

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
August 17, 2020

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Hund, Toal

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso; John Laezza, 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 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: Mr. President, Members of Council good evening, members of the public good evening. I would like to remind the citizens that August and September are the last months for branch cleanup. September ends branch cleanup for the year, primarily because the end of October we begin our efficient leaf cleanup.

I want to take a moment to thank the Department of Public Works for the unbelievable job in the storm that we had, I was very proud. I was out there with the men for a while looking at the damage and seeing what's going on, led by Scott McCabe and Pat Hofschneider. And our men at DPW worked tirelessly to get this town back in shape probably quicker than any other town around us. And I had a chuckle the other day when I saw a neighboring community, I don't want to mention Westfield's name but I'll have to, that told their citizens that they will not be picking up branches that fell from the storm. And I just got a chuckle out of it because not only do we do it for the storm, we do it every month from March right through the end of September. The third week of August branches go out, the fourth week we pick them up, the third week of September they go out, the fourth week we are done. We have this on our website. We sent out a Facebook email blast about this and we pay for a book to come to your house every January that has the schedule in it. Right now, we have a massive number of branches in our yard that we will get tub grinded and make into mulch that we give to you free when you want it. But once October comes, we have to get the yard cleaned and have the mulch stacked because leaf cleanup is coming. As you know we have the most effective leaf cleanup in all of Union County by far. So again, thank you to the great men at DPW, you did an awesome job, we're very proud of you.

Labor Day weekend I'm sure you saw on the TapintoClark, real news not fake news; we cancelled our fireworks show due to the Governor's limit on outside gatherings. But the bottom line is we'll probably have about eight thousand out in front of this municipal building, so that is cancelled. I'm cancelling the fall programs as far as the senior citizen BBQ which is a great tradition we have and our senior breakfast for the Fall. I don't think we would be able to gather that amount of people by Governor's law. But on the other hand, I know seniors are vulnerable and I think a lot of the seniors would pass, so we are going to have to pass. It breaks our hearts to cancel all these great programs that we have for our seniors and for our children's recreation. The Fall and Winter booklet went out. Ralph Bernardo and myself have been conversing on a weekly basis to see what we can have for you and cannot have for you; we have to see what happens. I'm still waiting to see what the Governor is going to do with school. I know a lot has to do with that if it's going to be virtual, right now he is saying choose what you want but I don't know. I'm hearing differently from different whispers out of the State.

To bring you up to date on our Clark Police Station. If you go by it's a little hard to see because the old building is still up but it's coming along beautifully. The inside is all sheet rocked and we'll have that completed in the next few months or so. And then finished sometime next year where we will be IT equipped and the finishing touches, but it's coming along very well.

The other thing, the other night I posted on Facebook about voting which I am absolutely one thousand percent against. Governor Murphy is making this a mail-in vote and I think that is nothing but a bunch of hogwash. I believe you can go to the poll with a mask on with no problem, after all, we go to Shop Rite and Target and wherever else with a mask on. I think the Union County Board of Elections should supply rubber surgical gloves, you go up to the booth and they tell you to put your gloves on, you sign the book and they hand you the paper, gloves, mask, then you go in and vote and as you are walking out the door throw your gloves in a drum and that's the end of the problem. As we speak here tonight, Monday night, as I left my home at 6:45 tonight I have not received any mail Saturday or today on Monday. Now you might say so what? How much mail do you want? Well I do also run my business out of that address, my personal business along with my household mail. For me not to get mail, some kind of mail on a day which usually never happens, if it happens once a month it's a lot. The post office can't handle it. It's another scam to get the President unelected. That's what they are looking to do, beat the President, you will see as time goes on. Our Clerk Edie Merkel sent me the official results of the July 7th Primary last Friday on August 7th that was an itty-bitty election. When are you going to declare a winner? Not only locally, nationally, countywide, when are you going to declare a winner, New Year's Eve? How about if there is a change in leadership in towns or this country, how is the transition going to work. When I was elected Mayor twenty years ago I began my transition on the first Tuesday of the month. The next Monday we started transitioning the town and it was a great help, it helped us walk in and start running versus crawling. So, the Governor is wrong on this and he knows it. And you know when you see every blue State is doing the same thing, follow the money, follow the product, you'll always find out where it comes to. So, my remarks to you, you are not coming here to say "I'm voting on a machine" Please don't do that to our Municipal Clerk, she is going to tell you the rules and regulations, read and understand, it's vote-by-mail. If you walk into the voting polls you will be handed a paper provisional ballot, unless you are handicapped then they will let you vote on the machines. Those are the only people voting on the machines. I think if the Clerk...if I remember what she told me, I think in the Primary again an itty-bitty election, one person was allowed to vote on the

machine, one person. So, folks you have to pay attention. Don't get mad and say I'm not voting, vote, because that's what they ultimately want, they want you to say "I'm not voting". And they will say this will ensure every voter has an opportunity, what opportunity, go down to the polls and vote. If you can go to Shop Rite, you can go to Target, you can go out to eat outside, you can go down the shore, you can go vote. This is another New Jersey scam and I've said it and I mean it; it's how are we going to take the vote away nationally, not so worried about locally, it's nationally, and they should be ashamed of themselves. That's all I have 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

