

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
August 15, 2022

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso; James Ulrich, Business Administrator; 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

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 appointed Lance Steinberg as a Class IV Member of the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Matt Casey until December 31, 2022

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- welcomed everyone to the meeting
- mentioned earlier this month at a workshop meeting there was an ordinance up about feeding wildlife, a lot of passionate people came out and expressed their opinion whether they were for it or against it
- stated we were very fortunate at that meeting to have a fine young lady there who has put us together with three other young ladies to help us to have an ordinance ready as promised for the September meeting
- thanked Gail, Jane, Diana and Brittany who represented a good friend Senator Lesniak from the Lesniak Institute, they have enlightened us and helped us put something together that he thinks is going to be very acceptable, he thanked them for all their great help and it was a pleasure working and getting to know them
- mentioned the Summer Camp was over, it was a successful camp again this year, thanked Ralph Bernardo, his staff members, all the counselors, the children and parents who allowed them to participate, also thanked Dominic for what he has done as well

- reminded everyone the last branch pickup is September, put what you have out the third week of September and DPW will pickup on the fourth week
- the last week of October DPW starts preparing for our first leaf cleanup
- thanked the Clark Police Department; Captain Lott has reported that they have stepped up their radar details as they have in the past month and for the month of July to mid-August, they have had 88 details
- made everyone aware of a bad accident up on Madison Hill Road, urges everyone to slow down, kids will be starting school soon and there will be a lot more traffic on the road

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:

Councilman Hund:

Police Report: see attached

Councilman Mazzarella:

DPW Report: see attached

Councilman O’Connor:

Finance Report: the township continues to operate in an effective manner and meet all our current obligations

Emergency Squad Report: no report

Councilman Smith:

Fire Report: see attached

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

Recreation and Pool Report: see attached

Councilman Toal:

Legislative Committee: see attached

Environmental Commission: no report

Council Vice President Albanese:

Library Report: see attached

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

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

Ordinance 22-11

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND, KNOWN AS BLOCK 21 AND LOT 10.01, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK TO BE SOLD AT PRIVATE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 (b)(5)

Council Vice President Albanese opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-11

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 22-11 was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Hund

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 22-12

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND, KNOWN AS BLOCK 38 AND LOT 13.01, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK TO BE SOLD AT PRIVATE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40a:12-13(b)(5)

Council Vice President Albanese opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-12

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 22-12 was made by Council Vice President Albanese, seconded by Councilman Hund

Council Vice President Albanese directed roll call:
Aye: Hund, Mazzarella. O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Albanese

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 22-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-07 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 145, SECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT"

Council Vice President Albanese opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-13

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 22-13 was made by Councilman Hund, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

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

Ordinance Adopted

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Councilman O'Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee gave a report on Current and Capital expenditures received and encumbered through August 11, 2022 in the amount \$271,099.36

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.

Council President Minniti opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-127

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 \$31,267.14 which is now available from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$31,267.14; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$31,267.14 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 \$31,267.14.

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion: none

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

Resolution 22-128

**Resolution Requesting Approval of an Item of Revenue and Appropriation
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87**

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 thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS the Director may also approve the insertion of an 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 \$12,480.00 which is now available as a revenue from the County of Union pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$12,480.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Municipal Alliance Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$3,120.00 representing the amount required for the municipality’s share of the aforementioned undertaking, funded by the Recreation Trust Fund and is hereby appropriated under the caption of Municipal Alliance Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of a County grant of \$12,480.00 from the County of Union.

Moved by Council Vice President Albanese, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave a brief summary of the Resolution

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

Resolution 22-129

WHEREAS Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation and Demolition (the vendor) was awarded the contract for the Collection and Disposal of Leaves for the 2021 season through a formal bidding process; and

WHEREAS the Vendor has submitted a written request to be considered for a one (1) year extension of this contract; and

WHEREAS the contract may be extended in accordance with Part D-6 of the bid specifications entitled “Special Conditions” at the sole option of the Township for up to an additional one (1) year, in the event of such an extension, the bid price for the extension year shall be agreed upon by negotiations; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator has agreed to the negotiated terms and price of \$43,200.00 which meets the needs of the Township; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained funds are available in the 2022 Municipal Budget, Account Number 26-306-223.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it hereby awards an additional one-year contract to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation and Demolition and authorizes and directs the Business Administrator to execute said contract.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave a brief summary of the Resolution

