed

Schools – Closed – Thanked Ed Grande for working with Mayor and Health Officer in determining when schools should be closed. Important to time the closing so that the days off would not count against the 180 days in school, by state law.

Pool – too early to know if it will be open. We hope it will be open.

Decisions are made on a daily basis. Things could change hourly to daily, constantly throughout this crisis. We are all learning day by day.

Thanked Health Officer, Nancy Raymond for the phenomenal job she has done for the community, working 24/7. A++ phenomenal. She is getting inundated with emails and phone calls. She is one person; must take high priority to low priority.

Mayor has handled; 9-11, Hurricane Irene, Superstorm Sandy, the big power outage at Halloween with the snow storm, H1N1, Ebola, Swine Flu. Experienced and not a panicking person; “I don’t react, I act to situation at hand.” As of 7:30 pm, Monday, March 16th we do not have a case in Clark. No township employees have tested positive at this time.

First Responders; Police, Fire, First Aid are on the job. Please don’t call unnecessarily and put them or you at risk

Everybody is working hard to handle this the right way. Residents should feel free to call, text or email with any questions or concerns.

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 Toal:

Environmental Commission: March 19, 2020 meeting cancelled
Made comments about the COVID-19 hoarding situation. The stores are restocking. Also, urged residents to look out for neighbors who may need your help at this time.

Council President O'Connor:

Finance Report: Mr. Laezza continues to do a great job. Comments regarding the Budget are attached.

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:

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

The Supplemental Debt Statement for the following Bond Ordinances has been properly filed with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs by the Chief Financial Officer

Ordinance 20-11

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE 2020 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$750,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake the 2020 Capital Road Improvement Program (including roadway reconstruction and resurfacing and the undertaking of the following, where necessary: repair of the storm drainage system, reconstruction of curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons and the making of landscaping improvements) at the following locations in the Township:

- Denman Avenue
- Evans Terrace
- Linda Lane

Post Road/Circle
Rainbow Drive

Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$750,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$750,000, and (4) \$37,500 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be

issued for said purpose is \$712,500, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$40,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$37,500, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$37,500 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$712,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$712,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant

to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance, and also the power to sell said

notes, is hereby delegated to the Director of Revenue and Finance who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$712,500 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Union, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of said purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion:

John Laezza: Funding for Road Program - Starting projects

- Denman Avenue
- Evans Terrace
- Linda Lane
- Post Road/Circle
- Rainbow Drive

If the bids come in lower than \$750,000.00, we may be able to add other roads if possible.

Mayor: We know there are a lot of people waiting for roads. We're spending \$750,000 and we're actually spending more than that this year. Project at the Police Station; straightening out the intersection and installing a traffic light, partially funded by a NJDOT grant. Roads are not lasting as long as they used to because the materials have changed due to environmentally friendly specifications. Members of Council are all fighting for roads for their constituents and they try to be fair about it.

Council President O'Connor: Asked whether the light will be fully functional or only during certain times of the day. Mayor answered that is yet to be determined with input from the Chief of Police.

No further discussion

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

Public Hearing April 6th - Municipal Building, Room 30*

Ordinance 20-12

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FIELD AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH CLARK BASEBALL PROGRAMS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$200,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake various improvements to parks and recreation areas, including, but not limited to, field and related improvements in connection with Clark baseball programs in, by and for the Township. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$200,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$200,000, and (4) \$10,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$190,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$10,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$10,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$10,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$190,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$190,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, shall be payable not more than one year from its date,

shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance, and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Director of Revenue and Finance who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of fifteen years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$190,000 and

that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Union, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of said purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes

upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion:

John Laezza: Ordinance to fund various capital recreational projects subject to the Bond law approval which will accommodate the projects throughout the year

No further discussion

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

Public Hearing April 6th - Municipal Building, Room 30*

*The meeting format at which the Public Hearing will take place has changed due to the COVID-19 emergency, to be held via conference with no physical location. Public participation is available by text to (908) 347-8348 or email to clerk@ourclark.com full name and address must be provided for the record.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: Council President O'Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee gave a report on Current and Capital expenditures received and encumbered March 10, 2020 in the amount of \$366,695.48