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese:

Library Report: see attached

Councilman Barr:

Fire Report: see attached

Councilman Mazzarella:

DPW Report: see attached

Councilman Smith:

Police Report: see attached

Recreation Report: see attached

Council President O'Connor:

Finance Report: spoke with Business Administrator John Laezza and he mentioned the Township is in very good hands and is doing very well, thanked Mr. Laezza for keeping expenditures down

Emergency Squad Report: see attached

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

(the CFO has submitted the Supplemental Debt Statement to the Division of Local Government Services)

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE 2020 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PHASE II) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$750,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Section 1. The Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake the 2020 Capital Road Improvement Program (Phase II) (including roadway and parking lot reconstruction and resurfacing and the undertaking of the following, where necessary: signalization improvements, repair of the storm drainage system, reconstruction of curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons and the making of landscaping improvements) at the following locations in the Township:

- Wilson Drive
- Waterson Drive
- Emerald Place
- Emerald Court
- Clark Library parking lot

Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$750,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the down payment and the State grant appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said 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, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$750,000, and (4) \$329,000 of said sum is to be provided by the State grant hereinafter appropriated, and (5) \$21,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (6) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$400,000, and (7) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$94,000, 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 4. It is hereby determined and stated that the sum of \$329,000 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement of Wilson Drive and Waterson Drive set forth in Section 1 hereof.

Section 5. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$21,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$21,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$400,000 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 7. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$400,000 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 8. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, 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 bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the 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 9. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 10. 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 the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$400,000 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 11. 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 said purpose (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated, which shall be applied to the cost of said purpose but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 12. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such 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 13. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and 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 14. 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 15. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Smith

Discussion:

John Laezza: Council President, Members of Council. This is a second part of our Capital Road Program. This is partially funded by NJDOT money. It's for Wilson Drive, and Waterson Drive. There will be a traffic signal to accommodate the school in that area and to slow down the traffic on Westfield Avenue for the benefit of the pedestrians. And also included Emerald Place and Emerald Court as the extra road and the Library parking lot. The seven-fifty is offset by a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation of three hundred and twenty-nine thousand.

No further discussion

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, Smith, O'Connor
Public Hearing September 8th

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: Council President O'Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee gave a report on Current and Capital expenditures received and encumbered through July 29, 2020 in the amount \$121,546.81

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 Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda, seconded by Councilman Barr

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

Township Clerk: Thank you Mr. President, I would just like to add that I'm still taking comments and questions by email and also text message in addition to the fact that you can come to the meeting. I did not receive any, but I can still receive them, if that's an easy way for you.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 20-102

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Township of Clark advertised on July 16, 2020 and received two (2) bids for the Collection and Disposal of Leaves on August 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS the two (2) lowest responsible bidders were:

<u>Bidder</u> <u>yard</u> <u>Disposal)</u>	<u>Amount per cubic yard</u> <u>(with Disposal)</u>	<u>Amount per cubic</u> <u>(without</u>
Britton Industries, Lawrenceville, NJ	\$7.50	\$7.50
Messercola Excavating, Plainfield, NJ	No bid submitted	\$4.18

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the township to award the contract without disposal fees; and

WHEREAS the lowest responsible bidder was Messercola Excavating, Inc., 549 East Third Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060 in the amount of \$4.18 per cubic yard; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator has reviewed all the documents required by the bid specifications and recommends award of contract to Messercola Excavating, Inc.; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained funds are available in the 2020 Municipal Budget, Account Number 26-306-223, not to exceed \$40,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby award a contract to Messercola Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$4.18 per cubic yard, not to exceed \$40,000.00, subject to review of the bid by the Township Attorney who will draw up the contract.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

Resolution 20-103

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 \$2.00 per yard loose or \$4.00 per yard compacted; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained funds are available in the 2020 Municipal Budget, Account Number 26-306-223, not to exceed \$32,000.00.

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 Barr

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

Resolution 20-104

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Thomas Sweeney and Conor Kolchin are hereby appointed as Members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department effective this 17th day of August 2020.

