

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
May 16, 2022

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso; Mark Dugan, Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk;

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 pm by Council President Minniti. 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 – In Remembrance of John Laezza, one year after his last meeting before his passing

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, the Official Website of the Township 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:

- Reminded everyone that branch cleanup has started, place branches out on the third week, pickup will be on the fourth week each month, schedule will run now through September
- Asked residents not to put branches out early, it can cause a pedestrian or a motor vehicle hazard out on the streets
- Spoke of the Memorial Day Parade
- It's prom season and graduations, reminded everyone to drive extra safe on the roads, there's new drivers this time of year

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 Hund:

Police Report: see attached

Councilman Mazarella:

DPW Report: see attached

Councilman O'Connor:

Finance Report: The Township continues to operate within Budget and is able to meet it's current obligations

Emergency Squad Report: see attached

Councilman Smith:

Recreation and Pool Report: see attached

Councilman Toal:

Environmental Commission:

- The Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:30 pm in Room 30 of the Municipal Building, all are welcome
- Discussion will include what's going on in the environment and when the fall cleanup for the township will be held at the Reservoir in October, if interested please join us

Council President Minniti:

Fire Report: see attached

As always, I would like to thank members of the Clark Fire Department for their hard work and dedication keeping our town safe

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE RARITAN ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 60, LOTS 60.01, 61, 62 & 63 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. ("LRHL"), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 of the LRHL the Municipal Council ("Township Council") of the Township of Clark (the "Township") directed the Township Planning Board on December 20, 2021 to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the property designated as Block 60, Lots 60.01, 61, 62 & 63 on the official tax map of

the Township (the “Proposed Redevelopment Area”) (i) meet the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, or (ii) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 are necessary, with or without change in their condition, for the effective redevelopment of the proposed redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Clark Planning Board (the “Planning Board”) at a public Planning Board hearing on March 15, 2022 reviewed the Redevelopment Study and Preliminary Investigation Report, dated March 4, 2022 (the “Preliminary Investigation”) and testimony of the Township’s planning consultant pursuant to and in accordance with the procedural requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, to determine whether the Proposed Redevelopment Area property satisfies the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 (or, if and as applicable, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3) to be designated as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board gave due notice of the proposed boundaries of the Proposed Redevelopment Area and the date of the hearing in accordance with the LRHL to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Proposed Redevelopment Area delineated in the notice is a redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing, the Planning Board heard from all persons who were interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Proposed Redevelopment Area is a non-condemnation redevelopment area. There were no objections to a determination that the Proposed Redevelopment Area is an area in need of redevelopment and evidence in support of those objections were received and considered by the Planning Board and made part of the public record; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board found that the property designated as Block 60, Lots 60.01, 61, 62 & 63 were investigated and meets the statutory criteria for an area in need of redevelopment as outlined in the Preliminary Investigation; and

WHEREAS, after conducting its investigation, preparing a map of the Proposed Redevelopment Area, and completing a public hearing at which no objections to the designation were received and considered, the Planning Board moved to recommend to the Township Council that it should designate the property designated as Block 60, Lots 60.01, 61, 62 & 63 as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2022, the Planning Board adopted a Resolution memorializing its decision to recommend that the Township Council designate the Proposed Redevelopment Area a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment, which resolution was duly forwarded to Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2022 the Township Council, having reviewed the Preliminary Investigation and in consideration of the information presented to Township Council, together with the Planning Board’s recommending Resolution, declared the Proposed Redevelopment Area as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, in order to stimulate redevelopment within on the Proposed Redevelopment Area the Township Council desires to adopt the redevelopment plan entitled “Raritan Road Redevelopment Plan,” prepared by Shamrock Enterprises, Ltd. (“Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that the Redevelopment Plan will diversify the use and development on the Proposed Redevelopment Area, which will stimulate greater interest in the redevelopment there; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e) the Township Council hereby accepts and approves the Redevelopment Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, to the extent that any portion of the Redevelopment Plan conflicts with or amends or modifies any provision of any other of the Township’s development regulations, the Redevelopment Plan shall supersede or amend or modify, as applicable, such development regulations and the zoning district map included in the Township’s zoning ordinance shall be deemed amended accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion:

Council President directed roll call:

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

Public Hearing on June 6th in Town Hall

(due to COVID cases, the June 6 meeting was rescheduled to June 13 at which time the public hearing will be held)

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Councilman O’Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee gave a report on Current and Capital expenditures received and encumbered through May 12, 2022 in the amount \$302,646.12.

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:

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.

