

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ**  
**July 20, 2020**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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, 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: Yes, thank you Mr. President. Good evening Members of Council. Tonight folks, we are in Room 30. To give you a little update on what's going on; our air conditioning system at the Court House (Council Chambers) is on the fritz, so we are going to be here (Room 30). Unless it's a minor repair we are not going to be putting major money into fixing that unit, because we are going to be obviously opening our new building hopefully in mid Spring of 2021.

Speaking about the police station and its courthouse and council chambers, it's coming along very nicely. The builder basically is on time, bricks are going up and there's a lot of drywall put up on the inside, so, we are very happy with the contractor we have and the construction management team who's overseeing the interest of the town. And of course, myself, the Chief and John Laezza are keeping tabs on a day to day basis, so that's going on very well.

I have great news for you tonight, and I spoke to our Health Officer earlier today. Right now, we have zero active cases of Covid-19 virus in Clark. I guess I want to compliment the community over this pandemic for doing a great job because our numbers have been very low even at the height of the pandemic compared to other towns. It always brings to mind that if you are doing the right things, hopefully this virus will get out as soon as possible, find a vaccine for it or something along those lines. But I compliment the citizens of Clark and Nancy Raymond again

for her efforts as our lone Health Officer. Basically, going out there as a one-gun person to handle this virus working with many of us daily. But Nancy I have to thank you and I want to thank you for your hard efforts that you have given this community at this time. Hopefully we'll see school opening soon.

And with the campaign I think we have to start for November 3<sup>rd</sup> election. We've got to get it through this Governor's head that this mail-in voting is just not working. Today is July 20<sup>th</sup>, our primary was on June 7<sup>th</sup> and our Township Clerk still does not have the official results to that primary election, which is a much, much smaller turnout than that of any regular general election. I would like to see the Governor stop making excuses. I think if people can go to polling places wearing masks and having rubber gloves there, provided for them something along those lines, I think you can go in person. I know a lot of people called our Township Clerk complaining about the fact that they couldn't vote in person and I agree with them. I enjoy going to the polls and I enjoy being out there as a person on the ballot this year to say hello to people and I know my running mates do too. I'm sure the other team does too to say hello and thank them for coming out with their efforts. So, this is another problem that we are going to have, I see coming forth in New Jersey. I still don't understand how you can have protest walks and getting together here and there and you can't come to a voting place and vote, it just doesn't make a lot of sense to me.

I would like to thank our police department in doing a great job with the four protest marches in town. The protestors were very polite, they said what they had to say, there wasn't any incidents or any damage. So, for the people who came through Clark, I thank you for respecting our community, we try to show you respect that everyone deserves.

Also, it's been a very quiet summer in Clark. The Recreation Department is basically closed down, no summer camp. The town pool is open and it looks magnificent. I have to give Ralph and his staff a lot of credit. To the people who are members of the pool and attend, I know for myself and the council wouldn't do to have something opened for the citizens who are here throughout the summer and we hope you surely are enjoying everything that you are doing right now.

We have another construction project going on down at our gyms. The gym floors are being redone as we speak and they should be done probably by the second week of August. They are brand new life expectancy and we're looking forward to providing that for the Recreation Center for the people who use our Recreation Center and there's many, many people who do.

Please keep your eye on your recycling, you should know your zone, but it happens. I know folks, I get a lot of text messages which I don't mind and I know we get a lot of calls at town hall. But anything you need to know is basically on our website [www.ourclark.com](http://www.ourclark.com), so, feel free to use that. Also, we spend money because the Council has asked us to put out the Report to the People. It goes out every January. And that's something we hope you save in your draw somewhere that you can always refer to that. If you don't, you can always feel free to call. That concludes my report for this evening, thank you.

Township Clerk: Reports given this evening will be available in the Clerk’s office and on the township website [www.ourclark.com](http://www.ourclark.com)

**REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Councilman Barr:

Fire Report: see attached

Councilman Hund:

Police Report: see attached

Councilman Mazzarella:

DPW Report: see attached

Councilman Smith:

Recreation and Pool Report: see attached

Councilman Toal:

Environmental Commission: no report

Council President O’Connor:

Finance Report: the town is running well and is able to meet its obligations, thanked  
Mr. Laezza

Library Report: see attached

Emergency Squad Report: no report

**ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT VARIOUS SECTIONS  
OF CHAPTER 179 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
ENTITLED “GARAGE SALES”**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that various sections of Chapter 179 of the Code of the Township of Clark are hereby amended and supplemented by adding and deleting as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Section 179-1 entitled “Definitions” is hereby amended and supplemented as indicated:

**Garage Sale** add the term “estate sale,” to the existing list

**Goods** Any belongings goods warehouse merchandise or other property capable of being the object of a sale regulated hereunder.

**SECTION 2:** Section 179-3 entitled “Fee” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows: There is no fee for the license.

