

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

**September 6, 2022**

**7:30 pm**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: Salvatore Bonaccorso, Mayor; Mark Dugan, Township Attorney; Edith L. Merkel, Township Clerk

Absent: James F. Ulrich, Business Administrator

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

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Canceling the remaining balance in the 2021 – 2022 Municipal Alliance Grant

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

Mover: Albanese                      Second: Toal

2. Accepting the sale of township owned property located at Block 21 Lot 10.01 (Bids Sept. 7)

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

Mover: Hund                              Second: Mazzarella

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

3. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of 2022 taxes in the amount of \$12,019.90 and transfer \$507.59

4. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of sewer fees in the amount of \$1,599.94

5. Authorizing the Tax Collector to apply sewer account balance adjustments as credit in the amount of \$5,140.00

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

Mover: Toal Second: Albanese

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

Seeing no one coming forward Councilman Smith made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Hund

Council President Minniti directed roll call: All Ayes

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

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- spoke about the work being done at the Arthur L. Johnson turf field
  - it should be completed sometime in mid-October
  - the fields will include a varsity baseball diamond, a girls’ softball diamond and an all-purpose field for soccer, field hockey and lacrosse
- stated that October 7<sup>th</sup> is Patriot Night at ALJ
- mentioned that the Unico Feast takes place October 6<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>
- reminded everyone that September is the last branch pick-up for the year
- said leaf pick-up begins the last week of October
- explained that the engineer will put together a list of side-walks to be completed during a 3-year program
- stated that beginning next year sidewalk repairs will be the homeowners responsibly
  - added that the Township will be responsible for repairs of sidewalks around township trees

Councilwoman Albanese:

- questioned if the sidewalks will be repaired if they are trip hazards

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- answered that this year the sidewalks will be repaired, but next year only uplifted sidewalks around township trees will be repaired by the township
- added that residents’ sidewalks will be the resident’s responsibility in 2023

Council President Minniti:

- asked if resident sidewalk repairs can be incorporated with a fee

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- explained it was done in the past

- stated that the resident was told the price the township was paying per block of sidewalk and was told they could make their own deal
- added that the engineer is not fond of the practice being that it takes time away from other road jobs that need to be completed

Councilwoman Albanese

- reminded everyone about the 9-11 Ceremony beginning 9am, Sunday

Councilman Hund: no comment

Councilman Mazzarella: no comment

Council O'Connor: no comment

Councilman Smith: no comment

Councilman Toal:

- spoke of resident complaints with regard to traffic and street crossing safety on Madison Hill Road
  - asked if the township could reach out to the County regarding signage
- spoke of an issue from a resident on Doris Way regarding a county tree
  - as protocol the issue will be given to the Clerk for referral to the appropriate department
- thanked the people in the audience for their time and support in regard to the Wildlife Ordinance

The mayor asked for a round of applause for the women who attended to offer assistance with wildlife ordinance

Mark Dugan: no comment

Township Clerk:

- reminded everyone that former Councilman Bernie Hayden's wake will be held on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Councilman Toal

- spoke about Bernard R. Hayden
  - gave a brief history of his years in township politics
  - spoke highly of his wife Carol, their three kids and their dedication to the town

Council President Minniti: no comment

Council President Minniti asked for a motion to adjourn

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

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

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

ADJOURNMENT