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

Resolution 22-130

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and a Hold Harmless Agreement with the County of Union for leaf composting; and

WHEREAS leaf composting at the Union County Facility is charged at the rate of \$4.00 per cubic yard loose or \$6.00 per cubic yard compacted; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained funds are available in the 2022 Municipal Budget, Account Number 26-306-223.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby directs the Mayor to sign the agreement for leaf composting at the Union County Facility on behalf of the Township of Clark.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave a brief summary of Resolution

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

Resolution 22-131

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., as amended from time to time (the “Redevelopment Law”), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2022, the Township Council adopted a redevelopment plan entitled “the Raritan Road Redevelopment Plan (“Redevelopment Plan”) for certain properties identified as 1088 Raritan Road (Block 60, Lot 60.01), 1084 Raritan Road (Block 60, Lot 61 and 62), 1072

Raritan Road (Block 60, Lot 63) on the Municipal Tax Map (“Property”) in accordance with the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, Raritan Road Holdings LLC is the contract purchaser of the Property and desires to be designated by the Township as the Conditional Redeveloper for the Property; and

WHEREAS, Raritan Road Holdings LLC has proposed to construct a CubeSmart branded self-storage facility, comprised of a three story, 95,839 square feet building, supported by a ten (10)-space off-street parking and loading area that will be accessed via a full-movement driveway; and

WHEREAS, after considering the qualifications of Raritan Road Holdings LLC and recommendations by Township professionals, the Township wishes to designate Raritan Road Holdings LLC as Conditional Redeveloper of the Property and authorize executions of the aforementioned Redevelopment Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full; and
2. Raritan Road Holdings LLC is hereby designated the Conditional Redeveloper of the Property, subject the following conditions:
 - a. Within 30 (30) days of the date hereof, Raritan Road Holdings LLC shall establish a professional escrow to reimburse the Township for all professional fees incurred in connection with this redevelopment project; and
 - b. Within ninety (90) days of the date hereof, Raritan Road Holdings LLC shall execute a redevelopment agreement, acceptable to the Township.
3. None of the approvals or designation contained in this Resolution shall become effective until such time as the aforementioned redevelopment agreement is fully executed by Raritan Road LLC and the Township of Clark.

Moved by Councilman O’Connor, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave an overview summary of the Resolution

Mayor Bonaccorso: mentioned this month at the Planning Board meeting the Board passed the plan of a Cube Smart which is a self-storage unit that’s going to be built there. He also stated in a blight area we will get a very pretty building, landscaping and low-end traffic impact, he’s very excited and it makes a lot of sense and feels it’s going to work out very well.

Councilman O'Connor: inquired about the traffic light that's there that they don't plan to change it and it will stay the same.

Mayor Bonaccorso: responded it will stay the way it is.

No further discussion

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

Resolution 22-132

WHEREAS Robert Prygrocki, owner of 56 Joseph Street, Clark, New Jersey 07066 has requested a refund of One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00) due to the duplicate payment of a Certificate of Continued Occupancy; 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 One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00) as hereinabove stated.

Moved by Councilman Hund, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave a summary of the Resolution

Council Vice President Albanese directed roll call:
Aye: Hund, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal, Minniti

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-133

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	Comments
										Addl
22	64	3884-0	Mekovetz, John	127	Georgia Street	water co issue	\$4,380.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,380.00	
22	65	1889-0	Bosonac, Stephen	979	Raritan Road	water meter issue	\$5,578.10	\$ 280.00	\$5,298.10	
22	66	1318-0	Andrew Keating	6	Mae Belle Rd	new owner	\$ 715.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 575.00	
Total Credit									\$8,253.10	

Resolution 22-134

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2022 taxes; the Mayor has recommended to Council that such authorization be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to make refund(s) in accordance with the following schedule:

TAX REFUNDS - 2022						
BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND
30.03	8		Stephen Brophy	74	Hall Drive	\$ 3,829.37
42	15		GSM Group LLC	17	Oleander Way	\$ 507.59
58	4		L'Oréal USA S/D Inc.	111	Terminal Avenue	\$ 237.57
60	11.01		CCC 315 LLC	301	Central Avenue	\$ 16,086.76
92	2		Azin Mohanadi-Khan	11	Lincoln Blvd	\$ 486.60
102	1		Omar Navarro	11	Harding Avenue	\$ 305.67
105	26.01		URC Family LLC	5	Somerset Road	\$ 262.64
148	23		Raritan Rd Part % Mackevich & Et Al	1435	Raritan Road-Box 919	\$ 316.50
185	16.01		Woodlawn Partners LLC	32	Ross Street	\$ 1,248.61
Total Refunds						\$ 23,281.31

