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**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, NJ 07066
February 2, 2026
7:30 pm**

ROLL CALL:

Council Member Hoff _____	Council Member Minniti _____
Council Member Hund _____	Council Member O'Connor _____
Council Member Mazzarella _____	Council Member Toal _____
	Council President Smith _____

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, The Leader, and Union County Local Source by posting such Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in Town Hall reserved for such announcements, the Official Website of the Township <https://ourclark.com/> in compliance with P.L. 2025, c.72, effective March 1, 2026 and the proper filing of said Notice. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Reports of Council Committees are given on the third Monday of the month or as otherwise scheduled

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

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

- 1. 26-01 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FIX MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES**
- 2. 26-04 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TOWNSHIP OF CLARK OWNED FUEL DISPENSING FACILITIES BY THE CLARK VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SQUAD, INC.**

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Councilman O'Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee has reviewed the Current and Capital expenditures received and encumbered through January 28, 2026 in the amount of \$99,385.99

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:

The public comment portion of the meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Council's attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(a) and the Code of the Township of Clark, each person addressing the Council shall give their name and the town in which they reside, to the Clerk. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and shall not exceed 5 minutes in duration. At the conclusion of the statements or questions from a member of the public, the Council President, at his discretion, may choose to respond or not respond.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions #26-56 through #26-63 are considered routine and non-controversial items by the Township Council and will be enacted upon by one motion. There will be no separate vote on these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted on, following the approval of the remaining items listed on the Consent Agenda.

3. Authorizing the award of a contract for Hearing Officer Services
4. Authorizing the award of a contract for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services
5. Appointing Christina DeLouisa as Alternate I Member and Nicholas Manginelli as Alternate II Member of the Environmental Commission
6. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$37,768.26
7. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of sewer fees in the amount of \$1,170.33
8. Authorizing the Tax Collector to apply sewer account balance adjustments as credit in the amount of \$2,850.00
9. Authorizing Final Payment to AJM Contractors, Inc. for work completed on the 2024-2025 NJDOT Road Improvements, Valley Road Sections I and II, in the amount of \$25,056.00
10. Authorizing the Township Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the proposed study area, which includes Lot 25.01 in Block 34 qualifies as an Area in Need of Non-Condemnation Redevelopment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5.

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The public comment portion of the meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Council's attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(a) and the Code of the Township of Clark, each person addressing the Council shall give their name and the town in which they reside, to the Clerk. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and shall not exceed 5 minutes in duration. At the conclusion of the statements or questions from a member of the public, the Council President, at his discretion, may choose to respond or not respond.

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Amended Ordinance No. 26 -01

Adopted _____

Introduced: January 5, 2026 Public Hearing: January 20, 2026

Amended Ordinance Introduced: January 20, 2026 Public Hearing: February 2, 2026

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF SENIOR CUSTODIAL WORKER
03289@ AND AMENDING THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES**

WHEREAS, the Township has discontinued contracting with third-party business organizations to provide custodial services and employs its own custodian or custodians; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 25-08, adopted March 17, 2025, created the position “Custodial Worker”; and

WHEREAS, the Township also must create the position “Senior Custodial Worker”; and

WHEREAS, the Township also must provide for compensation for such “Senior Custodial Worker” designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey, that the position of “Senior Custodial Worker,” who shall be part of the white collar union, and who shall render custodial services within the Municipal Building, the Police Department and Municipal Court, and such other buildings and structures of or owned by the Township, as is directed by the Business Administrator in his or her discretion, be and hereby is created; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the proper officer or officers of the Township of Clark be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver checks on Township funds for the purpose of paying the salaries to the employees of the Township of Clark within the range as set forth below opposite each job classification as in such cases made. The following supplements the Schedule of salaries effective as of January 1, 2026, and may be amended for those who may exceed the maximum.

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Business Administrator	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
Township Clerk	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
Deputy Township Clerk	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
Township Attorney*		
Mayor’s Confidential Secretary	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Confidential Assistant/H.R./Affirmative Action	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Assessor P/T	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Tax Collector	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Assistant Treasurer	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 125,000.00