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 20-47

Municipal Budget of the Township of Clark County of Union for Calendar Year 2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2020:

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND SECTION OF APPROVED BUDGET YEAR 2020**

General Appropriation For:

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| 1. Appropriations within “CAPS”: | | |
| (a) Municipal Purposes (Item H-1, Sheet 19) (N.J.S.40A:4-45.2) | | 18,672,964.00 |
| 2. Appropriations excluded from “CAPS” | | |
| (a) Municipal Purposes (Item H-2, Sheet 28) (N.J.S.40A:4-45.3 as amended) | | 5,268,949.28 |
| (b) Local District School Purposes in Municipal Budget (Item K, Sheet 29) | | - |
| Total General Appropriations excluded from “CAP” (Item O, Sheet 29) | | 5,268,949.28 |
| 3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item M. Sheet 29) – Based on Estimated 98.51% | | |
| | Percent of Tax Collections | 1,000,000.00 |
| 4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29) | Building Aid Allowance 2020 | |
| | for Schools –State Aid 2019 | |
| | | 24,941,913.28 |
| 5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)
(i.e. Surplus, Miscellaneous Revenues and Receipts from Delinquent Taxes) | | 6,341,655.28 |
| 6. Difference: Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget (as follows) | | |
| (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes
(Item 6(a), Sheet 11) | | 17,656,131.00 |
| (b) Addition to Local District School Tax (Item 6(b), Sheet 11) | | - |
| (c) Minimum Library Tax | | 944,127.00 |

BE IT RESOLVED that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was Introduced by the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union on March 16, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in summary in the Union County Local Source in the issue of April 2, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Regular Meeting for the hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Council Chambers, 315 Westfield Avenue, on April 20, 2020 at 7:30 pm at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2020 may be presented by the taxpayers or other interested persons.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: see attached

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

Resolution 20-48

WHEREAS the Official Township Tax Maps required updates for Formal Certification and Revaluation Inspection; and

WHEREAS Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC prepared new Tax Maps reflecting the conditions as of December 4, 2019 which were subsequently sent to the New Jersey Tax Map Unit of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS the Tax Maps were approved by the New Jersey Division of Taxation, date stamped and assigned a serial number on January 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Division of Taxation the Tax Map Mylars were certified and returned via email to the Division by Grotto Engineering in the form of a PDF.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby accepts the Township Tax Maps as pre-approved by the New Jersey Division of Taxation.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Toal

Discussion:

John Laezza: The State of NJ requires that a tax map be updated digitally to do a revaluation. Engineering has been working on the update over the last three years so that the cost could be spread over the years rather than all at once. Commended Engineering Department for doing an outstanding job. They (tax maps) were ultimately approved by the State of NJ and we're ready to go, on our revaluation.

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

Resolution 20-49

WHEREAS there exists a need for Information Technology and Network Support 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) proposals were received from HBK IT, Lifeline Technology Solutions and Ocean Computer Group, Inc. for the above-mentioned services and were publicly opened at 10:00 am on January 29, 2020; 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 HBK IT, 100 Walnut Avenue, Suite 103, Clark, New Jersey 07066 in the amount of One Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,750.00) per month beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021.

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 Information Technology and Network Support Services to the firm of HBK IT in accordance with NJSA 19:44A-20.5 et. seq.; 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 Mazzearella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: none

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

Resolution 20-50

WHEREAS the Governing Body acting as the Municipal Pool Utility of the Township of Clark, advertised on February 20, 2020 for the solicitation of bids for the Operating & Maintaining of the Pool Food Concession and opened on March 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS one bid was received which did not meet the minimum requirements of the Bid Specifications; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator recommended that the bid be rejected in the best interest of the Township and authorization be granted to re-bid the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark in its capacity as the Municipal Pool Utility that it hereby concurs with the Business Administrator, rejects the bid and grants authorization to re-bid the project.