**SECTION 3:** Section 179-4 entitled “Application for license” is hereby amended and supplemented to remove the period (.) from the end of each phrase and to provide as follows:

Sub-section 179-4D. The number of days of the sale, which shall not exceed three (3) consecutive days

Sub-section 179-4E. The date and nature of any past sale within the calendar year

Sub-section 179-4G. is hereby deleted in its entirety, with subsequent sections relettered as appropriate

Sub-section 179-4H. (formerly 179-4I.) A sworn statement or affirmation by the applicant that he/she will abide by the terms of Chapter 179 and that the information therein given is full and true and known to the applicant to be so

**SECTION 4:** Section 179-5 entitled “Limitations on issuance of license; display requirements” is hereby amended and supplemented as indicated:

Sub-section 179-5A. No garage sale license shall be issued to any one person or for any one premises more than four times within a Twelve month period the calendar year. A license number shall be issued to keep track of the number of sales. ~~and~~ No such license shall be issued for more than three consecutive calendar days. In the event a sale is cancelled because of rain, the licensee shall be authorized to hold the sale the following week.

Sub-section 179-5C. Each license issued under this chapter must be prominently displayed and posted on the premises upon which the garage sale is conducted, in a conspicuous place so as to be seen from the street, throughout the entire period of the licensed sale.

Sub-section 179-5D. Power of Attorney and/or binding agreements must be submitted with applications for “estate sale services” and/or “professional service sales”.

**SECTION 5:** Section 179-6 entitled “Hours of sale” delete the word ~~only~~

**SECTION 6:** Section 179-7 entitled “Signs” This section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

No signs for advertising or directing customers shall be posted longer than two (2) days prior to and including the dates of the sale. Under no circumstances shall any signs be placed on or within high volume intersections, private property, trees or telephone poles. No such signs shall exceed 17 inches in height or 11 inches in

width. All such signs shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the sale.

**SECTION 7:** Section 179-11 entitled "Violations and penalties" is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Any person conducting any such sale or similar activity without being properly licensed therefor or who shall violate any of the other terms and regulations of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to the penalty ~~stated in Chapter 1, Article III, General Penalty~~ of \$50.00 for the first offense, \$100.00 for the second offense and \$200.00 for each subsequent offense. Each day that such sale shall continue without being duly licensed shall be considered a separate violation.

**SECTION 8: Inconsistent Ordinances:** Any ordinances of the Township of Clark which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 9: Effective date:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication, according to law.

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion:

Councilman Toal: talked about the new changes

No further discussion

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

Public Hearing August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Room 30 of the Municipal Building

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This Supplemental Debt Statement for this Bond Ordinance has been properly filed with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs by the Chief Financial Officer

**BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$800,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

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WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Clark has heretofore authorized the construction of a new Public Safety Building in, by and for said Township, and appropriated the aggregate sum of \$10,250,000 therefor pursuant to ordinance no. 19-16 adopted by the Township Council of said Township on June 3, 2019, as supplemented by ordinance no. 19-21 adopted by the Township Council of said Township on October 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council now finds and determines that the additional sum of \$800,000 is required for such improvement, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The additional sum of \$800,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement authorized by ordinance no. 19-16 adopted by the Township Council of the Township on June 3, 2019, as supplemented by ordinance no. 19-21 adopted by the Township Council of the Township on October 21, 2019 (collectively, the "Prior Ordinance"). Said additional appropriation shall be met from the down payment appropriated and from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this ordinance. Said improvement has

been and shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof has been nor shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 2. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvement (hereinafter referred to as "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 authorized by the Prior Ordinance is \$11,050,000, including the sum of \$10,250,000 appropriated by the Prior Ordinance and the \$800,000 appropriated by this ordinance, and (4) \$533,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment, including the \$493,000 appropriated by the Prior Ordinance and the \$40,000 hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$10,517,000, including the \$9,757,000 authorized by the Prior Ordinance and the \$760,000 hereinafter authorized, and (6) the cost of such purpose includes the aggregate amount of \$1,120,000, including the sum of \$1,100,000 stated in the Prior Ordinance and the sum of \$20,000 hereby stated, 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 3. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$40,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$40,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 4. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$760,000 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 5. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$760,000 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 6. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and 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 notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said 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 7. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of thirty years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 8. 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 said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$760,000 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 9. 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 such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 10. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement authorized by the Prior Ordinance and described herein. If the Township

incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the 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 11. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the 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 12. 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 13. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion:

John Laezza: Council President, Members of Council, basically this is the final amount necessary for the police building and municipal court. This is to accommodate the furnishings and for the TV36 equipment for council meetings, the court, planning board and the zoning board. We will be having screens and it will be up to date for TV36.

Council President O'Connor: I'm sure the public will be happy with no issues with the sound.

John Laezza: I certainly hope so.