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Council President O'Connor

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

Resolution 20-105

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the Health Officer is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between the Township of Clark and the

Visiting Nurse and Health Service (VNHS) dba Holy Redeemer Home Care, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$7,986.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021, pending the approval of the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

20-106

WHEREAS the Police Department has requested that the Township Council authorize the appropriate Township Officials to approve the purchase of Surveillance Equipment, installation, and maintenance services for the New Police Headquarters; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator has recommended that the Township use the following Cooperative Purchasing Contract which provides predetermined preferential pricing through approved vendors which have been bid at the county level:

Vendor: Johnston Communications (JCT Solutions Security, Communications & Networking) – Quote #JCTQ1340 in the total amount of \$235,626.17
Union County Coop Contract 8-UCCP Coop/Bid #42-2017
Telephone/Associated Services Systems surveillance equipment, installation, maintenance services (Avaya, Cameras, NVR's, Door Security, Cabling)

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in the amount of \$235,626.17 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 as indicated.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

20-107

WHEREAS the Administration has requested that the Township Council authorize the appropriate Township Officials to approve the purchase of Audio-Visual Equipment for the Courtroom in the New Police Headquarters; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator has recommended that the Township use the following State Contracts which provide predetermined preferential pricing through approved vendors which have been bid at the state level:

Vendor: Tele-Measurements, Inc., 145 Main Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07014
 NJ State Contracts #T1466 and #T0114
 Audio-Visual Equipment – Courtroom Budgetary Quote \$263,429.71

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in the amount of \$263,429.71 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 NJ State Contracts as indicated.

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Barr

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 20-108

WHEREAS in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2020 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 Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make refund(s) in accordance with the following schedule:

CLARK TOWNSHIP						
TAX REFUNDS- 2020						
BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	NAME	#	ADDRESS	REFUND
19	2		Andrew Daniello	12	Grove Street	\$ 1,605.35

Resolution 20-109

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	Comments
20	51	5122-0	Hay, Brian & Julie	23	Alice Lane	leak/break in pipe	\$ 580.00	\$ 280.00	\$300.00		
20	52	4554-0	Manal, Youssef	411	Valley Road	leaky faucet	\$ 5,080.00	\$ 280.00	\$4,800.00		
						TOTAL	\$ 5,660.00	\$ 560.00	\$5,100.00		

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, Smith, 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 Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Smith

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Mr. President. Folks for you who are going to be watching at home we're not live, we are in Room 30 of the Municipal Building. The Courthouse our Council Chambers the air conditioning unit went down and obviously by next spring or summer we will be moving into the new building, so it doesn't pay for us to spend a lot of money. Hopefully for the September meeting which is right around mid-September, the third Monday of the month, it will be cool enough outside to where the windows and doors would suffice for us. So, I'm just letting you know we are not showing this live to you because it's a pretty good reason why.

Also, I would like to wish everybody a happy and healthy rest of the summer. It's going to blow by before we can even imagine, you blink and it's over. Be careful out there when school starts, if we go to school who knows, driving, speeding, kids on bicycles, kids crossing in crosswalks, please be careful. And until September I wish you all stay well, stay safe and stay healthy, thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you. You know with any issue that has come up in this town when it was 9/11 or Hurricane Irene or Hurricane Sandy, the DPW and the Mayor have always come through in contacting those certain parties that should be contacted and to always be prepared well in advance and this storm was no different. So, I really thank everyone in the township. Also, maybe the Mayor can talk about 9/11 and maybe he can tell us when the 9/11 ceremony will be this year.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes, Councilwoman thank you so much because that is one thing, I left off my agenda tonight. We will have a 9/11 ceremony; we will never forget. That day is just too important in this country and this town to ever forget. It's outside, it's going to be 9:00 am on Broadway at the Nelson Memorial, wear a mask, social distance, come out and let's not forget, 9:00 September 11th, thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: The other item I wanted to mention is about election. My dad worked for the post office, so I have pretty much confidence in them. But although in Clark I have to mention that we have had numerous problems with our local postal delivery. However, I think the concern of what this is going to create on the system that we have in place. In Union County we invested millions of dollars in new machines and unfortunately, we won't be able to use them. And the real strain on our professional Clerks, their staff and also for the County to get it right. And like the Mayor said we are not going to have the results for a long period and it casts on much doubt on what's happening. So, having said all that please do not throw away your ballots when you get them, that creates a lot of additional work. If you go down and vote provisionally which I don't even know how that worked out this time, meaning you would fill out a manual ballot but you can't be counted until they verify that you didn't mail in a ballot. So that makes the process a lot longer and a lot more costly for our workers here. So please do not throw away those ballots, hang on to them, see the final instruction and know how to act when it comes time to vote. If you are not registered to vote, please register to vote, make your voice heard. Thank you.

Councilman Barr: Thank you Council President. I think pretty much everything has been covered. So, just stay safe and stay healthy.