Moved by Councilman Hund, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: none

Council President O’Connor directed roll call:

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

Resolution 20-51

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it does hereby accept the Total Comfort Agreement with Edison Heating & Cooling for Heating and Cooling Maintenance Services in the Clark Municipal Building in the amount of \$3,480.00 as executed by the Business Administrator effective for a one-year period from the date of acceptance.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Toal

Discussion: none

Council President O’Connor directed roll call:

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

Resolution 20-52

WHEREAS the Township solicited quotes seeking proposals from Garden State Fireworks, International Fireworks Mfg. Co. and Schaefer Fireworks Inc. for a Fireworks Display to be presented on July 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS Garden State Fireworks and International Fireworks Mfg. Co. are under contract with other communities for July 4th and are therefore unavailable; and

WHEREAS Schaefer Fireworks Inc., 370 Hartman Bridge Road, Ronks, PA 17572, submitted a responsible, responsive proposal in the amount of \$15,900.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby commits to a fireworks display presented by Schaefer Fireworks Inc., to be held on Saturday, July 4, 2020 with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or appropriate officials of the Township of Clark are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Schaefer Fireworks Inc. for 2020 as sufficient funds have been appropriated in the 2020 Municipal Budget, Celebration and Public Events account.

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion:

Councilman Toal: With all of the crazy stuff in the world right now we’re looking towards the summer, Fourth of July. Hopefully we’ll all get together in one healthy and enjoyable evening. Thanks to our Mayor and our Administration they’re continuing a legacy and tradition of this township. Think about the fireworks. It’s a great time for America and great time for the Township. Thanked Mayor. Tonight, we’re setting it up and hopefully through a higher power we have it and it all goes out great. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for doing it and continuing a tradition for this township. People love it.

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 20-53

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2020 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
175	16		Corelogic	41	Autumn Avenue	\$ 2,822.19
						\$ 2,822.19

Resolution 20-54

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 attached schedule.

REF	#	Acct #	Name		Address	Reason	Original	Revised	Additional
20	8	1874-0	Marcel Moyano	61	Doris Way	New owner remove SCD	\$ 140.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 140.00

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

NEW BUSINESS: none

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.

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 O'Connor directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Chief Matos: Operations that have changed at the Police department to better protect officers from Coronavirus: Beginning today all calls for service that come into the PD are going to be screened to assure, does an officer need to come out to your home. If it is determined that an officer does not need to come out to your home, an officer will be put in touch with you. He will call you back and attempt to help you over the phone. If an officer does need to come out to your home, we are going to ask you some questions; is anyone sick, what have been your travels, so we can ascertain the risk that the officer is taking coming to your home. Second is calls for medical emergencies; normally officers respond due to the fact that the squad is volunteer. From this day forward, PD will not respond to non-emergent medical calls. Officer may be dispatched to the neighborhood to be close by just in case anything changes at the home. Dispatchers will continue to stay on the line to monitor the call. We are doing this primary to ensure that in the long term we are able to provide police services. I do not want to get to a point where an officer, for a minor reason comes into contact with someone who then tests positive for corona later. Then that office had contact with our other officers and then we have a whole shift that's being quarantined. The building is not locked down but we are closing it to the public. Only come to police headquarters if its an emergency. Please call first 732-388-3434. We will direct you to the best course of action. If you have to come to headquarters all interaction will be done through the Records Bureau window so as to maintain a barrier between us and the public. We're doing this to protect our officers. I also don't want to have a situation where one of our officers may have come into contact with someone who is infected and then went to your home for some minor reason and spread that to your home. Please be patient with us. We are doing our best to continue to provide police services to the township. I hope that you all stay well and healthy and I'll see you next month. Thank you

Councilwoman Albanese: Are they wearing masks?

Chief: All officers have been provided N95 rated masks today. Also provided disinfectants for police cars. They are able to disinfect themselves and the surfaces they are touching. We are taking extra precautions with cleaning inside our building; surfaces, handrails, doorknobs, desks. We are doing our best to mitigate the chance that anything gets passed along from person to person. But, yes, officers have been provided with personal protective equipment.