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Hund

Council Vice President Albanese directed roll call:
Aye: Hund, Mazzarella, O’Connor, Smith, Toal, Minniti

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Summary (Council Meeting can be viewed on our website www.ourclark.com or on TV 36)

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 Vice President Albanese opened the public portion of the meeting

Brittany Macaluso, 13 Walnut St., Montvale, NJ:

- mentioned she’s the policy and advocacy coordinator at the Lesniak Institute for American Leadership
- thanked the Mayor and Council for working with her, Senator Lesniak, People for Animals and local advocates to introduce TNR to the community to control the cat population
- she personally thanked the Mayor for the legislative meeting that was held last week and being so open to discussing the cats, also thanked Councilman O’Connor, Councilman Smith and Councilman Toal for being there as well
- thanked Clark for positioning itself in a positive way on a municipal level to help inform County and State level policies to be adopted like this

Jane Guillaume, Executive Director at People for Animals in Hillside NJ:

- echoed Brittany’s thoughts about working with Councilmen O’Connor, Smith and Toal as well as the Mayor on the ordinance for TNR
- she mentioned the responsiveness of the committee to their constituents was admirable, also she said it’s refreshing to see that you listened with an open mind to our advice
- believes that they have a terrific draft ordinance to present to their constituents, she feels it will address all the needs that were brought up at the meeting
- it will be a great model to push out to the rest of Union County as well as other municipalities throughout our State
- congratulated everyone on a great ordinance, thanked everyone for their attention and stands ready to help with whatever we can

Gail Baldassarre, 69 Reynolds Ave., Whippany NJ:

- thanked the Mayor and Council for giving her the opportunity to speak and to be open to have a meeting to hear what her colleagues had to say
- she mentioned her colleagues were so helpful in assisting her to change everyone’s mind in a better way, knowing it will work better for the Council and the residents

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia St.:

- happy that the township recognized a need for TNR
- mentioned landscapers from Conrail took pictures of items that are behind the residents' homes and they will be presented to their supervisors letting them know what's behind the fence on the Georgia Street side of the Conrail lines

Seeing no one else coming forward Councilman Toal made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Smith

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:Mayor Bonaccorso:

- thanked Brittany, Gail, Jane and Dian, he's looks forward to continue dialogue with them, sends his regards to Senator Lesniak
- mentioned the Summer Camp had 700 plus kids a day, thanked our #1 guy Adam Lambert as well as Norm and Vanessa in keeping the building immaculate during the camp and throughout the year
- wished everyone an enjoyable rest of the summer
- looks forward to the ordinance (TNR) being introduced on the Tuesday after Labor Day in Room 30 and as promised the night of September 19th meeting the ordinance will be adopted

Councilman Hund:

- thanked the ladies for attending the Legislative meeting and speaking to his colleagues and the Mayor
- also thanked everyone who was a part of it for having an open mind to move forward
- in closing wished everyone an enjoyable rest of the summer

Councilman Mazzarella:

- reminded residents to keep doors locked at all times at their homes as well as their vehicles
- in closing wished everyone well and to be safe

Councilman O'Connor:

- talked about the construction work on Terminal Avenue at the L'Oreal property
- agreed with the Mayor's comments regarding Cube Smart, feels it will be a win, win for all
- thanked Brittany, Gail, Jane and Dian, a special thank you to Gail for attending the workshop meeting, she was very calm and very focused, he stated emotions were very high at the meeting and she was the voice who came through to all of us

Councilman Smith:

- mentioned less than two months away is Columbus Day weekend, October 6th thru October 9th will be the UNICO Italian Festival, if anyone is interested in participating reach out to Ralph Bernardo and he'll put you in touch with Joe Arancio who is the President of UNICO
- also thanked the ladies for bringing the TNR program to Council's attention to enlighten and educate them

Councilman Toal:

- mentioned he didn't know anything about cats until the ordinance was brought up
- thanked the ladies for helping us learn the way to teach and take care of the cat situation
- spoke about the construction being done on Mildred Terrace and thanked the Mayor and BA regarding a tree issue that was resolved

Jim Ulrich: no comments this evening.

Attorney Dugan: no comment.

Township Clerk: no comments, thank you.