Councilman Mazarella: Just a brief comment. I've said this, month after month and the Mayor has as well. Ladies and gentlemen if you see something that you feel uncomfortable about, don't hesitate to call our police department. They have no problem coming down to investigate the area to ensure your safety. And please ladies and gentlemen make sure you lock your vehicles because if somebody is going to come and open the vehicle, it's not only the change they might take but if you have a garage door opener, they might open your garage and come into your house, so please lock your vehicles. And stay safe, be careful out there, it's still getting warm so hydrate yourself and look in on your elderly senior neighbors. Thank you very much and until new month God Bless.

Councilman Smith: Thank you Council President. Two quick things; I just want to thank the staff and management at the Clark Pool for doing a great job this year during the Covid-19 pandemic with all the restrictions that are in place. And I would like to also thank police, fire, first-aid and DPW for there tireless effort during the last storm with branches, phone calls and emergencies, etc. That’s all I have for this evening.

John Laezza: Mr. President, Members of Council. Basically, I want to talk to you a little bit about the police station and the municipal court to how it’s coming. As you know we went out to bid for general contractors, we got a good general contracting company. I would like to say they are stayed within budget, that we had on their first bid and they are within two weeks of their program. So, we believe that it will be finished on time and within budget, that was about eight point four million dollars. The second thing that was, the equipment, the furniture, and the audio-visual equipment that’s going into the facilities; basically, it will be costing us about two million dollars in total. So, our cost, they call it the soft costs, that’s the cost for the architect, the construction manager, engineer, and the like, will be coming up to about 1.5 million. So, the total project right now I’m estimating would be about eleven million nine and we are trying to cut back on some of the things so we can live within it, without creating a new ordinance but we’ll have to see as we get closer.

Attorney Dugan: no comments.

Township Clerk: Thank you Mr. President. I want to read the official list of guidelines for the election. We put this today on the township website, we sent out a blast email, all of council has it to put on their Facebook page, the Mayor’s Facebook page, the township’s Facebook page, the Library’s Facebook page and Twitter account and their website. If you still haven’t seen the list and you are seeing this now and you would like me to email it or mail it to you, I’ll be happy to do that, my email is clerk@ourclark.com. See guideline list attached.

Council President O’Connor: I had a front row seat to the storm. My neighbor had a tree come down in front of their house. They took it well, they set up a bench in their front yard and they watched DPW come and clear it. I walked over and asked “how is everything going” and they said “this is phenomenal, perfect”. They cut the tree down, they cut it all up, it was probably within hours, so Scott, a very nice job. Obviously throughout town people lost power, some got it back quick and some people got it back not so quick. So, for that the Mayor was asked several times by several people over many days, Mayor get us our power, and so I know the Mayor has spent a lot of time on the phone with PSE&G. So, Mayor on behalf of my Ward and the township, thank you very much.

John Laezza: All citizens who had no power for more than seventy-two hours, PSE&G is going to reimburse them for lost food in their refrigerators. So, if you were out for more than three days, PSE&G will reimburse you for the cost of food that went bad.

Council President O’Connor: Is it the homeowner’s responsibility to reach out to Public Service.

John Laezza: yes

Council President O’Connor: Okay so no power for three days or more reach out to PSE&G and you’ll be able to get some relief for the food that you lost. With that I want to thank everybody

for coming tonight. Have a great rest of the summer and hopefully we'll see you at the 9/11 ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

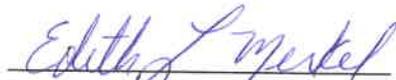
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, Smith, O'Connor

APPROVED



PATRICK J. O'CONNOR
Council President

ATTEST:



EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

Council Report for 8/17

Our doors have opened! Reduced hours are in effect, so please check our website or call before coming. The capacity will be reduced and we will be practicing social distancing. Masks will be required when in the building. We are still offering curbside pickup while open for in person visits! Our librarians are here to help with reference questions or book recommendations! We are open from 9:30 am-4:30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. We will stay open until 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and from 9:30 am-12:30 pm on Saturdays.

The library is offering a new service called Libdata/Mobile printing that allows you to use email to print to the library from anywhere. Please visit www.clarklibrary.org and click on the mobile printing banner to learn more.

Mythology Trivia on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm

Join us for Mythology Trivia via Zoom. While we are doing quizzes, we will also discuss gods, goddesses, and monsters. Every participant will get a chance to win a raffle prize after the game. Register through our online calendar or email reference@clarklibrary.org and a Zoom invite will be sent before meeting.

No Sew Tote Bag with Cricut Design on Tuesday, August 25 at 11:00 am

We will be making a no-sew tote bag from old T-shirts and will decorate them with a Cricut vinyl. You will need old T-shirts and scissors for this project. A variety of Cricut patterns will be shown, so you can pick one and iron it on later.

The library will provide T-shirts if need be. You may need to make an appointment for curbside pickup. Please email reference@clarklibrary.org to register. A Zoom meeting invite will be sent to all who register.