Council President O'Connor: Thank you Chief and thank you for trying to flatten the curve.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We scrubbed the Rec Center in Town Hall on Saturday and we're going to be extra vigilant. Reiterated and reinforced what the Chief had said. Spoke about kids congregating outside and parents' responsibility. Spoke about how it will feel with restaurants being closed; White Diamond, Manny's, etc. pending this virus turning around. Drive-thru and curbside service will remain open. Daily life will be different. Told a story about White Diamond. Spoke about the difficulties of waiters and waitresses trying to get by and feeding their families. Went into detail about various people's hardships. Praying for good health throughout our country and the world. Decisions may change daily and hourly. Thanked Health Officer Nancy Raymond again as well as employees and department heads who are working through some difficult times. Updates will be on social media and TAP into Clark. Gave accolades to Liz Clee for her work on reporting news and getting information out to the residents.

Councilwoman Albanese: Question for the Mayor. Example, if you order pizza can you walk in and get it? Answer: no, you have to get it at the curb and gave details of process. Delivery is fine. Mentioned other restaurants and their employees who will struggle through this time.

Comments on Budget: thanked Administration for a phenomenal budget as always. Tax maps, John is always strategic in his planning to lessen the burden of the expense and the work that has to be done. Thanked Terance O'Neill and his team for a phenomenal job as well. We're very fortunate and have learned a lot over the years from this administration and we can't thank you enough. Thank you

Councilman Barr: Thank you Mr. President. Pretty much everything has been covered this evening. Be careful, be safe and stay healthy. Thank you.

Councilman Hund: Thanked Mr. Laezza and his team for handling the budget the way you do every year. Reiterated what the Mayor said; don't want to see people out playing in the parks, etc. Kids may not be happy but everyone must follow the procedures. Wished everyone well, stay safe. Thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: Has been receiving a lot of calls about Coronavirus. The virus doesn't discriminate; republican, democrat, no affiliation, younger or older. Urged residents to check in on people who may be alone. We'll get through this because we're strong and we're Americans. Until next month be well, stay safe and God bless. Thank you.

Councilman Toal: Listed those we have lost. Wished everyone a happy Saint Patrick's Day. Talked about storms and other trials and tribulations in the past. We're a family. We watch out for each other. Help each other out.

Business Administrator, John Laezza: Its nice to get the accolades but basically, it's the team. In a lighthearted way described Mayor as George Steinbrenner when he (BA) was hired and described himself as the Brian Cashman of Clark. He gave me a team that was useless in 2001 and it took me about five years to put together a team that is second to none. It took a while but we made it all the way.

Mayor: Time out. (laughing) I might have been Steinbrenner but I inherited that franchise. You were my first big free agent signing, so let's start from there. Don't make it like I farmed this

group and brought them up. I inherited them John. But it is a great team and God bless them. Thank you.

DPW Supervisor, Scott McCabe: Good evening, hope everyone is staying healthy. Added to Councilman Mazzarella's report: mulch available for free www.ourclark.com DPW facility is closed to the public to keep crew and the public healthy. Electronic drop-off, shooting for April 25th from 9:00 – 1:00. Big topic for tonight; flushable wipes. Flushable wipes are not flushable. Not good for the sewer system. Toilet paper is bio-degradable. Flushable wipes whether adult or baby wipes are of a fabric material. They do not break down and have a habit of clogging up personal sewer lines and the township sewer lines along with our pump systems. Please do not flush wipes now or ever. They do say flushable but they are not good for your sewer system. Stay safe and healthy. Thank you

Township Clerk, Edie Merkel: urged residents to consider voting by mail. Applications are in the Clerk's office or at www.ucnj.org All mail-in ballots are counted so you don't have to worry about that and you could be protecting yourself. Hopefully by June we're all good, but why take the chance. Mail-in your vote. Thank you

