

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, 430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
August 3, 2020

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Mayor Bonaccorso; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Mark Dugan, Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk;

The Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 P.M. 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 as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by sending written advanced notice of at least 48 hours to the Star Ledger, Union County Local Source, and TAP into Clark, by posting such Meeting Agenda 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. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

(No objections have been received in connection with the proposed Ordinance)

Ordinance 20-16

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

Council President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-16

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

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-16 was made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion: none

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, Mazzearella, Smith, Toal, O'Connor

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 20-17

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

Council President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 20-17

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Mazzearella made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, Mazzearella, Smith, Toal, O'Connor

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-17 was made by Councilman Mazzearella, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion: none

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, Mazzearella, Smith, Toal, O'Connor

Ordinance adopted

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 20-100

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has certified that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has deemed Andrew Gaffney, Jr to be 100% permanently disabled, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54: 4-3, 30, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Gaffney, Jr owned the property listed in the tax duplicate as 1580 Franklin Street, Clark, NJ, Block 96 Lot 14, and was entitled to one hundred percent of the taxes for this property exempt; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Gaffney has sold the property at 1580 Franklin Street, Clark, NJ on April 25, 2020; the exemption will be removed from the property, and the new owner will receive a prorated bill for 8 months for 2020; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Gaffney, owns the property at 61 Frances Drive, Clark, NJ, Block 52 Lot 26, and is entitled to one hundred percent of the taxes for this property exempt. Andrew Gaffney has paid the 2nd quarter taxes for 2020, in the amount of \$3,833.15, therefore, a refund will be issued to Andrew Gaffney, in the amount of \$3,833.15, and the taxes for the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2020; totaling \$8,074.70, and 1st and 2nd quarter of 2021, totaling \$7,870.50, will be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, one hundred percent of the taxes on this property will be entitled to exemption for as long as Andrew Gaffney is an owner of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make the proper adjustments to exempt this property as indicated above.

Moved by Councilman Hund, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion: none

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

Resolution 20-101

WHEREAS Matthew Reilly, 83 Sweet Briar Drive, Clark, New Jersey 07066 has requested a refund of Four Hundred, Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$489.00) due to the cancellation of Construction Permit #20-217 for the above address; and

WHEREAS the Construction Official has recommended to Council that authorization for the refund be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to refund Four Hundred, Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$489.00) as hereinabove stated.

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Barr

Discussion: none

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

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 Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Toal

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: no comment

Councilwoman Albanese: no comment

Councilman Barr: no comment

Councilman Hund: no comment

Councilman Mazzarella: no comment

Councilman Smith: no comment

Councilman Toal: no comment

Council President O'Connor: no comment

John Laezza: no comment

Attorney Dugan: no comment

Township Clerk: no comment

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

APPROVED



PATRICK J. O'CONNOR
Council President

ATTEST:



EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