The library has issued and renewed 243 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 or call 732-388-5999.

The librarians are planning some fun and exciting virtual programs for the fall, from Costume Jewelry Bingos, to trivia, pick up and zoom crafts for all ages, book clubs, story times, and many other programs. Please check out the online calendar to sign-up for these programs being offered throughout the fall.

Clark Fire Department

Clark, NJ

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Basic Incident Info for Incident Type

Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 07/01/2020 | End Date: 07/31/2020

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
07/01/2020	2020-241		27 Briarheath LN	fire alarm unattended cooking	1 - Active	
07/01/2020	2020-242		322 Parkway DR	smoke alarm, no cause for activation	1 - Active	
07/02/2020	2020-243		330 Central	Brush fire between the Carnak and 24 hour fitness buildings. Put out with trash line from engine.	1 - Active	
07/03/2020	2020-246		117 Dorset DR	Report of a transformer fire. Nothing found on arrival. POL # 62219CL, PSE&G notified.	1 - Active	
07/04/2020	2020-247		303 Westfield AVE	Alarm activation of the Library. Investigated & reset.	1 - Active	
07/04/2020	2020-248		South Broad	Requested Mutual Aid, no response.	1 - Active	
07/06/2020	2020-249		416 Oak Ridge RD	Investigated & alarm reset.	1 - Active	
07/06/2020	2020-250		1255 Raritan	Set off due to steam when cleaning. Combination lock in rear of unit had no key in it had to use nox box	1 - Active	
07/07/2020	2020-251		1197 Cellar AVE	Clark Fire Department was dispatched to the above address for a reported dumpster/rubbish fire. PD on scene reported a mattress next to the dumpster burning. Car 10, engine 1, and engine 4 responded. Upon arrival engine 4 was directed to stretch the trash line to soak down the smoldering rubbish. Engine 4 crew extinguished the fire and soaked down the surrounding area. Overhaul was performed. All units clear and available.	1 - Active	
07/07/2020	2020-252		1255 Raritan RD	Clark Fire Department was dispatched to the Clark Commons for multiple fire alarms going off in a few stores. It was determined that the fire alarm was set off because off contractors working on the sprinkler system. Alarms were silenced and units were made clear and available.	1 - Active	
07/07/2020	2020-253		1 Valley RD	Clark FD dispatched to fire alarm activation at Mother Seton High School. FD responded, scene investigated, no fire or cause of alarm activation identified. Alarms reset. All units clear and available without further incident.	1 - Active	
07/07/2020	2020-254		76 Central AVE	Brush fire in City MD parking Lot. Used trash-line to put fire out. Scene deemed safe cleared scene.	1 - Active	
07/07/2020	2020-255		1255 Raritan	Cleaning grill in smash Berger	1 - Active	
07/08/2020	2020-256		333 Willow WAY	Fire alarm activation set off due to smoking in the house. engine 3 and 1 responded. Alarm reset.	1 - Active	