Council President O'Connor: With regard to the Coronavirus, I am the liaison for the Office of Emergency Management as well as for the Emergency Squad. Councilman Barr is liaison for the Fire Department. One thing those three things have in common is that they are all volunteers. These people are leaving their homes voluntarily to come into your home or neighborhood and interact with others, not for any benefit for themselves but to benefit the township and help people. This town is full of volunteers. I want to thank them specifically for that and to remind everybody that being a volunteer is very noble and really needs to be appreciated more than it probably is. People volunteer and get nothing out of it except the satisfaction of volunteering. So, I really want to thank those people for that. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn 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

APPROVED

PATRICK J. O'CONNOR
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

Council President O'Connor's Comments: 2020 Municipal Budget Resolution 20-47

The budget has been submitted to the public tonight. This budget will be advertised and a public meeting will be held April 20, 2020 for comments from the citizens before final action is taken. We usually submit our budget to the public during the month of February, however, this year we were still in negotiations with our Unions. Upon completion of the contracts we were able to complete our work on the budget. Tonight, is a culmination of our efforts.

The total salaries have increased by 4.68 percent, not per person, but in the aggregate. A review of our salary program for the white-collar workers, the majority being women, were substantially lower than all other employees. The Mayor felt this was not right and therefore those salaries were corrected to give a living wage. This adjustment necessitated an adjustment to many other salaries to accommodate state statues. Bottom line, although the union salary increase is just 2.25%, the overall aggregate is 4.68%.

As promised, this budget will accommodate the paying of our debt service without raising our property taxes. It includes paying down the bond issue for the Police Building under construction. The changes in other expenses amounts to a 3.69% increase of \$558,891.00. The major increases are in Engineering Services; Insurance and Bonding; Streets & Roads; Building and Grounds; and Police Pension Contributions.

Notwithstanding all of that, since a number of items are one-time costs and having accumulated a substantial emergency fund, it is my pleasure to tell you the citizens that, Mr. Laezza has utilized a portion of that fund, to enable us to bring you a 2020 budget, without a property tax increase for Municipal purposes. This is the Municipal portion. Remember there is also the County and the School.

Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Laezza.

Mayor: If you actually look at the budget document, we went down about a penny and we're covering the library costs which is separate. So, you are correct, it is a zero increase to the town. Thanked Mr. Laezza for his diligent work not just for this budget but over the last twenty years. When I gave John the daunting task of fiscally straightening the town out twenty years ago, it was a mess; we were in trouble, you had less services, you were paying higher taxes. Now we ask for exactly what we need. This year we don't need anything so we're not asking you for anything. Over the years our increases have been very minimal compared to all other towns in Union County. Also spoke about the value for your dollar with examples of various programs and how that is accomplished. We're the first administration to pay down debt. Our budget has not increased because of debt. We're going to build a beautiful police station and council chambers/court house. That is not going to raise your tax bill. Gave further explanation. To my credit my Administrator and friend here has done an awesome job. We put a Library in, we've put turf fields in, we've paved roads, we've bought equipment. We did it all. We've done it right. Also thanked employees and department heads for working with us and being patient. Great job John, Council, Department Heads; I'm proud to be a part of the team that's doing a great job with this budget. I think we're a model to other towns in New Jersey. Thank you

Upcoming Events at the Clark Public Library March 2020-April 2020

All library programs have been postponed till April 1st, 2020. We would like to remind our patrons that we have a robust e-library collection online where you can borrow with your library card: e-books, downloadable audiobooks, and digital magazines. Please visit <https://clarklibrary.org/digital-library/>

Our upcoming April programs are:

Family Movie DVD Release on Tuesday, April 7 at 3:30 pm

Join us for popcorn and a movie on the DVD release day of this popular movie. Robert Downey, JR stars as Dr. John Dolittle. His only companionship comes from an array of exotic animals that he speaks to on a daily basis. But when young Queen Victoria becomes gravely ill, the eccentric doctor and his furry friends embark on an epic adventure to a mythical island to find the cure. Rated PG.

