

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

**August 1, 2022**

**9:35 pm**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: Salvatore Bonaccorso, Mayor; James F. Ulrich, Business Administrator; Richard Huxford, Acting Township Attorney; Edith L. Merkel, Township Clerk;

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

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

This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L.1975) as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing the Annual Schedule of meetings to the Star Ledger, Union County HAWK, Union County Local Source, and TAP into Clark, by posting such Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in Town Hall reserved for such announcements, as well as the Official Website of the Township, and the proper filing of said Notice.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Seeking approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the amount of \$31,267.14 for the Clean Communities Grant

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

Mover: O'Connor                      Second: Smith

2. Seeking approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the amount of \$12,480.00 for the Municipal Alliance Grant

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

Mover: Albanese                      Second: Smith

3. Authorizing a one-year Extension of the Contract for the Collection and Disposal of Leaves to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation and Demolition in the amount of \$43,200.00

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

Mover : Mazzarella                      Second: Smith

4. Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Union County for Leaf Composting at a rate of \$4.00 per cubic yard loose or \$6.00 per cubic yard compacted

Councilman Smith: questioned if the prices were the same as last year

Mr. Ulrich: replied yes

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

Mover: Mazzarella                      Second: Smith

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

- 5. Authorizing the Tax Collector to apply sewer account balance adjustments as credit in the amount of \$8,253.10
- 6. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$23,281.31

Council President Minniti asked for a mover and second on this Consent Agenda

Mover: Smith                              Second: Hund

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia Street: questioned if the Township heard back from the County regarding the deer hunt on county property

Mayor Bonaccorso: remarked that we have not (heard back from the County)

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

Council President Minniti directed roll call: All Ayes

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

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- reminded council that they are in the position to be leaders
- spoke of the Wildlife Ordinance
  - Gave a brief explanation of the legislative process to adopt an ordinance
  - there will be further review to make it (the Wildlife Ordinance) work
  - remarked that “the law is on the books for the people who break the law”

Councilwoman Albanese:

- addressed the Wildlife Ordinance
  - said she is very satisfied that the process is working: the ordinance was introduced, people came out, the issue is being addressed
  - further stated that “we will work to amend the ordinance”

Councilman Hund:

- mentioned that the Wildlife Ordinance will be followed through
- spoke of trust in government

Councilman Mazzarella:

- spoke of the Wildlife Ordinance
  - is happy with the approval of the ordinance
  - said we (the council) are here to serve the whole community, not just a select few
  - added we will move forward with an amendment, or possible amendment, to the ordinance

Councilman O'Connor:

- mentioned that the Dog Days of August are coming, so stay cool

Councilman Smith: no comment

Councilman Toal: no comment

Township Clerk: no comment

Council President Minniti:

- stated that as far as the Wildlife Ordinance is concerned
  - he listened to both sides and did a lot of research
  - further stated that he passed the Ordinance with the intent of now moving forward to make changes
  - mentioned if the vote was delayed nothing may have been accomplished
  - stated that as Council President we will all work together to get it done

Council President Minniti asked for a motion to adjourn

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

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

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

ADJOURNMENT