Council Vice President Albanese:

- thanked Gail, Jane, Dian and Brittany for all of their help, she appreciated everything Gail brought to the table to educate all at the workshop meeting
- she's happy that the ordinance will be a model not just for Union County but also for the State of New Jersey for many communities that are dealing with this issue
- thanked Delia for being a lightning rod with respect to the wildlife ordinance
- she thanked the legislative committee and the Mayor for organizing the meeting and getting everything done as planned
- talked about Cube Smart
- thanked Ralph and the entire team involved in the Summer Camp
- had the opportunity at the Summer Camp to introduce the Karate School and hopes many will consider joining the school which is available to all ages, it's run at the Recreation Department
- reminded everyone the 9/11 Ceremony will be on Sunday morning at 9:00 on the 11th at Nelson Park, all are welcome
- in closing hopes everyone enjoys the rest of the summer

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

APPROVED



ANGEL ALBANESE
Council Vice President

ATTEST:



EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

Library Report for Town Council-August 2022

- The library had a total of 11,023 website visits and social media reach in July 2022.
- The library had 6,685 visitors during the month of July 2022.

What's new at the library:

- While summer reading may be wrapping up, fall reading is just beginning so make sure that you take advantage and get or renew a library card with the Clark Public Library. They will be holding special events and prizes for library card sign-up month throughout September

Friends' upcoming events:

- Friends of the Library will be hosting an outdoor vendor and craft sale on Saturday, September 10th. The Friends will have their first annual book & jewelry sale on Saturday, October 22nd.

August Events:

Teen Book Club on Wednesday, August 17 at 2:00 pm

Do you love talking about books! There is no assigned reading or one book to read. Just bring a book you've read that you want to share with the group.

Creative Aging Visual Art Workshop on Wednesday, August 17th at 11:00 am

Join us for an in-person art workshop sponsored by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. The visual art project will involve using everyday household items as a subject matter to create a "still life" artwork which focuses on "Positive and Negative Space." This program is geared for the older adult population (55+).

Finger Painting Friday on Friday, August 19 at 10:00 am

No childhood is complete without some good, old-fashioned, messy finger painting. We will read a story and then make some squishy, colorful creations. Wear some old clothes! Clark residents will have priority registration.

LEGO® Club on Wednesday, August 24 from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Join us for the LEGO® Club at the Clark Public Library! Create your own LEGO® structures. LEGO® are provided by the library. Creations are displayed in the Children's Area. For children in grades K - 5.

ASK (Aging Services Kiosk) on Monday, September 12th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Do you have questions about services available in Union County for seniors or their caregivers? Come visit the Union County Aging Services Kiosk, speak to our specialist and get answers to your questions.

CLARK POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT SUMMARY

JULY 2022

JULY 2022 saw a total of 2,602 calls for service of which 159 were ambulance requests, 3 were for criminal mischief, 19 were fire department requests, 10 were motor vehicle lock-outs, 84 were alarm calls, 83 were motor vehicle accidents and 2,229 were miscellaneous calls. There was a total of 20 adult arrests including but not limited to one for peering, one for criminal mischief, one for harassment, seven for theft, three for DUI, one for CDS possession and three warrants. *Juvenile data will appear on the September Report. The Detective Bureau handled 111 cases, clearing 104 of them. The Records Bureau collected \$968.00 in discovery fees and false alarm fines.

DPW Report
August 15, 2022

DPW Yard will be closed to the public until Friday, August 26th due to our Brush Grinding Efforts. Please make a note of this

Electronic drop off is August 27 9AM -1PM at the DPW Yard, ID is required

Grass pick up continues on Tuesday GRASS ONLY in biodegradable paper bags. Loose piles of grass will not be picked up. No branches, garbage or plastic bags.

Branch pick up: Place branches curbside on the 3rd full week (not Before)

Branches will be picked up on the 4th week - August 22 through August 26th

****Please follow the guideline so we can keep our Town clean.**

Bulky Pick up: Appointment is required by Thursday 3PM the week prior your scheduled week.

We do not accept concrete, Mattresses, box springs, or car parts to name a few restricted items. No metal will be pick up for bulky.

Appliance and metal pick up appointment required, DPW picks up every Monday

Mulch is available, small load 3 yards

Large load 5 yards.

Driveway delivers on Fridays.