UrbEx 101: Investigating Abandoned New Jersey on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm

When many think of exploration, exotic locations and ancient civilizations may come to mind, However, urban exploration, or "UrbEx" can happen right here in New Jersey. Join Luke Boyd as he discusses abandoned tri-state area properties and the stories that accompany them. The safety and ethical aspects of Urban Exploration will also be discussed. This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Fossil Dig with Pearl Observatory on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 pm

Get ready to dig in! Find your own fossils right in the library with our friends from Pearl Observatory. The fossil silt is loaded with shark teeth, coral, sea urchin spines, bones and more. Whatever you find you get to keep. The fossils are up to 20 million years old. For ages 5 and up. Registration is required.

Adult Book Club on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 pm

Join us for our next book club meeting. We will be discussing Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys. Winter 1945. Four refugees. Four stories. Each one born of a different homeland; each one hunted, and haunted, by tragedy, lies, war. As thousands desperately flock to the coast in the midst of a Soviet advance, four paths converge, vying for passage aboard the Wilhelm Gustloff, a ship that promises safety and freedom. But not all promises can be kept.

Clark Fire Department

Clark, NJ

Basic Incident Info for Incident Type

Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 02/01/2020 | End Date: 02/29/2020

Incident Date	Incident #	Address	Narrative	Station
02/01/2020	2020-34	66 Georgia ST	Fire alarm activation unfounded checked house with homeowner.	1 - Active
02/01/2020	2020-35	66 Georgia ST	Units Responded to 66 Georgia Street for the activated fire alarm. Reason for the alarm was unfounded. All units were cleared and made available.	1 - Active
02/03/2020	2020-36	60 Kathryn ST	Units were dispatched to 60 Kathryn Street for the reports of a possible CO alarm activation. Units arrived and investigated. No readings were found. Elizabethtown Gas was requested. Homeowners awaited their arrival, all units were cleared and made available.	1 - Active
02/04/2020	2020-37	207 Gibson BLVD	Unattended cooking, alarm reset	1 - Active
02/04/2020	2020-38	1230 Hillcrest DR	Fire alarm activation. no cause. Unattended cooking, Apt 23. Comandede	1 - Active
02/05/2020	2020-39	82 Sweet Briar DR	Reported Alarm sounding in the building. Prior to response PD Dispatch advised the caller called back and stated the alarms stopped sounding. Units arrived on scene and C-2 advised that it was a single detector activation in the basement. Super was advised to call the alarm company to come conduct service on it. All units clear and available	1 - Active
02/06/2020	2020-40	1600 Westfield AVE	Clark FD responded to 16 Westfield Ave, building D 3rd floor, for a fire alarm activation. No cause was found for the alarm, reset to alarm was successful. All units cleared and available.	1 - Active

02/06/2020	2020-41	444 Madison Hill RD	Fire alarm activation, crews checked house with meter and tic, negative results. faulty alarm. All units cleared/\.	1 - Active
02/08/2020	2020-42	1255 Raritan	CO2 went off because of construction next door. Ventilated and cleared.	1 - Active
02/09/2020	2020-43	803 Raritan Road	Clark Fire Department dispatched to 803 Raritan Road for the report of a residential fire alarm activation. Upon arrival incident command was established. Cause of alarm was due to unattended cooking. Home owner self-ventilated residence prior to FD arrival. No further actions needed. Units clear and available. Residence turned over to home owner, incident command terminated.	1 - Active
02/09/2020	2020-44	1168 LAKE AVE 2	Units were dispatched to 1168 Lake avenue for the reports of a CO alarm going off. Units arrived and Investigated. No readings were found. Cause was determined to be due to faulty detector. All units were cleared and made available.	1 - Active
02/09/2020	2020-45	76 Sweet Briar DR	Smoke detector in the laundry room activated, no cause for alarm. Alarm would not reset, found detector missing outside apt. 10. Detector replaced and alarm reset. Super reports that the alarm repair will be on site Monday for repairs to the system	1 - Active
02/11/2020	2020-46	Raritan	Original call for gasoline spill. Spill was 6 quarts aprox of transmission fluid DEP notified and cas #20-02-11-1316-09. Updated to 15 qts of transmission fluid Carlos from the DEP 973-631-6389 also went into 2 storm drains and they are now diked. 4 bags of speedy- dri were used. owner of vehicle Ats master trust plate XDGB80 driver of truck Tom Camacho from ready Refresh	1 - Active
02/12/2020	2020-47	143 Hayes AVE	Dispatched to a reported CO Alarm Activation. C-1, Engine 1, Engine 4 responded. Crews had zero readings with 2 meters. Gas company was notified to respond and gave a 30 minute to 1 hour response time. Alarm was activated due a dehumidifier leaking through the ceiling directly onto the detector, frying it. Home owner was advised to replace the detector. Scene turned over to Elizabeth Town Gas.	1 - Active
02/12/2020	2020-48	21 Rutgers RD	Engine compartment fully involved. CFD used front jump line to extinguish.	1 - Active
02/13/2020	2020-49	South Wood	Linden requested mutual aid.	1 - Active