No further discussion

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

Public Hearing August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Room 30 of the Municipal Building

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** Council President O'Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee gave a report on Current and Capital expenditures received and encumbered through July 16, 2020 in the amount \$319,726.58

**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 Councilman Hund.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 20-83**

**WHEREAS** N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS** the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2019 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS** the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

**WHEREAS** the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments

Recommendations

and

**WHEREAS** the members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments

Recommendations

as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS** such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS** all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS** failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S.52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S.52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local Governing Body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director of Local Government Services, under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of

the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Moved by Council President O’Connor, seconded by Councilman Mazzearella

Discussion: none

Council President O’Connor directed roll call:

Aye: Barr, Hund, Mazzearella, O’Connor, Smith, Toal, O’Connor

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**Resolution 20-84**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF SAID PLAN WITH THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clark is required to prepare a Corrective Action Plan based on the findings and recommendations contained in the Annual Audit for 2019; and

**WHEREAS** the Township is required to submit a Corrective Action Plan to the Division of Local Government Services as part of the annual audit process, and to file a copy of said Plan with the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS** the Governing Body has received the 2019 Annual Audit – Corrective Action Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the 2019 Annual Audit – Corrective Action Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to file said Corrective Action Plan with the Division of Local Government Services, and to file a copy with the Township Clerk.

Moved by Council President O’Connor, seconded by Councilman Mazzearella

Discussion: none

Council President O’Connor directed roll call:

Aye: Barr, Hund, Mazzearella, O’Connor, Smith, Toal

**Resolution 20-85**

**WHEREAS** the recent changes to the Local Public Contracts Law gave local contracting units the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$44,000; and

**WHEREAS** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

**WHEREAS** N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

**WHEREAS** Jennifer Kobliska possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS** Jennifer Kobliska was appointed on January 1, 2018 as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Township of Clark to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the contracting unit; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clark desires to take advantage of the increased bid threshold.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, in the State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$44,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Jennifer Kobliska’s certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion: none

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

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**Resolution 20-86**

**WHEREAS** the Police Department has requested that the Township Council authorize the appropriate Township Officials to approve the purchase of telephone, radio and computer equipment for the New Police Headquarters; and

**WHEREAS** the Business Administrator has recommended that the Township use the following State Contracts and Cooperative Purchasing Contracts which provide predetermined preferential pricing through approved vendors which have been bid at the county, state and national levels:

- Vendor: Johnston Communications – P.O. 20-01602 (\$284,396.95)
- Union County Coop Contract 8-UCCP Coop/Bid #42-2017
- Telephone/Associated Services Systems
- Vendor: Mobile tech – P.O. 20-01599 (\$129,748.00)
- NJ State Contract #T-0109 Radio Communications Equipment and Accessories
- NJ State Contract #83924 Zetron authorized dealer
- Vendor: PMC Associates – P.O. 20-01600 (\$38,948.56)
- NJ State Contract #83932 (authorized dealer for TAIT Radio Equipment)
- NJ State Contract #83900 (authorized dealer for Sinclair Radio Equipment)
- Vendor: SHI International Corp. – P.O. 20-01604 (\$186,602.33)
- NJ State Coop Contract #CK04 Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (authorized dealer for Dell, Cisco, etc. computer equipment), NJ State Contract #ITS58:89851 (authorized dealer for Dell, Cisco, etc. computer equipment); and

**WHEREAS** the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in the amount of \$639,695.84 funded by Capital Account C-04-19-016-001, as authorized by Bond Ordinance 19-16 and attached hereto as a “Certification of Availability of Funds.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to proceed with the abovementioned purchases through Cooperative Pricing and State Contracts as indicated

Moved by Councilman Hund, seconded by Councilman Barr

Discussion: none

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

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**Resolution 20-87**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION TO MODIFY THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 16, 2014 AS AMENDED JULY 17, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnership program; and

**WHEREAS**, substantial Federal funds provided through subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act commonly known as the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG) are allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend an existing Cooperative Agreement for the County of Union and its people to benefit from this program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Municipality of Clark and the County of Union in cooperation with each other to enter into a modification of the existing Cooperative Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Municipality of Clark that the agreement entitled **“COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES,”** dated June 2014, as amended July 17, 2017 for the Purpose of Inserting a Description of Activities for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 of the Union County Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnership program, and the Emergency Shelter Grant program (ESG), a copy of which is attached hereto; be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Barr

Discussion: none

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

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**Resolution 20-88**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPT THE AWARD AND EXECUTE THE CARES ACT – CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS GRANT SUBAWARD AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION**

**WHEREAS** the County of Union received direct funding under the CARES Act Assistance for State and Local Governments; and

**WHEREAS** the County has established a Grant Program to reimburse local entities for unforeseen but necessary expenditures to address the public health emergency, in an effort to help constituent municipalities mitigate the effects of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** Section 5001(d) of the CARES Act allows the County to reimburse local governments for programs that:

- (1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- (2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment [March 27, 2020] of this section for the State or government
- (3) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020 (although any and all requests for reimbursement must be submitted no later than December 15, 2020); and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clark plans to submit a grant application to seek reimbursement of qualified and incurred expenses and/or projected expenses related to COVID-19 in accordance with the established guidelines, including accepting the award and executing an agreement with Union County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey formally approves the submission of a grant application for the above stated Grant Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the County of Union CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Funds Grant SubAward Agreement on behalf of the Township of Clark and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the award and the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Toal

Discussion: none

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

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**Resolution 20-89**

**WHEREAS** an agreement is proposed between the Township of Clark having offices at 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “Landlord” and Union County Educational Services Commission, a Commission of the State of New Jersey having its office at 45 Cardinal Drive, Westfield, New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “Tenant”; and