William Caruso, 7 School St.:

- Questioned the Council regarding the Redevelopment Plan
- Mayor Bonaccorso responded that this is approving the designation of an area in need of redevelopment as it went through council, to the Planning Board, and back to Council, what's going there will be before the Planning Board in an upcoming meeting
- Questioned the Council President on who is proposing the redevelopment, who is behind it
- Councilman Smith responded that the Council voted on the designation to redevelop the property, we are waiting for a builder or a developer to come to the Planning Board with plans on what's going to go there, we don't know what the owner of the property is going to put there until they go to the Planning Board, when they review it then they'll come to Council and say what they approved to go there
- Do all the zoning requirements meet to do this redevelopment
- Councilwoman Albanese responded yes in accordance with the Statutes it's qualified as an area of redevelopment

Frank Makosiej, 12 Kennedy Drive:

- He appreciated to hear Mr. Caruso ask about the redevelopment
- Wanted to know if the June 6th Planning Board meeting is where he would go for more information regarding the redevelopment
- Would like to see something better than storage for the heart of downtown Raritan Road area, asking the developers to raise the bar and do something worthy of the town
- Questioned #3 and #4 Resolution regarding recycling, one is a one-year and the other is a three-year, wants to know the difference
- Mayor Bonaccorso responded Resolution #3 on the agenda is for a three-year contract as our vendor for recycling, #4 is the one-year contract for the price for the tonnage that we will be sending down to the dumpsite
- Mentioned it's great to see new members getting on the Fire Department

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

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-84

WHEREAS there exists a need for annual HVAC facilities on-call maintenance and construction services in order to call upon the successful Contractor as needed for the Municipal Building, Library, Police Station – Municipal Court, Fire Department (both locations), DPW Facility, Township Pool, and First Aid Building as well as ancillary structures such as storage sheds, garages and sanitary sewer pumping stations that require ventilation and heating equipment; and

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

WHEREAS one proposal was received from Edison HVAC, Inc., 191 Vineyard Road, Edison, New Jersey 08817 and was publicly opened at 10:00 am on April 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed all documents required by the Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/RFP) and recommend award of contract to Edison HVAC, Inc.

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 HVAC facilities on-call maintenance and construction services to Edison HVAC, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to issue work orders as needed to the approved contractor.

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: none

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-85

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Township of Clark authorized the Business Administrator to solicit bids for Recycling Collection and Marketing of recycling materials within the Township; and

WHEREAS one (1) bid was received on March 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with specifications prepared by the Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., 107 Silvia Street, Ewing, New Jersey 08628 submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$440,000.00 for the first year, \$475,000.00 for the second year, and \$513,000.00 for the third year, subject to the final adoption of subsequent year budgets; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained funds will be available in Recycling Account #2-01-26-307-223.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby awards a contract for Recycling Collection and Marketing to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. for a period of three years subject to review of the bid by the Township Attorney who will draw up the contract.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Toal

Discussion: none

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-86

WHEREAS there exists a need for Recycling Disposal Services for the Township of Clark; and

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

WHEREAS two (2) proposals were received for Recycling Disposal Services and publicly opened at 10:00 am on March 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator has reviewed all documents required by the Request for Proposals (RFP) and recommend award of contract to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., 107 Silvia Street, Ewing, New Jersey 08628 for a one-year term.

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 Recycling Disposal Services to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5; and

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

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Toal

Discussion: none

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-87

WHEREAS the Township of Clark has availed itself of the right to purchase materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and as authorized by Township Resolution 22-25; and

WHEREAS the Clark Office of Emergency Management (OEM) wishes to purchase and install equipment Radios; upgrade compatibility to support all Clark emergency services from an authorized vendor as follows:

NJ State Contracts: #83900
PMC Associates Wireless Communications
8 Crown Plaza, Unit 106
Hazlet, NJ 07730

Equipment List:

- 1. Mobile radio into Ford Explorer: \$1,680.80
- 2. UHF portable radios to support PD, FD, BOE and County: \$3,300.80
- 3. VHF portable radios to support all critical departments; DPW and SPEN: \$2,475.20

WHEREAS the Business Administrator recommends the utilization of these contracts on the grounds that they meet all industry standards; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for these purchases from Emergency Management Account #2-01-25-252-232 in the total amount of \$7,456.80

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of equipment as described above

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: none

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-88

WHEREAS it is necessary to update the Clark Emergency Operations Plan in compliance with FEMA’s Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101: Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans, September 2021 and NJOEM Emergency Response Bureau Emergency Operation Plan Checklists; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Management Coordinator solicited quotes from qualified consulting firms as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Response</u>
1. ESF Consulting	Based outside the USA and have no local representation
2. Constant Associates Washington, D.C.	No response
3. Telgian, Phoenix, AZ	No response
4. Leckner Consulting LLC, Southampton, PA	Submitted a proposal; \$11,000.00