02/13/2020	2020-50	1687 Westfield AVE	Smoke alarm activation faulty detector. reset alarm. super will make the call for repair.	1 - Active
02/15/2020	2020-51	1196 Cellar AVE 14	Smoke condition in apartment due to unintended cooking. Everything was clear and no cause for alarm.	1 - Active
02/15/2020	2020-52	1300 Raritan	Pull box activation. Alarm was reset. Engine 4 was in a MVA. No firefighters were injured. Vehicle hit engine 4 as engine 4 was pulling into the Hyatt Hills parking lot. Minor damage from the passenger side of the engine and other vehicles drivers side.	1 - Active
02/15/2020	2020-53	196 Gibson BLVD 196	Clark FD dispatched to fire alarm activation. Scene investigated, fire alarm activation result of unattended cooking. Scene self-ventilated. Clark FD cleared scene without further incident.	1 - Active
02/16/2020	2020-54	Broad Street	Engine 3 called in to Elizabeth for station coverage, sent to scene on 4 alarm. Laid 5 inch hose to Rahway, then helped load 5 inch.	1 - Active
02/16/2020	2020-55	1637 Westfield AVE	dispatched to sounding alarm. PD reported resident 'turned off' alarm prior to dispatch. E1 investigated upon arrival. Set off due to cooking, self-ventilated, alarm reset itself. Units cleared at 10:11	1 - Active
02/16/2020	2020-56	400 Madison Hill RD	unattended cooking owner Jannucci	1 - Active
02/17/2020	2020-57	141 Valley Road	Report of a fire alarm in the area of residence of 141 Valley Road Clark. No alarms found, all companies released.	1 - Active
02/17/2020	2020-58	Garden State Parkway	Dispatched to a reported vehicle fire. Deputy 1 Engine 4 responded. Call was unfounded.	1 - Active
02/19/2020	2020-59	360 Central AVE	Dispatched to a reported Fire Alarm Activation at above location. Deputy 2, Engine 1 Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival Alarms were sounding. D Crews from E-1 and E-4 checked the buildings and nothing was found. Alarm was reset.	1 - Active
02/19/2020	2020-60	Westfield AVE	Fire alarm activated on 52 Westfield Ave., nothing was found.	1 - Active

02/20/2020	2020-61	garden state parkway north	<p>Apparatus response: Car 1 Car 2 Engine 4 Engine 1 - cancelled</p> <p>CFD responded to a smoking car on the parkway going north. When vehicle was located, units investigated. It was an overheated commercial van, no injuries units were cleared and state police was contacted</p>	1 - Active
02/23/2020	2020-62	76 Central	Woman stuck in elevator, extricated.	1 - Active
02/23/2020	2020-63	208 Gibson BLVD	Smoke from unattended cooking set off the fire alarm. The apartment number 11 was ventilated and the alarm was reset.	1 - Active
02/24/2020	2020-64	8 Wendell PL	Dispatched for the report of a smell of gas in front of the above address. Unit 1, Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival crews checked the house for readings or odors which turned up negative. Crews continued to investigate the surrounding area.	1 - Active
02/25/2020	2020-65	17 Crestwood LN	Fire headquarter received a direct phone call from the homeowner of the above address stating that his carbon Monoxide alarm was sounding. caller stated that they changed the batteries an the alarm was still sounding. Homeowner was advised to call 911, which they failed to do so. Unit one was notified over the phone of the situation and police dispatch was contacted. Fire dept was paged out and unit one, deputy one, engine four responded. Unites arrived on scene and crews checked the house with a four gas meter negative readings. Cause of the alarm was a faulty detector. Homeowner was advised to await the arrival of Elizabeth town gas to conduct further readings.	1 - Active
02/26/2020	2020-66	152 Central	Contractor working without permits set off the alarm. Renovating offices with sheet rock.	1 - Active
02/27/2020	2020-67	1213 Westfield AVE	Person stuck in elevator. Shut off power to elevator and removed person.	1 - Active