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07/09/2020	2020-257		133 Willow WAY	Dispatched for a reported CO Alarm Car 9 Engine 1 responded. Upon arrival L-2 had multiple Co Alarms activated in the house. Engine 1's crew arrived on scene and checked the house with a meter and got zero readings throughout the house. Gas Company notified to respond.	1 - Active	
07/09/2020	2020-260		1075 Raritan	Electrical problem disconnected battery.	1 - Active	
07/09/2020	2020-261		5 Sandalwood DR	CO detector activation in basement, CFD meters found no reading, Scene turned over to Elizabethtown Gas.	1 - Active	
07/10/2020	2020-262		Broadway & Joseph	Units were dispatched to Broadway and Joseph for the reported wire sparking. Units arrived and nothing was found. PSEG was called as a precaution. Units were cleared and made available	1 - Active	
07/10/2020	2020-263		1220 Cellar AVE	Responded to alarm activation at Hillcrest Village. Alarm not resetting. Alarm silenced. Checked the area twice. No visible cause of alarm. Advised the super to have the alarm checked by the alarm company. Cleared Scene.	1 - Active	
07/10/2020	2020-264		Terminal AVE	Clark FD responded to L'Oreal on Terminal Ave for fire alarm activation. Upon arrival, firefighter found multiple alarms were set off. Building is not occupied, alarm was put in silence and maintenance has a person in route. While doing a walk through, C2 found a detector flashing red. Security was shown which room had the flashing detector and units were released from scene	1 - Active	
07/11/2020	2020-265		1 Valley RD	Clark FD Dispatched to fire alarm activation at Mother Seton Regional High School. Upon arrival unable to gain access to building due to keys not allowing for entrance, could hear audible alarm sounding but no clear sign of fire occurring. Scene investigated to search for alternate way to enter building and police dispatch notified, who contacted appropriate individual to obtain entrance to building. Alternate route of entry found. Upon entry scene investigated, no cause for alarm found, alarm reset. Clark FD cleared scene without further incident.	1 - Active	
07/11/2020	2020-266		189 Valley RD	Clark Fire Department was requested to respond to the above address to assist EMS with a bariatric lift assist. Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival E-4 notified Fire HQ that there was a sizable hole in the bathroom floor and requested the building department to respond. Mutual Aid from Elizabeth Fire Department was requested. Their Heavy Rescue and 2 engines were requested to the scene for building stabilization. Unit 1 responded to the scene. Elizabeth Rescue arrived on scene @ 17:55. MAC 4 also responded to the scene. Elizabeth rescue arrived on scene and began assessing how to stabilize the floor. L-1 reported they were still working on patient removal. Floor was stabilized @ 18:14. Patient was removed from the house and transported to Trinitas.	1 - Active	
07/12/2020	2020-267		65 Mae Belle DR	Home owner reset the alarm. Refused access.	1 - Active	
07/13/2020	2020-268		1404 Westfield	carbon monoxide alarm 0 readings. Engine 1 was in a motor vehicle accident minor	1 - Active	
07/13/2020	2020-269		160 Terminal AVE	Smoke condition in road from kerry ingredients. unfounded. steam from a vent pipe. Engine 1 was in a minor accident no injuries	1 - Active	
07/14/2020	2020-270		10 Nassau ST	GFI Trip. Reset, all units cancelled enroute.	1 - Active	
07/15/2020	2020-271		6 Cutler PL	Dispatched for the reported carbon monoxide alarm. Battalion 1 Engine 3 responded. Upon arrival E3 crew swept the house with a meter. No readings. Gas company notified to respond. TOT homeowner.	1 - Active	

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07/14/2020	2020-272		56 Westfield AVE	Dispatched to a report of a mulch fire at above location. Car 9 Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival car 9 had a small mulch fire which was extinguished using a trash line from engine 4. Overhaul completed, All units cleared	1 - Active	
07/16/2020	2020-273		160 Terminal AVE	Unit 1 along with Engine 3 responded to the scene. Forklift came in contact with sprinkler pipe allowing for unwanted water flow. This was the sole cause of alarm. The system was set to be drained, repaired, and subsequently replenished. After this the owner/proper building authority would contact the fire department once everything was set in order.	1 - Active	
07/16/2020	2020-274		301 Central	Kitchen Smoke Alarm activation at BurgerIM. No visible signs of smoke or fire upon arrival. Completed a walk through. Reset Alarm . Cleared Scene.	1 - Active	
07/17/2020	2020-275		30 Terminal AVE	Clark Fire Dept was requested to respond to 30 Terminal Ave for a fire alarm. Engine 3 and Car 11 responded. Engine 3 arrived on scene and had alarms sounding and strobes flashing. Security on scene advised Engine 3s crew that it was riser number 3 water flow alarm. E3's crew investigated riser 3 and found non cause for alarm. Security stated the cause was air in the system. Deputy 2 arrived on scene. Alarm was attempted to be reset and was found to have multiple trouble alarms. Alarm was silenced but unable to be reset. Security stated construction was ongoing and the alarm was in trouble mode for a month. Deputy 2 advised Security to leave the alarms silenced and have it reset when construction resumes today. Deputy 2 and Engine 3 clear and available.	1 - Active	
07/18/2020	2020-276		38 Lionel ST	Water leak resulting in collapsed ceiling and sparking wires in the residence. Power to the house Turned off. Turned over to the landlord. Cleared Scene.	1 - Active	
07/18/2020	2020-277		28 John ST	Clark Fire Department responded to 28 John street for a resident who called in for the smell of gas coming from their basement. Engine 4 crew investigated and was determined that it was sewer gas. PSE&G was notified. Units were made clear and available.	1 - Active	
07/18/2020	2020-278		76 Central AVE	Family of Ducks rescued from Drainage Sewer.	1 - Active	
07/18/2020	2020-279		301 Central AVE	Clark Fire Department was dispatched to Burger IM for a fire alarm activation. Upon arrival engine 4 crew investigated the cause and it was determined that they were cleaning the grill which caused it to go off. Alarm was reset and all units were made clear and available.	1 - Active	
07/19/2020	2020-280		Raritan	Engine 4 responded to Michael's in Clark Commons for a mulch fire. Upon arrival, firefighters stretched out 50ft of 1 inch hose are submerged mulch area that was on fire with roughly 30 gallons of water.	1 - Active	
07/19/2020	2020-281		51 Dawn DR	The Fire department got called out for a division 2 smoke alarm activation. We got canceled in route	1 - Active	
07/19/2020	2020-282		1 Norwood CIR	Clark Fire Department was requested to respond to the above address for a reported CO Alarm activation. Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival E-4 crew checked the house with a gas meter and received negative readings. Elizabethtown Gas was notified and the scene was turned over to the homeowner to await their arrival. Cause was suspected to be a faulty detector.	1 - Active	
07/20/2020	2020-283		52 Mc Collum DR	Faulty system, electric company called in.	1 - Active	
07/20/2020	2020-284		30 Terminal AVE	Clark FD responded to 30 Terminal Ave for fire alarm activation. Upon arrival firefighters investigated the area. pole station. Alarms did not take a reset, supervisor are aware and have contacted personnel to come fix the issue.	1 - Active	