**WHEREAS** premises to be let is the Oliver B. Resch Gymnasium, containing a stage, to be made available Monday through Friday, 8:30 am through 2:30 pm commencing on September 1, 2020 and concluding on June 30, 2021 together with the second gymnasium, the Walter A. Bakum Gymnasium, to be made available on an “as needed” basis with usage, to be approved upon the request of Union County Educational Services Committee by the Business Administrator of the Township of Clark during the same term.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the Township with the Union County Educational Services Commission, located at 45 Cardinal Drive, Westfield, New Jersey.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion: none

Council President O’Connor directed roll call:

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

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**Resolution 20-90**

**WHEREAS** S. Brothers, Inc. has completed work on the 2019 Capital Roadway Improvements and has requested Final Payment; and

**WHEREAS** the Township Engineer recommends payment in the sum of Three Hundred Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$312,648.86) including final quantities change order which decreases the adjusted contract amount by Eighty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred Four Dollars and Two Cents (\$82,304.02); and

**WHEREAS** the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in Capital Account C 04-19-011-001 as attached hereto as a “Certification of Availability of Funds”; and

**WHEREAS** Section 195-84 of the Code of the Township of Clark requires the posting of a Maintenance Guarantee in an amount to be determined by the Township Engineer prior to the release of the Performance Bond and Final Payment; and

**WHEREAS** the Township Engineer has determined the amount of the Maintenance Guarantee required to be posted by S. Brothers, Inc. to be One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$125,332.81); and

**WHEREAS** S. Brothers, Inc. has submitted a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$125,332.81.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it does hereby authorize Final Payment to S. Brothers, Inc., P.O. Box 317, South River, New Jersey 08882 in the amount of \$312,648.86 including final quantities change order and release of the Performance Guarantee.

Moved by Councilman Hund, seconded by Councilman Barr

Discussion: none

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

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**Resolution 20-91**

**WHEREAS** D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. has completed work on the 2018 Capital Roadway Improvements and has requested Final Payment; and

**WHEREAS** the Township Engineer recommends payment in the sum of Fifteen Thousand, Seventy-Nine Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$15,079.13) including final quantities change order which decreases the adjusted contract amount by One Hundred Two Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$102,272.26); and

**WHEREAS** the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in Capital Account C 04-18-002-001 as attached hereto as a "Certification of Availability of Funds"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it does hereby authorize Final Payment to D.L.S. Contracting, Inc., 271 Highway 46 West, Suite D-205, Fairfield, NJ 07004 in the amount of \$15,079.13 including final quantities change order and release of the Performance Guarantee.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion: none

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

**Resolution 20-92**

**WHEREAS** Chapter 66, Section 15B of the Code of the Township of Clark requires the designation by resolution of one or more Administrative Agents to administer newly constructed affordable housing and rehabilitation units in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:96, N.J.A.C. 5:97 and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS** Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H), 101 Interchange Plaza, Suite 301, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512-3716 was awarded a Professional Services Contract to perform such services for the Township of Clark as hereinabove described as required by the Code and approved by the Court; and

**WHEREAS** the renewal agreement submitted by CGP&H meets the needs the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby awards a Professional Services contract to CGP&H as the Administrative Agent responsible for the administration of affordable units; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with CGP&H for a one-year period beginning July 20, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$31,850.00.

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion: none

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

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 20-93**

**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 2020 in the sum of \$28,268.86 which is now available from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$28,268.86; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$28,268.86 is hereby appropriated under the caption Clean Communities Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$28,268.86.

**Resolution 20-94**

**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 2020 in the sum of \$42,000.00 which is now available from the County of Union 2020 Kids Recreation Grant in the amount of \$42,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$42,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2020 Kids Recreation Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$42,000.00.

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**Resolution 20-95**

**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 2020 in the sum of \$50,000.00 which is now available from the County of Union in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$50,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2020 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 \$50,000.00.

**Resolution 20-96**

**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 2020 in the sum of \$19,205.00 which is now available from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) in the amount of \$19,205.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$19,205.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2020 NJACCHO-COVID-19 Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of funds from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials in the amount of \$19,205.00.

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**Resolution 20-97**

**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

SEWER BILLING ADJUSTMENT 2020											
CLARK TOWNSHIP											
REF	#	Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Original	Revised	Credit	Add'l	Cor
20	48	1901-0	Carbona, Michael	89	Hutchinson Place	water issue	\$ 2,230.00	\$ 280.00	\$1,950.00		
20	49	4108-0	Tak Realty	60	Walnut	plumbing issues	\$ 23,229.28	\$ 16,762.29	\$6,466.99		
20	50	2491-0	Restaino, Nicholas	42	School Street	previous owner	\$ 830.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 550.00		
					<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 26,289.28</b>	<b>\$ 17,322.29</b>	<b>\$8,966.99</b>		

**Resolution 20-98**

**WHEREAS** in accordance with a request from the Treasurer/CFO for authorization to refund overpayment of 2020 sewer fees; the Mayor has recommended to Council that such authorization be granted.