02/28/2020	2020-68	222 Terminal AVE	Clark FD dispatched to fire alarm activation at Kerry Ingredients and Flavors Inc. Scene investigated, no fire present, alarm set off due to small amount of water leaking. Building manager on scene. Alarm reset attempt, failed, manager aware. Manager making call to alarm company. Clark FD cleared scene without further incident.	1 - Active
02/28/2020	2020-69	207 Gibson BLVD	Apartment called about a weird odor. Investigation in the basement revealed cut sewer pipes leaking. Manager suggests maintenance forgot to plug up damaged pipe. Proper persons were contacted.	1 - Active
02/28/2020	2020-70	30 Terminal AVE	Dispatched to a reported fire alarm activation, Upon arrival units found alarms sounding with the building evacuated. Cause of the alarm was due to a power surge. Alarm was reset all units cleared available	1 - Active
02/29/2020	2020-71	53 Rutgers RD	Dispatched to a reported gasoline can on fire. Prior to arrival fire was extinguished by PD. Unit 1 Engine 1 Engine 4 Responded. Upon arrival Crews applied speedy dry to the affected area. No further action was taken, all units clear and available	1 - Active

CLARK POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 2020

FEBRUARY 2020 saw a total of 2,494 calls for service of which 92 were ambulance requests, 4 were fire department requests, 10 were motor vehicle and residential lock-outs, 96 were alarm calls, 76 were motor vehicle accidents and 2,200 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total of 49 adult arrests including but not limited to 2 for obstruction of justice, 2 for resisting arrest, 4 for DUI, 12 for theft, 13 for drug abuse, 1 for presenting false government documents and 15 warrants. There were a total of 13 juvenile arrests including but not limited to 1 for weapons, 3 for drug abuse, 1 for truancy, 2 offenses against the family and 2 for shoplifting. The Detective Bureau handled 46 cases, clearing 42 of them. The Detective Bureau collected \$75.00 in firearms/fingerprint fees. The Records Bureau collected \$1,245.05 in discovery fees and false alarm fines.

DPW Report
March 16, 2020

Spring Clean-up starts mid-March weather permitting. You can begin to put yard waste in the roadway March 15th.

Electronic Drop off Saturday March 28, 2020 has been cancelled.

Bulky Pick up:

Household items: Carpet, Couches, Chairs, Furniture, and other such items. NO Electronics, Mattresses or Box springs, construction material, toilets, or metal. Make an appointment at www.ourclark.com

Appliance & Metal pick up:

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

Please do not put your item out until the weekend of your pick up. APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED FOR PICK UP email DPW@ourclark.com to schedule the week prior to pick up.

Grass pick up will begin May 5th.

Recreation Report

March 16, 2020

The Rec Center is closed until further notice due to the Coronavirus. We will do our best to reschedule once we know how long this will last.

Easter Egg Hunt is cancelled.

**First Aid Squad Report
March 16, 2020**

Coronavirus Update

As updates come from the CDC, the organization will be informed with the latest updates. We have the proper PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) to treat and transport any patient that we come in contact with. I would like to remind everyone that with the coronavirus **and** the flu at this time of year, the hospitals are to be reserved for serious cases. We advise to utilize 911 on absolute emergencies.

New Members

Last Month we interviewed and accepted a total of eight new members: five volunteer and three per diems. We are always accepting new members; our application is online for whoever is interested on joining us!