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07/21/2020	2020-285		342 Madison Hill RD	Unit 1 and Engine 4 responded to a fire alarm activation at the Honor Ridge Academy. Fire alarm activation was unfounded. No cause for alarm.	1 - Active	
07/21/2020	2020-286		136.9 Garden State PKY N	Engine 4 & 1 arrived to car fire on GSP North. Fire controlled & extinguished at 16:12.	1 - Active	
07/22/2020	2020-287		103 Fairview RD	Fire alarm could not reset homeowner is going to call an electrician.	1 - Active	
07/22/2020	2020-288		74 Briarheath LN	Clark Fire Department responded to 74 Briarheath Lane for a reported down wire that was sparking in the road. Upon arrival PSE&G was notified. Units were made clear and available once PSE&G arrived on scene.	1 - Active	
07/22/2020	2020-289		70 Sweet Briar DR	Clark Fire Department responded to 70 Sweet Briar Drive for multiple fire alarm activation's. Someone removed detectors that should not be removed. Number 6 and 11	1 - Active	
07/22/2020	2020-290		159 Terminal AVE	Clark Fire Department responded to 159 Terminal Ave for a fire alarm activation. Engine 1 crew and L1 investigated and determined that the alarm activated came from 138 B. Alarm was silenced and remained in trouble. All responding units were made clear and available.	1 - Active	
07/23/2020	2020-291		1 Melvyn CT	Clark Fire was dispatched to the above address for a reported fire alarm sounding. Unit 1 Deputy 1 Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival Unit 1 cancelled all incoming units and stated no cause for alarm.	1 - Active	
07/24/2020	2020-292		***** parkway north	car overhear	1 - Active	
07/25/2020	2020-293		616 Madison Hill RD	Clark Fire was dispatched to the above address to a reported fire alarm activation. Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival crews investigated and no cause was found.	1 - Active	
07/25/2020	2020-294		Garden State PKY S	Vehicle rollover on GSP southbound. One occupant in vehicle. Extrication was performed.	1 - Active	
07/25/2020	2020-295		360 Central	Alarm at access self storage unfounded.	1 - Active	
07/25/2020	2020-296		135.5 Garden State Parkway S	Clark Fire was requested to respond to the above location for a reported motor vehicle accident. Car 9 Engine 4 responded. Upon arrival Deputy 2 reported a single vehicle accident, car into the woods with no entrapment and injuries. Upon arrival E-4 was requested to stabilize the vehicle and await the tow. Patients were packaged by EMS for transport. All units cleared 19:25	1 - Active	
07/27/2020	2020-297		194 Miller AVE	Clark FD dispatched to CO alarm activation at residence. Battalion 1, Engine 4, Engine 1 responded. Scene investigated with multiple gas meters from engines, no CO detected. Utilities company notified. CO meters found to be outdated. Clark FD advised homeowners of status of their meters, cleared scene without further incident.	1 - Active	
07/28/2020	2020-298		55 Acorn DR	Alarm set off by contractor. Resident reset alarm. No need for fire service.	1 - Active	
07/28/2020	2020-299		24 Broadway	co2 detector activation. unfounded. zero readings on meter. gas co call and arrived at 23:23	1 - Active	
07/29/2020	2020-300		222 Terminal AVE	Dispatched to the above address for a reported Fire alarm activation. Unit 1, Car 9 responded. Upon arrival Units had audible alarms sounding. Upon further investigation it was determined that the construction crew knocked off a sprinkler head. Construction crew advised they would replace the head and reset the alarm when work was completed. All units available.	1 - Active	