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

Sewer Refund 2020							
REF	Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund	
20	4 1538-0	Van Nattan, Genevieve	187	Jupitor Street	over paid due to Adj	\$ 30.87	
20	5 1659-0	Signorella, Joseph	11	Rolling Hill Way	over paid due to Adj	\$ 366.40	
20	6 1241-0	Chavez, Armando	81	Mae Belle Dr.	faulty meter	\$ 455.00	
					<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 852.27</b>	

**Resolution 20-99**

**WHEREAS** Resolution 20-62 adopted May 4, 2020 authorized the Clark Township Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, c.72 due to the late adoption of the State Budget, and the subsequent delay in the Union County Board of Taxation’s ability to certify tax rates throughout Union County, resulting in the Tax Collector’s inability to mail the Township’s 2020 tax bills on a timely basis; and

**WHEREAS** the Division of Local Government Services has since prepared levy certifications for counties and municipalities that have adopted their budgets and made all required submissions to the Division; and

**WHEREAS** the Director of the Division of Local Government Services began releasing certifications to County Boards of Taxation on June 29, 2020, and said County Board has certified the tax levy, as required; and

**WHEREAS** the Tax Collector of the Township of Clark received the tax rate on June 30, 2020 permitting regular tax bills to be mailed within the proper statutory limits, with no need to extend the grace period.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey that it hereby rescinds Resolution 20-62.

Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Barr

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

**NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR:** 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.

Council President O'Connor 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 Smith

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

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: I would just like to wish everyone a happy and safe rest of the summer. We'll see you sometime in mid-August at our next public meeting. Town Hall is still under lockdown. If you need something, make an appointment, our employees would be only too happy to help you. Enjoy the rest of the summer. And again, it's very quiet this year without a lot of recreation festivities, shut down because of the Covid-19. Keep up the good work with the virus and hopefully we can have a nice peaceful Fall and Winter. Thank you and good evening.

Councilman Barr: Pretty much everything has been covered, so I would just like to say to everyone, be careful, stay safe and stay healthy.

Councilman Hund: One thing I would like to say is for the town to continue to use our local restaurants and businesses and to enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe.

Councilman Mazzarella: Just to the residents, please be careful it's very hot. Hydrate yourself, drink a lot of water. Also check in on your neighbors especially if they are elderly to make sure that they are okay. And ladies and gentlemen there's a lot of people out walking about during the day, during dusk and at night and if you see something that is not quite right with vehicles parked around the area, don't hesitate to call police headquarters. They will come down and investigate the area to keep you safe. So, until next month, be well and stay safe, God Bless.

Councilman Smith: No comment.

Councilman Toal: I just have a couple of comments. As we are getting to the end of summer, if you need anything just give us a call. We are always here to help in any way we can. If you have any questions about Jack's Tavern or other things like when the site is going to be developed, just call town hall and we will answer your questions to get you updated. So, all those neighbors on Benjamin Street, we are here to answer your questions.

Announced the passing of Clark residents within the township; Marie Stark, James Sabarro and Paul Biss.

John Laezza: We've received our annual audit report for 2019 and we had an excellent 2019 year. I hope our revenues hold up for 2020. I will be interested in seeing when we get our August tax payments who has been affected in Clark, revenue wise. I know we'll have a good year; we'll stay within our budget before the end of this year, but it's going to be a tough year, this year and next.

Police Chief Matos: I just want to bring everyone up to date on the construction of the police building. I've been attending the construction meetings. The building is about 44% done as of last week, construction is on schedule. The construction will begin to slow down now because of the details of the infrastructure inside the building, that actually takes a little bit more time than just putting up metal and brick work.

I would like to take a moment to remind the residents of Clark to please slow down around in your neighborhoods. Obviously, children are out and about now and also there are more pedestrians out and about, so please slow down and drive safely.

Also, to date in Clark we've had about six stolen cars this year. And I would like to remind the residents of Clark, all the cars were stolen because the doors were not locked. So, please lock your doors in your motor vehicles. I would like to keep that number as low as possible throughout the rest of the year.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all the businesses and residents of the town who have supported my officers and the police department throughout this year which has been, obviously we all know it's been a crazy year with the COVID and with the demonstrations that we've gone

through. It's been very touching and very supportive to us to see the amount of support that we receive from the community. So, thank you very much. With that please stay safe, stay healthy and see you in August, thank you.

Attorney Dugan: no comment.

Township Clerk: Just one thing. Because we have no air conditioning in the other room (Council Chambers) I just want to say to the residents we may be in this room (Room 30). The meetings are opened to the public, you still can email me questions or text me if you want to participate. You can come here, we don't have a lot of seating but it's just too hot in Council Chambers, so we may be here for the next two months, thank you.

Council President O'Connor: And for me, Councilman Mazzarella it's worth repeating, please check in on your neighbors with this drastic heat. Sometimes seniors have a habit of drinking less water towards the end of the evening because they don't want to get up in the middle of the night. Those are the ones that are the most at risk. This type of heat will dehydrate you and it will just jump right up on you and a bad situation can happen. So, please make sure your loved ones and your neighbors are well hydrated.