WHEREAS Leckner Consulting LLC, 952 Woodbourne Drive, Southampton, PA 18966 submitted a proposal at a flat rate of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) which meets the needs of the Township; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this service from Storm Recovery Account #T-16-56-900-113 in the total amount of \$11,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the Emergency Management Coordinator to award a contract to Leckner Consulting LLC for preparation of the Clark Emergency Operations Plan as hereinabove described.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion: none

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-89

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county and municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$65,000.00 which is now available from the County of Union in the amount of \$65,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$65,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2022 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the County of Union in the amount of \$65,000.00.

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion: none

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-90

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county and municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$3,646.00 which is now available from the County of Union in the amount of \$3,646.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$3,646.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2022 Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the County of Union in the amount of \$3,646.00.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion: none

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-91

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Nicholas J. Pingor, Daniel J. Pingor, Nicholas M. Minch and Michael J. Basso are hereby appointed as Members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department effective this 16th day of May 2022.

Moved and Seconded by the Entire Council

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 22-92

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2022 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 Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to make the refund(s) as per the following schedule.

Sewer Refund 2022							
REF		Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
22	9R	2862-0	Sinoradzki, Jeffrey & Grace	910	Madison Avenue	refund overpayment	\$ 460.00
22	10R	4164-0	Candon, Bernard & Victoria	12	Blake Drive	refund overpayment	\$ 140.00
						Total Refunds	\$ 600.00

Resolution 22-93

WHEREAS the Tax Collector 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 Tax Collector be authorized to apply the sewer account balance adjustments according to the attached schedule.

SEWER BILLING ADJUSTMENT 2022											
CLARK TOWNSHIP											
REF	#	Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Original	Revised	Credit	Addl	Comments
22	57	2230-0	1088 RARITAN ROAD LLC	1072	Raritan Road	meter change	\$ 3,980.00	\$280.00	\$ 3,700.00		
22	58	1680-0	Sarullo, Patrick & Jillian	15	State Street	pool	\$ 1,033.80	\$323.20	\$ 710.60		
			Total Adjustments						\$ 4,410.60		

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

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Summary – full video of meeting available on www.ourclark.com)

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

Frank Makosiej, 12 Kennedy Drive:

- Expressed concerns about speeding and measuring the speeds of the cars
- Mayor responded that he will pass the message to the Police Captain and ask him to hook up some more enforcement and will look to see if there's any funding for counters (signs)
- Mentioned that Elizabethtown Gas did some gas main replacement, talked about how they left the streets half done
- Mayor responded on those streets that they left half done are going to be paved by the township probably the early part of the summer, the Mayor and BA are discussing a solution, also gave pros and cons if the town insists the utility must pave

- Praised the DPW for doing a great job in terms of snow removal, picking up of leaves and branches along with spring cleanup
- Stated it was a good move that the County took over the Reservoir, questioned the status on the dredging and repairs.
- Mayor responded and gave an estimate of 2 to 3 years before plans are in place, probably going to be a \$30 million dollar project, also, discussed potential recreation options such as walking trails

William Caruso, 7 School St.:

- Spoke about the Mayor being energetic, bright and smart 28 years ago
- Brought up Pete Nevargic, Mayor responded that he passed away and he's not here to defend himself
- Appalled by what the Mayor said and what he did
- Spoke about the \$400,000.00

Paul Direnzo, 378 Valley Road:

- Spoke about paving was done near Mother Seton but stopped short of Valley Road
- Mayor responded he will call the County and talk to the engineering department
- Questioned if surveillance can be put on Valley Road for speeding, a lot of children have moved in
- Mayor responded that he will give it to the Police Captain in the morning regarding the speeding, it has been a chronic problem, they know that because they have been out there, and will find out about the paving situation as well, asked Mr. Direnzo's for his phone number

Michael Shulman, 382 Caroline St.:

- Expressed his opinion about when Council topics should be discussed
- Discussed the hiring of Robert Varady as Special Counsel

Daniel Fuchs, 333 Carolina St.:

- Spoke about Ricci Settlement Agreement
- Spoke about DC a minor and settlement amount
- Spoke about Manata insurance settlement of personnel dispute
- Spoke about Francisco, Richter, Venezia settlement
- Asked about a settlement regarding Griffin
- Asked if there are any other settlements that were not mentioned
- Dugan responded that he's not aware of any additional settlements

Mary Semler, 56 Conger Way:

- Explained the reason she moved here
- Shared a personal story regarding an aid for her elderly mother
- Talked about police stop of the aid as it relates to race on more than one occasion
- Questioned Councilman Hund as the Police Liaison what is the protocol when someone is pulled over by the police
- Councilman Hund responded, tape was inaudible, microphone was not on

- Ms. Semler asked him if he could find out that information by the next Council meeting regarding what the protocol is
- Mayor responded that they probably run it through the system
- Discussed racism with neighbors

Tudor Drive Resident:

- Asked a question as to whether personnel matters can be disclosed
- Dugan responded some information must be disclosed, much of it cannot be
- Has known the Mayor in a personal, professional and political manner and never heard him make racist comments
- Spoke of good things the Mayor has done for the town
- Does not agree with the Mayor's comments but expressed a need to put things aside to move the town forward

Ellen Pettenato, 48 Ivy St.:

- Spoke about kids sports and team sports
- Stated that other towns do not want to play in Clark
- Mayor responded with information provided by the Athletic Director

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

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- Was notified today that the UC Board of Commissioners are reducing the taxes in Clark by \$56.00, Union County coming in with a slight decrease, Clark Township coming in at zero and the Board of Education coming in at zero
- Heard a lot of conversation here at the meeting, not going to comment on it, but what I'm going to comment on is the sports programs. I'm in touch with the Presidents and Coaches from every league in town and haven't heard any of what was said tonight
- Knows about the rumor that was put on Clark Neighbors regarding the Plainfield issue, it was a complete rumor
- Mentioned Joe Arancio, President of UNICO is in the audience and his UNICO group donated two Mahjong tables to the Senior Citizens today, thanked Joe and the UNICANS for their generosity

Councilwoman Albanese:

- Explained the Ordinance regarding the Local Redevelopment and Housing Laws
- Stated there's many recordings of Mr. Caruso going to meetings praising the Mayor and the Council for what they have been doing over the years

- Congratulated Nick Pingor, Daniel Pingor, Nicholas Minch and Michael Basso for joining the Clark Volunteer Fire Department
- Added an addendum regarding the Library, on the New Jersey Health iPad, there's going to be a meeting at the Library on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 pm to give instruction on how this tool can be used by the citizens

Councilman Hund:

- Thanked everyone who came up and spoke their opinions
- Congratulated the young men who are graduating from high school that are going to be volunteer firefighters, feels it's a very noble cause for them at their age
- Asked the Clerk if she could get the information on what Ms. Semler is looking for regarding police stops and what is the police officer's responsibility when they stop someone

Councilman Mazzarella:

- Mentioned nice weather is approaching, children will be out playing, riding bikes or scooters, while driving through town be mindful of them as well as our residents
- Reminded everyone to keep their doors locked at all times as well as their vehicles
- Until next month everyone be safe and stay well

Councilman O'Connor:

- Reminded everyone that May is motorcycle awareness month, as the Mayor said earlier blowing grass into the street is like glass to the motorcycles, a lot of wipeouts could happen
- Look twice, save a life, that's the logo for motorcycle riders
- Congratulated the new members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department
- Congratulated and thanked all those that continue to serve the town as volunteers from Emergency Squad, Office of Emergency Management, Volunteer Squad and Coaching,
- Congratulated the Seniors, their next big step in life is coming up, stay positive, if you believe in yourself, the sky's the limit
- Thanked everyone for coming

Councilman Smith:

- Reminded everyone Monday, May 30th is Memorial Day, the Memorial Day Parade will kickoff at 9:00 am at the corner of Liberty and Fulton Streets on Westfield Avenue, they will march to the High School where a short ceremony will take place
- Welcomed everyone

Councilman Toal:

- Thanked Mr. Makosiej for his kind words, mentioned he's been a longtime fireman and has been involved in the township for years
- Wants to sit down with Mr. Makosiej to explain in detail on what we're trying to get done basically on Mildred Terrace from the hill on Brentwood down to Madison Hill Road
- Announced the passing of Clark residents; David Pepe, Ed Gusakowski, Ernest Jandersik, Donald Kellerman and Anna Martin

Council President Minniti:

- Welcomed the new members to the Fire Department
- Mentioned tomorrow is the Athletic Signing at Johnson, congratulated all the senior athletics that are moving on to bigger and better things, looking forward to hosting them at the Senior Athletic Dinner
- Congratulated all the athletics and all our sports and letter winners this year
- Wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day

Township Clerk: No comments, thank you.

Attorney Dugan: No comments this evening, thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

APPROVED



 JAMES MINNITI
 Council President

ATTEST:



 EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
 Township Clerk