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07/29/2020	2020-301		Raritan AVE	Two confirmed brush fires on Central & Raritan. Fires extinguished at 16:20 & 16:26.	1 - Active	
07/29/2020	2020-302		159 Terminal AVE	Dispatched to a reported fire alarm activation at the above address. Car 10, Engine 4, Engine 3 responded. Upon arrival Car 10 had alarms sounding. E4 arrived on scene and began to walk to building. Cause of the alarm was unfounded. alarm would not reset. Security was advised to watch. Building manager was advised to place the unit on test. All units cleared	1 - Active	
07/30/2020	2020-303		222 Terminal AVE	Riser #6 unfounded	1 - Active	
07/31/2020	2020-304		68 Central AVE	Clark FD dispatched to alarm activation at Shoprite complex, coming in as duct alarm investigation. Area investigated, alarm sounding in former Valley National Bank. No alarm panel present to reset. Other stores investigated including former internet store, cleaners, and shoprite, no clear cause of alarm activation. Alarm company arrived on scene to reset alarm. Clark FD cleared scene without further incident.	1 - Active	
07/31/2020	2020-305		892 Raritan RD	Call for carbon monoxide activation. The detector was being installed. Nothing signs of carbon monoxide detected. Cleared scene	1 - Active	

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CLARK POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT SUMMARY

JULY 2020

JULY 2020 saw a total of 2,041 calls for service of which 110 were ambulance requests, 11 were fire department requests, 2 were vandalism, 6 were motor vehicle and residential lock-outs, 100 were alarm calls, 56 were motor vehicle accidents and 1,742 were miscellaneous calls. There were a total of 15 adult arrests including 3 for theft, 3 for CDS, 1 for DUI, 1 for contempt of court and 2 warrants. The Detective Bureau investigated 77 cases of which 73 were closed. The Detective Bureau collected \$239.00 in Firearms fees. The Records Bureau collected \$295.50 in discovery and alarm fees.

August 17, 2020 DPW Report

Storm Clean up is complete. Some properties have damage from Township trees which will be repaired in the upcoming weeks.

Branches can be placed curb side now for August 24th pick up. September is the last month for branch pick up.

Electronic Drop off Saturday August 29, 2020

9 AM -1 PM or until full whichever comes first.

****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.

Small loose items must be bagged.

Appliance & Metal pick up every Monday

Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Grills, Bed frames (no propane tanks) anything metal.

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

**APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PICK UPS email DPW@ourclark.com to schedule the week prior to pick up.

We still have FREE Fresh Root mulch to Clark Residents delivered on Fridays.

Recreation Report
August 17, 2020

The Pool will remain open through Labor Day. Overall a very positive summer as members respected the COVID-19 state guidelines and rules.

The fall Recreation brochure is being printed for the 2020-21 year. Classes and programs have all been scheduled and will proceed depending on the Governors COVID-19 rules. Restrictions will have to be in force in some areas but we are doing everything we can to bring back the full recreation department as we all knew it.

Any question please contact Ralph Bernardo in our recreation office at 732-428-8400

Thanks
Councilman Bill Smith

Emergency Squad Report
August 17, 2020

Calls for July

- **Total** 117 (829 for the year)
- o **514:** 102
- o **515:** 15
- **COVID Calls for July**
- o **Total:** 5
- o **Suspected:** 5
- o **Confirmed:** 0

COVID Updates

- Everyone is still required to wear a mask on every call.
- Rigs are deconned with either cleaning solution from town that we still have and/or our UV light every week
- The Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad would like to thank Chief Cerasa and the Clark Fire Department for donating 5 Gallons of Diamond Disinfectant last month. 5 gallons go a long way and with Diamond, we will be able to disinfect all surfaces in our ambulance and building.

Respectfully,
Giovanni Fiorenza
Captain, Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad



NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL ELECTION GUIDELINES

All ACTIVE, REGISTERED voters will AUTOMATICALLY receive a Vote-By-Mail (VBM) ballot the week of October 5th.

Check if you are registered at www.unioncountyvotes.com

Voters can deliver VBM Ballots:

- 1. by placing the ballot in a secure, camera protected DROP BOX**
The current list of drop boxes is on the Board of Elections website: <https://ucnj.org/boe/ballot-drop-box-locations/>. Further information on the location of additional boxes will be forthcoming.
- 2. by mailing the ballot in the pre-paid envelope - VBMs MUST have a postmark on or before Election Day and be received by the Board of Elections Office within 7 days. Ballots WITHOUT a post mark will be counted if they are received within 2 days of Election Day.**
- 3. by hand delivering the ballot to a poll worker on Election Day.**
- 4. by hand delivering the ballot at the following offices:**
(In person delivery requires a NJ driver's license or NJ issued ID.)
 - **Union County Board of Elections, 271 No. Broad Street, Elizabeth**
 - **Union County Clerk's Office, 2 Broad Street, Room 113, Elizabeth**
 - **Union County Clerk's Office, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield**

POLLING LOCATIONS WILL HAVE PAPER PROVISIONAL BALLOT VOTING ONLY – except ADA Compliant machines for disabled voters.

For polling locations, voters can check the Board of Elections website at <https://ucnj.org/boe/where-do-i-vote/> after September 15th.