The last comment, I would like to thank the DPW. Throughout this pandemic they have been out, doing the job 100%. We had the month where we put the orange light bulbs out for them. But again, I don't want to just recognize them in one month with an orange light bulb. They continue to do their job as the police do and the volunteer fire department and the volunteer emergency squad. Thank you all for all you do with putting yourselves and your families at an additional risk during this time of the pandemic and the unknown.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

APPROVED

  
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PATRICK J. O'CONNOR  
Council President

ATTEST:

  
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EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk



The library will be reopening on Wednesday, July 22nd with temporary hours and with a limited capacity of ten patrons per thirty minutes. Temporary hours for the weeks of 7/22 & 7/27: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday, 8/1 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \*LAST ENTRY 30 MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING. The hours between 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. are reserved for seniors & high risk individuals. The library will continue to offer curbside pickup throughout our reopening. All programs will continue to be virtual until further notice please check [clarklibrary.org](http://clarklibrary.org) for further information. Unfortunately at this time the computers, meeting rooms, study rooms, and photocopying will not be available. Please remember to wear a face covering when entering the library. The library is working on offering wireless printing in early August.

Sign-up for our weekly newsletter at [clarklibrary.org](http://clarklibrary.org) by clicking on the banner titled click here for virtual newsletters. The library will be offering virtual programs, story times, crafts, and much more throughout the whole summer.

The library has issued and renewed 173 library cards in the past few months. If you need a library card to access our online materials, need your card renewed, or your PIN reset, please email [circulation@clarklibrary.org](mailto:circulation@clarklibrary.org) with the following information: your first and last name, address, phone, and birthdate. We are ordering new books and encourage any patrons to place holds on these new books through our online catalog at [clarklibrary.org](http://clarklibrary.org) or call 732-388-5999 and leave a message.

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# Clark Fire Department

Clark, NJ

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## Basic Incident Info for Incident Type

Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 06/01/2020 | End Date: 06/30/2020

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
06/01/2020	2020-189		45 Joseph ST	Faulty detector advised homeowner to call an electrician	1 - Active	
06/01/2020	2020-190		315 Westfield AVE	Clark FD responded to Clark Police Headquarters for struck gas line by construction company. Upon arrival, construction workers were able to fix gas line and no further response was needed.	1 - Active	
06/01/2020	2020-191		1075 Raritan road	alarm activation in the basement due to steam. location was a cleaner	1 - Active	
06/01/2020	2020-192		24 south broad ST	Assigned to Elizabeth mutual aid. Canceled because there was a limited crew of only 3.	1 - Active	
06/02/2020	2020-193		1255 Raritan RD	Clark FD dispatched to fire alarm activation at Blaze Pizza. Multiple fire alarms triggered. Scene investigated thoroughly, no visible cause for alarm. Alarms all reset. Clark FD cleared scene without further incident.	1 - Active	
06/03/2020	2020-194		1189 Raritan rd	Set off in error	1 - Active	
06/05/2020	2020-195		1255 Raritan RD	Fire Alarm activation at Chipotle. Unit 1 Engine1 Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival Engine 4 had no alarms sounding. Crews investigated. Unit 1 requested ETG to the scene to check for CO readings. Crews believe it was a bad battery from a co alarm. Building turned over to Owners and ETG. Units available	1 - Active	
06/05/2020	2020-196		1500 Westfield AVE 1404	Clark Fire Department was dispatched to 1404 Woodcrest apartments for a Carbon monoxide activation. Readings showed number of 15. Elizabeth Town Gas was notified and was turned over to them.	1 - Active	
06/07/2020	2020-197		22 Garside PL	Clark Fire Department was dispatched for a ruptured gas line inside the residents. Residents tried to pull out the stove and gas line got ripped off. Elizabeth Town Gas was notified.	1 - Active	
06/08/2020	2020-198		Westfield AVE	Dispatched to above intersection for a reported fluid spill following an MVA. Unit 1 Deputy 1 Engine 1 Engine 4 responded. Crews arrived on scene to find a 2 vehicle accident. Car vs Motorcycle with 1 injury. Crews applied speedy dry.	1 - Active	
06/08/2020	2020-199		Benjamin ST	Dispatched to a report of an odor of smoke. unit 1 deputy 1 engine 1 engine 4 responded. Call was unfounded and all units cleared	1 - Active	
06/09/2020	2020-200		30 Terminal AVE	Loreal fire alarm went off, no sign of smoke or fire. One sprinkler has gone off. Calling maintenance has been called. Under fire watch.	1 - Active	
06/09/2020	2020-201		1139 Raritan	Water flowing sensor went off at location, Engine 4 and Engine 1 responded as standby. Confirmed leak and water company was called.	1 - Active	
06/10/2020	2020-202		1 Valley	Faulty detector activation	1 - Active	