Certified Finance Officer/Treasurer	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Construction Code Official	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 90,000.00
Municipal Court Administrator	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Deputy Court Administrator	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Health Officer	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Assistant to Health Officer	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Supervisor of Public Works	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Public Works Assistant Supervisor	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Laborer 1	\$ 42,900.00	\$ 55,000.00
Public Works Repairer	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 67,000.00
Laborer 2	\$ 42,900.00	\$ 60,000.00
Senior Public Works Repairer	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Mechanic 1	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Bus Driver – Full Time	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Bus Driver – Part Time	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Mayor	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Council President	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Council Members	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Board of Adjustment Secretary	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Planning Board Secretary	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Fire Prevention Official	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Deputy Fire Prevention Official	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Director Public Safety	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,500.00
Director Senior Citizen	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 7,500.00
Director Public Works/Shade Tree	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 20,000.00
Fire Sub Code Official P/T	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Elevator Inspector P/T	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Plumbing Sub Code Official P/T	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Electrical Inspector P/T	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Deputy Emergency Management	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Fire Prevention – IT P/T	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Fire Official Secretary	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fire Chief	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 20,000.00
Battalion Chief	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Deputy Chief #1	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 6,000.00
Deputy Chief #2	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 5,500.00
Deputy Chief #3	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 5,500.00
1 st Fire Captain	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 4,500.00
2 nd Fire Captain	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 4,500.00
3 rd Fire Captain	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
4 th Fire Captain	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
Public Information Officer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Fire Lieutenants	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Prosecutor P/T	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 35,000.00
Judge	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Public Defender P/T	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Director of Recreation/Facilities Mgr.	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Assistant Recreation Supervisor	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 40,000.00
Director Teen Center	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

Assistant Teen Center	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Recreation/Senior Fitness P/T Personnel	\$ 500.00	\$ 25,000.00
Manager – TV 36	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Fire Training Officer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Property Maintenance P/T	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Custodial Worker	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 69,000.00
Senior Custodial Worker	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 80,000.00
Building Maintenance Worker	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 69,000.00
Sr. Building Maintenance Worker	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Administrative Clerk	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
Accounting Clerk	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Sr. Accounting Clerk	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 60,000.00
Principal Accounting Clerk	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Clerk 1	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 69,000.00
Clerk 2	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 79,000.00
Clerk 3	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 89,000.00
Keyboarding Clerk 1	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 69,000.00
Keyboarding Clerk 2	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 79,000.00
Keyboarding Clerk 3	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 89,000.00
Records Support Technician 1	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
Records Support Technician 2	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 69,000.00
Records Support Technician 3	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 87,000.00
Technical Assistant	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 69,000.00
Sr. Technical Assistant	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 87,000.00
Personnel Aide	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Personnel Assistant	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Sr. Personnel Assistant	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
Information Technology Assistant	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Supervisor Information Technology	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
Assistant Director of Information Technology	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
QPA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Certified Recycling Coordinator	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Technical Assistant Certification	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

HOURLY

Police Matron – on duty	\$ 60.00 Event	\$ 60.00 event
Matron on duty	\$ 40.00 Flat Rate	
Police Matron – on call	\$ 60.00 hour	\$ 60.00 hour
Matron call-in	\$ 40.00 hour 2 hr. minimum	

Seasonal Employees – Recreation/Sr. Citizen	\$ 15.23 hour	\$ 30.00 hour
Building Maintenance	\$ 15.92 hour	\$ 30.00 hour
Clerk Typist	\$ 15.92 hour	\$ 30.00 hour
Inspectors	\$ 15.92 hour	\$ 45.00 hour
Bus Driver	\$ 15.92 hour	\$ 30.00 hour
General Part-Time Help	\$ 15.92 hour	\$ 30.00 hour

POLICE – Base Pay

Police Director	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
**Chief (plus longevity and education)	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
**Captains (plus longevity and education)	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 200,000.00

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Ordinance No. 26 - 04

Adopted _____

Introduced: January 20, 2026 Public Hearing: February 2, 2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TOWNSHIP OF CLARK OWNED FUEL DISPENSING FACILITIES BY THE CLARK VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SQUAD, INC.

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

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

The Township Council finds that the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, Inc. (“Emergency Squad”) provides essential emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of the Township of Clark. The Council further finds that supporting the operational readiness of the Emergency Squad serves a valid public purpose and promotes the health, safety and welfare of the community. The Township Council further finds that N.J.S.A. 40:5-2 authorizes the Township to contribute “equipment and supplies for use by” the Emergency Squad, and its successors, assigns or reorganized squad performing the same public purpose, provided that the Township controls and disburses the fuel.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION TO USE TOWNSHIP OWNED FUEL DISPENSING FACILITIES

The Emergency Squad is hereby authorized access to the Township owned fuel dispensing facilities for the purpose of fueling vehicles owned leased or operated by the Emergency Squad that are used in the performance of official emergency medical services, training readiness and related public safety operations.

SECTION 3. COST AND FUEL LIMITATIONS

Fuel provided pursuant to this Ordinance shall be provided at no charge to the Emergency Squad. There shall be no limitation on the quantity of fuel dispensed provided that such fuel is used solely for authorized emergency squad vehicles and for official purposes.

SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

Access to the Township fuel dispensing facilities shall be subject to administrative rules procedures and controls established by the Township Administrator or designee including authorization of vehicle access credentials, recordkeeping and compliance monitoring.

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
Resolution 26-56
February 2, 2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR
HEARING OFFICER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Clark has a need to acquire Hearing Officer services to conduct disciplinary proceedings involving members of the Township Police Department as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract shall be from execution of the agreement through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated value of the contract exceeds the quotation threshold but is below the public bidding threshold, and quotations have been solicited in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided do not constitute professional services under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

WHEREAS, The Ambrose Group, LLC, 2 Village Road, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009, has submitted a proposal indicating it will provide Hearing Officer services at a rate of \$200 per hour, including hearing time, report preparation, document review, and related adjudicatory services; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has reviewed the qualifications of the firms providing quotations and recommends The Ambrose Group, LLC based on experience, demonstrated competence in conducting fair, efficient, and legally sound proceedings, and substantial subject-matter knowledge and familiarity with similar procedures; and

WHEREAS, The Ambrose Group, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Clark in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the business entity from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Clark are authorized to enter into a contract with The Ambrose Group, LLC for Hearing Officer services as described herein, at a rate of \$200 per hour, for services including hearings, review of materials, report preparation, and related work, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$53,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract and resolution shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

 EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
 Township Clerk

 WILLIAM F. SMITH
 Council President

Res26/2-2 56AuthHearingOfficer2026-Ambrose-NonFairandOpen

		Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted	Mazzarella							
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended	Minniti							
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	O'Connor							
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Toal							
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	Smith							
	Entire Council							
	TOTAL							

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
Resolution 26-57
February 2, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Clark has a need to acquire Affordable Housing Administrative Agent services, including administration of affordable housing units, compliance with the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC), court-approved Housing Element and Fair Share Plan obligations, and related program administration, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Township's Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H), 1249 South River Road, Suite 301, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512, has submitted a proposal indicating it will provide the above-described services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$36,800; and,

WHEREAS, CGP&H has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that CGP&H has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Clark in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit CGP&H from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds pursuant to **N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or Business Administrator to enter into a professional services contract with Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H) as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value Certification be placed on file with this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper as required by law.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Council President

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
Resolution 26-58
February 2, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby appointed as Alternate Members of the Environmental Commission

Alternate I Member

Term

Christina DeLouisa
Filling the unexpired term
of Fernando Fraga

02/02/2026 – 12/31/2027

Alternate II Member

Term

Nicholas Manginelli
Filling the unexpired term
of Christina DeLouisa

02/02/2026 – 12/31/2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Council President

Res26/2-2 58AppointEnvirComm-AltI&II

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<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended	Minniti						
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	O'Connor						
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Toal						
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	Smith						
	Entire Council						
	TOTAL						

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
Resolution 26-59
February 2, 2026

WHEREAS, in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2025 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)/transfer(s) in accordance with the attached schedule:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Council President

Res26/2-2 59TaxRefund(s)

		Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended	Minniti							
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	Entire Council							
	TOTAL							

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
Resolution 26-60
February 2, 2026

WHEREAS, in accordance with a request from the Tax Collector for authorization to refund overpayment of 2025 sewer fees; 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 the refund(s) as per the following schedule.

Sewer Refund 2025						
REF	Acct #	Name	#	Address	Reason	Refund
	61-0	Casimiro, Jose & Ana	280	Laurel Lane	overpayment	\$ 19.98
	1152-0	Singh, L	684	Raritan Road	overpayment	\$ 713.48
	1076-0	Williams-Olley, Temietan	89	Acorn Drive	overpayment	\$ 141.12
	2389-0	Kircher, Laura	9	Sheffield Way	overpayment	\$ 140.90
	2875-0	Bainbridge, Roseann	5	Bradley Road	overpayment	\$ 141.09
	4088-0	Reloc Properties LLC	7	Sunset Drive	overpayment	\$ 13.76
						\$ 1,170.33

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Council President

Res26/2-2 60SewerRefund(s)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	O'Connor						
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<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	Smith						
	Entire Council						
	TOTAL						

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
 Resolution 26-61
 February 2, 2026

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.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

 EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
 Township Clerk

 WILLIAM F. SMITH
 Council President

Res26/2-2 61SewerAdj

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<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended		Minniti							
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated		O'Connor							
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled		Toal							
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn		Smith							
		Entire Council							
		TOTAL							