Double ground natural root mulch

Clark Township Council Meeting
Pool and Recreation Report
Monday, August 15, 2022

From our Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo:

The summer rec camp ended last week. It was a busy six weeks to say the least with over 650 kids in attendance each day. Much thanks to the Mayor and Council for supporting this program and special thanks to my supervisors and counselor staff for working in extreme heat and bigger than normal number of campers. Still it was very successful and hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves.

The pool has surpassed the number of applications from last year. It's been a very busy pool season due to the hot weather. Just a few more weeks to keep cool. Our last day is Labor Day.

Concerts in the park continue every other Tuesday night. We have one more concert with "We May Be Right" tomorrow, Tuesday, Aug. 23 which is a Billy Joel tribute band. Come on out and enjoy this free concert.

The Fall brochure is being printed and will be available at the rec center and on line at www.ourclark.com under the recreation tab by the last week of August. Check out all the programs and classes available to all our residents.

If you have any questions regarding any of these programs, please contact the recreation office at rbernardo@ourclark.com or 732-428-8400.

Thank you
Councilman Bill Smith

Councilman Toal's remarks

The members who attended our meeting are in the audience, I just want to take a moment publicly to say thank you for your time, you don't even live in town and you really don't have any connections in town but you came to us to show us the way and how to get it done right.

It was from the meeting of professionals, Clark's recent animal ordinance that was adopted on August 1, 2022, it was reviewed and discussed in detail. It was from this meeting that this ordinance shall be amended.

At the August 1st Special Meeting when the ordinance was brought in for discussion and voted upon, at that time I lacked the knowledge to be able to vote yes on such an important piece of legislation. After sitting with these animal professionals and experts, they taught me the way. They showed me what and how this whole thing is taken care of to take care of our cats and dogs in our beloved New Jersey. After learning about the subject of animal control and just what TNR is and how many wild and stray cat's actual exist in New Jersey, I learned a lot.

I voted "no" on the ordinance and now that was a mistake. I'll be voting "yes" on this ordinance when it comes up in September for review and adoption. It's the only way to be done because it's done right with professionals telling us how it's done and how it should be done.

I fully support our animal rescue efforts from these wonderful ladies. Our town will control our animal friends and wildlife with love and kindness. And it's by the direction and guidance of these wonderful ladies, I would like to publicly say thanks to Gail, Jane, Dian and Brittany and of course our dear friend Frank Mazzarella who had a major hand in getting Senator Lesniak there, when you are a State Senator or a former State Senator who's running now basically advising other people in the State House how to do things, that's a gift, and we appreciate Senator Lesniak taking his time to come to our meeting and trying to show us on how it's done. And he would like to use our ordinance as a model for the State of New Jersey, we are going to do everything we can to get that done right after the revised ordinance gets put to the lawyers and gets taken care of properly. With that said Madame President, I thank you for your time. Again, I thank Councilman Mazzarella for his efforts. Thank you

Legislative Committee Meeting
August 10, 2022

Present:

Councilman Brian Toal, Chairman
Councilman Pat O'Connor
Councilman Bill Smith
Mayor Sal Bonaccorso
Former Senator Ray Lesniak
Brittany Macaluso (Lesniak's Institute)
Jane Guillaume, People for Animals
Gail Baldassarre, Wise Animal Rescue
Dian Thompson, Smitten by Kittens

Discussion: Stray Cat Trap Neuter Return (TNR) ordinance

Mayor Bonaccorso provided an overview and stated that everything will go through the Business Administrator.

- Colony of cats on Georgia Street
- Suggested feeding times morning and afternoon
- If a cat is in need, who gets the initial call
- Budget for TNR
- Trafficking of cats – cannot relocate cats
- Cat census
- Enforcement triggered by residential complaints
- Removal of reference to Stray Cats in current ordinance

General discussion followed.

Jane Guillaume brought a sample ordinance which can be modified to fit Clark needs.

Councilman Smith: who is going to pay

Mayor Bonaccorso: The Business Administrator is seeking funding through grants. Where should a cat be taken for medical care?

Councilman O'Connor: mentioned People for Animals and also questioned the types of cats

Discussion regarding the types of cats and various aspects of care followed

Mayor stated We are all on board

Township Attorney will review the suggested ordinance for Introduction and Adoption in September.

Fire Department Report
August 15, 2022

In the month of July, the Clark Fire Department responded to 54 calls.

The calls included but were not limited to numerous odor and alarm calls. Three calls were related to Motor vehicle incidents and six calls for mulch fires. The CFD responded to two mutual aid calls from surrounding towns.

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

This concludes my report.

*The full fire department report is available in the Clerk's office.