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06/10/2020	2020-203		1 Valley	Faulty detector activation. (2nd call full credit)	1 - Active	
06/11/2020	2020-204		59 Mildred Terr	Fire alarm activation outside wood shop class room. No cause for alarm. CFD with building BOE maintenance, could not get a reset. BOE is staying and contacting the alarm company.	1 - Active	
06/12/2020	2020-205		53 John ST	Multiple smoke alarms going off in residence.unfounded turned over to homeowner	1 - Active	
06/12/2020	2020-206		24 South Broad ST	Elizabeth fire station occupied with a call, requested cover assignment.	1 - Active	
06/12/2020	2020-207		103 Briarheath LN	Fire alarm activation no fire. Set off with hair dryer	1 - Active	
06/12/2020	2020-208		Goodmans Crossing	Clark Fire Department was dispatched to Lake Avenue at Goodman Crossing for a pedestrian hit by a train. Deputy 1, L-2, engine 1, and engine 4 responded. While en-route police dispatch advised responding units to continue in but that it was on the Scotch Plains side. Responding units were advised to cancel	1 - Active	
06/13/2020	2020-209		Raritan	Alarm was set off due to baking in the oven	1 - Active	
06/14/2020	2020-210		24 S Braud ST	Mutual Aid Cover assignment. Reported to Elizabeth Fire Station. Cleared from cover assignment without incident.	1 - Active	
06/14/2020	2020-211		302 Southwood Ave	Linden FD requested station fill. Enroute got diverted to a MVA North Park. At the scene they cancelled and sent back to the cover.	1 - Active	
06/14/2020	2020-212		Willow WAY	Reported unattended cooking. Unit 1 Engine 1 Engine 4 Car 9 (Deputy 2) Responded. Upon arrival Unit 1 reported all Clark Companies could place themselves in service and return. Homeowner reset the alarm.	1 - Active	
06/15/2020	2020-213		86 Tudor DR	Burnt smell from microwave. Owner FEDE	1 - Active	
06/15/2020	2020-214		77 Central	Mutch fire extinguished.	1 - Active	
06/15/2020	2020-215		142 Central AVE	Clark FD dispatched to mulch smouldering with no visible flame behind Walgreens. Clark FD arrived on scene, scene investigated, fire extinguished with Trash line. Scene secured, Clark FD clear without further incident.	1 - Active	
06/16/2020	2020-216		1255 Raritan	Alarm set off due to working on system	1 - Active	
06/16/2020	2020-217		Central AVE	Car accident on the central ave bridge with fuel spill. Speedy fry used to absorb fuel. Scene cleaned and deemed safe.	1 - Active	
06/17/2020	2020-218		54 Union Street	Units were dispatched to 54 Union street for the CO alarm activation. Units arrived on scene and found there to be a higher level of CO. It was reported to IC that it was possibly due to cooking. Units waited for the gas company. Once the gas company arrived they determined the cause was due to the stove burner being misused. Units monitored the CO levels. Once it was deemed safe unites were cleared and made available.	1 - Active	
06/17/2020	2020-219		365 Westfield AVE	dispatched for a reported brush fire behind the bleachers at ALJ HS. Unit 1 Engine 1 Engine 4 Car 10 responded. Upon arrival PD confirmed an active brush fire. Units arrived on scene and extinguished the fire.	1 - Active	
06/18/2020	2020-220		Valley RD	Dispatched for a 2 car mva with injuries. Unit 1 Engine 4 responded, upon arrival units applied speedy dry and secured the batteries.	1 - Active	

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06/19/2020	2020-221		59 Mildred Terr	dispatched to a reported fire alarm at the above location. Unit 1 responded. Cancelled the response. Set off in error	1 - Active	
06/19/2020	2020-222		222 Terminal AVE	Fire Alarm Activation at Terry's Food (Zones 0 & 34). Upon arrival, no indications of fire alarm having been set off. No visible cause of alarm. Advised merchant to reach out to the alarm company to resolve alarm issue. Scene deemed safe. Cleared Scene.  PLATE: KENNY1 F.C.	1 - Active	
06/20/2020	2020-223		6 Malvern DR	Elevated CO readings by the water heater. Gas company already called (23:52) by the police before arrival. Gas company on scene 00:08. Gas company locked out the water heater. Double checked the readings in the house as a precaution. Gas company confirmed elevated readings of CO were from the water heater. Readings of 1000 PPM. Gas company advised home owner to call a plumber. Cleared scene.	1 - Active	
06/21/2020	2020-224		301 Central	The Fire Department got called out to Burger IM for a fire alarm activation. They arrived on scene and found no reason for the alarm to go off. They reset the alarm and cleared scene.	1 - Active	
06/21/2020	2020-225		1255 Raritan	Arrived to scene. No visible cause for alarm. Unable to deactivate fire alarm. Manager reached out to alarm company, who activated the "alarm test mode" until a representative can come resolve the malfunction. Cleared Scene	1 - Active	
06/22/2020	2020-226		875 Raritan RD	Dispatched to the First Aid Squad. Reported smoke alarm in the TV Room, Unit 1 Engine 3 Engine 4 Responded. Upon arrival crews found no issues alarm was checked and reset	1 - Active	
06/22/2020	2020-227		garden state parkway south	Clark Fire Department was dispatched to Garden State Parkway South 135.7 for a motor vehicle accident with heavy entrapment. A landing zone was set up. Cranford fire department was also on scene. The victim was successfully extricated from the vehicle at 20:48. Atlantic Air 1 landed on scene, Garden State Parkway South bound at 20:54. Atlantic Air 1 took off at 21:18. Patient was taken to University Hospital in Newark NJ for treatments.	1 - Active	
06/23/2020	2020-228		1255 Raritan RD	Clark Fire Department responded to the Clark Commons outside of Petco for a small contained brush fire.	1 - Active	
06/23/2020	2020-229		123 Gibson BLVD	Transformer fire near 123 Gibson Blvd. Road blocked between School st and Emerald Pl. PSEG has been notified, arrived at 18:06. Scene cleared at 18:22	1 - Active	
06/24/2020	2020-230		77 Central	Units were dispatched to 77 Central Avenue for the reported female stuck in the elevator. Units arrived on scene and found the elevator open with no occupants. Units were cleared and made available.	1 - Active	
06/25/2020	2020-231		267 Westfield	One car MVA involving a pick up truck. Truck first struck a utility pole (PSE&G notified to come out and inspect the pole) Truck then crossed the road and rode up the sidewalk past three more houses, striking the front porch (wooden) and a tree stopped further progress. FD secured the battery, search the area and made scene safe. CPD said they were going to be there for a while and they released FD.	1 - Active	
06/25/2020	2020-232		30 Terminal AVE	Fire alarm activation for riser #3, Check it out and found no cause. Alarm reset but still had a supervisory alarm for water level for pump house	1 - Active	