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Resolution 26-62

February 2, 2026

WHEREAS, AJM Contractors, Inc. has completed work on the 2024 - 2025 NJDOT Road Improvements – Valley Road Section I and Section II; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends payment in the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand, Fifty-Six Dollars and Zero Cents (\$25,056.00) including final quantities change order which increases the adjusted contract amount by Nineteen Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$19,535.45); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in Account C-04-24-006-002 as attached hereto as a “Certification of Availability of Funds”; and

WHEREAS, Section 195-84 of the Code of the Township of Clark requires the posting of a Maintenance Guarantee in an amount to be determined by the Township Engineer prior to the release of the Performance Bond and Final Payment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has determined the amount of the Maintenance Guarantee required to be posted by AJM Contractors, Inc. to be Sixty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$67,728.39); and

WHEREAS, AJM Contractors, Inc. has submitted a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$67,728.39.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it does hereby authorize Final Payment to AJM Contractors, Inc., 300 Kuller Road, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 in the amount of \$25,056.00 including final quantities change order and release of the Performance Guarantee.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

WILLIAM F. SMITH
Council President

Res26/2-2 62AuthFinalPayment-AJMContractors-ValleyRdSecl&II

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted	Mazzarella							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted as Amended	Minniti							
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	Smith							
		Entire Council							
		TOTAL							

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Resolution 26-63

February 2, 2026

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPOSED STUDY AREA, WHICH INCLUDES LOT 25.01 IN BLOCK 34 QUALIFIES AS AN AREA IN NEED OF NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5.

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, *et seq.* (the "Act"), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Act, including Section 5 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to utilize the Planning Board's knowledge and expertise in exploring whether that parcel with frontage on Raritan Road identified on the official tax map of the Township as 737 Raritan Road, Block 34 Lot 25.01 (the "Study Area"), meets the criteria established by the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the required redevelopment procedures, specifically set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, no area of a municipality shall be determined a redevelopment area unless the Governing Body of the municipality shall, by resolution, authorize the planning board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether a proposed area is a redevelopment area meeting the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature adopted, and the Governor signed P.L. 2013, Chapter 159, which amended the Act, including the procedural requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2013, Chapter 159, the resolution authorizing the planning board to undertake a preliminary investigation shall state whether the redevelopment area determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area other than the use of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a "Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Mayor and Council find it to be in the best interest of the Township and its residents to authorize the Township's Planning Board to undertake such preliminary investigation of the Study Area, Block 34 Lot 25.01, as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council take this action in furtherance of the Affordable Housing Mediation Agreement between the Township and the Fair Share Housing Center authorized by Township Council Resolution 25-227, which Agreement was approved on January 14, 2026 by the Honorable Daniel R. Lindemann, J.S.C., and the issuance of a "Decision and Order Approving Municipal Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") for the Fourth Round Housing Cycle", Docket No. UNN-L-415-25.

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:

I. INVESTIGATION OF STUDY AREA AUTHORIZED

The Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an investigation pursuant to N.J. S.A.40A:12A-6 to determine whether all or a portion of the Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in the Act, including N.J.S.A.40A:12A-5, to be designated as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area.

II. MAP TO BE PREPARED

As part of its investigation, the Planning Board shall prepare a map showing the boundaries of the proposed Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area and the location of the property contained therein.

III. PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing, after giving due notice of the proposed boundaries of the Study Area and the date of the hearing to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that all or a portion of the Study Area is a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area.

At the hearing, the Planning Board shall hear from all persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that all or a portion of the Study Area is a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area. All objections to a determination that all or a portion of the Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment and evidence in support of those objections shall be received and considered by the Planning Board and made part of the public record.

IV. PLANNING BOARD TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

After conducting its investigation, preparing a map of the proposed Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area, and conducting a public hearing at which all objections to the designation are received and considered, the Planning Board shall make a recommendation to the Township Council in the form of a resolution as to whether the Township should designate the Study Area as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area. Such recommendation shall be submitted by the Planning Board to the Township Council by March 6, 2026.

V. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.

VI. AVAILABILITY OF THE RESOLUTION

A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to New Jersey P.L.2013, Chapter 159, the redevelopment area determination shall authorize the Township to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution is to be forwarded to the Planning Board of the Township of Clark.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.
 Adopted by the Township Council on February 2, 2026.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

 EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
 Township Clerk

 WILLIAM F. SMITH
 Council President

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State of New Jersey)
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I, Edith L. Merkel, Township Clerk of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, DO HEREBY certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 26- as approved at a Regular Meeting of the Township Council held on February 2, 2026.

 Edith L. Merkel, Township Clerk
 Date: February 2, 2026