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Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
06/25/2020	2020-233		18 Blake DR	Dispatched for a reported Carbon Monoxide Alarm going off. Unit 1 Deputy 1 Engine 4 responded. While En-Route PD notified that the homeowner changed the batteries and the alarm was still sounding. Engine 4 crew checked the house with a meter. ETG was notified to respond.	1 - Active	
06/26/2020	2020-234		Clark Circle	Clark FD dispatched to disabled vehicle that appeared to be smoking. Members prepared to respond from headquarters on Engine 4. Cancelled prior to responding.	1 - Active	
06/26/2020	2020-235		222 Terminal	The fire department was called to 222 terminal ave for a fire alarm. The fire department arrived on scene and found no cause for the alarm	1 - Active	
06/26/2020	2020-236		30 Terminal AVE	Set off in error working on system	1 - Active	
06/28/2020	2020-237		642 Raritan	Fire alarm reset, cancelled enroute.	1 - Active	
06/29/2020	2020-238		103 Goodmans Crossing	Clark Fire Department was dispatched to 103 Goodman's crossing for a general fire alarm activation. Alarm sounded for approximately ten minutes and then shut off. Area was checked out and deemed safe.	1 - Active	
06/30/2020	2020-239		139 Central AVE	dispatched for a fire alarm activation in a commercial office building. Unit 1 engine 4 responded. upon arrival alarms were sounding, building was evacuated cause of the alarm was a bagel on the number 2 floor. alarm was reset	1 - Active	
06/30/2020	2020-240		365 Westfield	et off due to construction work	1 - Active	

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## **CLARK POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT SUMMARY**

**JUNE 2020**

**JUNE 2020 saw a total of 1,691 calls for service of which 76 were ambulance requests, 7 were fire department requests, 2 were vandalism, 9 were motor vehicle and residential lock-outs, 92 were alarm calls, 49 were motor vehicle accidents and 1,446 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total of 4 adult arrests including 1 for theft, 1 for harassment, 1 for DUI and 1 for warrants. There were a total of 5 juvenile arrests including but not limited to 1 for simple assault and 1 for motor vehicle theft. The Detective Bureau investigated 55 cases of which 53 were closed. The Records Bureau collected \$344.90 in discovery and alarm fees.**



DPW Report - July 20, 2020

**Electronic Drop off Saturday July 25, 2020**

**9 AM -1 PM or until full whichever comes first. Please follow the signs for drop off**

**\*\*\*\*Clark Residents Only ID & Face Mask Required \*\*\*\***

**We are only allowed to accept certain electronic and fluorescent light bulbs.**

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

**Nothing else will be accepted.**

**Bulky Pick up:**

**Household item, Carpet, Couches, Chairs, Furniture, and other such items. Small items must be bagged.**

**NO Electronics, Mattresses or Box springs, construction material, toilets, metal, paint or chemicals**

**Appliance & Metal pick up every Monday**

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

**Please do not put your items out until the weekend of your pick up.**

**\*\*APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PICK UPS email [DPW@ourclark.com](mailto:DPW@ourclark.com) to schedule, the week prior to pick up.**

**Grass bags are for GRASS ONLY No rocks, branches, plastic bags etc.**

**Branches should be curbside by Sunday July 26 for Monday pick up. DPW only comes by once for branch pick up.**

**We still have FREE Fresh Root mulch and screened fill dirt to Clark Residents delivered on Fridays.**

**Help us to Keep Clark Clean**



Recreation and Pool Report  
July 20, 2020

Brewer Recreation Center remains closed due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We are waiting for further information from Governor Murphy and the State Health Dept. for Fall guidelines which will dictate how the recreation department proceeds with future plans. Clark Little League, Girls Softball and Soccer have been able to start up the season with social distancing protocols in place.

The Clark Community Pool is open and doing great during the pandemic. The staff and members are adhering to the state's requirements for temperature checks, wearing face coverings and social distancing protocols on the premises.

That concludes my report.  
Councilman Bill Smith

