

**REORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
January 1, 2011**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 12:00 pm by Township Clerk, Edith L. Merkel acting as Council President Pro Tem who welcomed everyone.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Color Guard: Anthony Bogash, Christian Festa, matt Kowalenko and Bobby Prussack of Clark Cub Scout Pack 145 directed by Cub Master Scott McCabe

**INVOCATION** Reverend Robert G. McBride, Pastor of Saint John the Apostle Church

This meeting is in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" 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 NJTODAY.NET, by posting such Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in Town Hall reserved for such announcements and the filing of said Notice with the Township Clerk of Clark. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

**SWEARING IN OF THE WARD COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED NOVEMBER 2, 2010**

**BY: The Honorable Senator Nicholas Scutari**

First Ward	Frank G. Mazarella
Second Ward	Patrick O'Connor
Third Ward	Richard Kazanowski
Fourth Ward	Brian P. Toal

Senator Scutari: While the Councilman is coming up I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. It's wonderful to be back in the Township of Clark. I see some of my old educators here. In the City of Linden I hope I am doing all right. I know some elected officials, some of their old teachers aren't speaking so highly of them but I hope I do the City proud.

Senator Scutari administered the Oath of Office to: Frank G. Mazarella  
Patrick O'Connor  
Richard Kazanowski  
Brian P. Toal

Presentation of the "Certificate of Election" to the Newly Elected Council Members

Senator Scutari: Before I go I'm just going to take a little Senatorial courtesy to again thank all the residents of Clark, your Mayor and your Council and your care people's of your respected parties for having me here today. It's a pleasure for me to be here and I'm at your service if you need anything. I wish you the best of luck in the next year, I know that this year as many years have been trying on local governments with strings to top and bottom, tax bases that have been evaporating, state aid that

isn't what it was and you have to do more with less and I wish you the best of luck in those endeavors and I certainly offer my service to you in anyway. Congratulations and best of luck.

**Reorganization meeting of the Township Council 2011 will commence**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting

**First Order of Business – Election of Council President**

Township Clerk Edith Merkel opens the nominations for Council President

Motion to nominate Frank Mazzarella as Council President made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilwoman Whiting

Township Clerk Edith Merkel called for other nominations. Seeing none, nominations are closed

Roll call vote on the nomination of Frank Mazzarella as Council President

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Barr

Nomination is confirmed

Mayor Bonaccorso administers the Oath of Office to Councilman Frank Mazzarella

Council President Mazzarella took his proper place on the dais

**Election of the Council Vice President**

Motion to nominate Sheila Whiting as Council Vice President made by Council President Frank Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Mazzarella called for other nominations. Seeing none nominations are closed

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

Nomination is confirmed

Mayor Bonaccorso administers the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Whiting

Council President Mazzarella: I would just like to mention to Mayor Bonaccorso, Senator Scutari, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen Happy New Year. I would just like to mention that for all of the newly elected council people and the existing council people, there will be a time at the end of our meeting for council comments to make their statements.

**Mayor’s Appointments** (Confirmation of Council Required)

**Resolution 11-01**

**WHEREAS** Mayor Sal Bonaccorso has appointed the following individuals as Members of the Library Board of Trustees.

Cynthia Seng – 5 year term  
Mayor’s Alternate – Angel Albanese – 1 year term

**WHEREAS** these appointments require the advice and consent of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it hereby confirms the appointments of Cynthia Seng, and Angel Albanese as Members of the Library Board of Trustees whose terms commence this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2011.

Motion to confirm made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O’Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

**Mayor’s Appointments** (Without confirmation of Council)

Affirmative Action Officer	Donna Mazzucco	2 yr term
Union County Utilities Authority Solid Waste Advisory Board	Councilman Brian Toal	1 yr term
Union County Transportation Advisory Board	Joseph Pubchara	1 yr term

Traffic Advisory Board (1 year term)

Chief Denis Connell, Chairman  
Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor  
John Laezza, Business Administrator  
Richard O’Connor, Engineer  
Councilman Alvin Barr, Chairman, Public Safety Committee  
Councilman Sheila Whiting, Emergency Management Liaison  
Sgt. Mike Pollock, Traffic Bureau  
Kenneth Knops Superintendent Clark Public Schools

Planning Board

Kevin Koch	Class IV Members	4 year term
John Zamboni	Class IV Members	4 year term
James Zizza	Class IV Members	4 year term
Mayor Sal Bonaccorso	Class I Member	1 year term
John Laezza	Class II Member	1 year term

Environmental Commission (3 year term)

Edward Dubroski Regular Member  
Martha Kamichoff Regular Member

**Council's Appointments** (Resolutions)

**Resolution 11-02**

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clark is a member of the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund and the New Jersey Municipal Self Insurance Joint Insurance Fund requires the appointment of Fund Commissioners to represent the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following appointments are hereby effective January 1, 2011 and concluding December 31, 2011.

**FUND COMMISSIONER**

**John Laezza**

**ALTERNATE**

**Councilman Alvin B**

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilwoman Whiting

Discussion: None

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-03**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individual is hereby appointed as an Alternate II Member of the Environmental Commission.

**Name & Address**

**Term**

**Alternate II**

Kyle Mulligan  
46 Wendell Place  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

01/01/11 – 12/31/12

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

Discussion: None

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:  
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-04**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council as the Municipal Pool Utility, does hereby appoint the following Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to serve a term of one year until the next ensuing organization meeting and election of successor(s).

**CHAIRWOMAN:** Councilwoman Sheila Whiting  
**VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Councilman Brian Toal

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:  
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-05**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council as the Municipal Pool Utility that the following individuals are hereby appointed as Members of the Clark Community Pool Advisory Board effective January 1, 2011.

<b><u>Regular Members:</u></b>		<b><u>Term</u></b>
Terri Rodrigues	1 Acken Drive	01/01/11 – 12/31/12 (Filling unexpired term of Angela Keenan)
Maria Rose Breien	17 Schuyler Drive	01/01/11 - 12/31/11 (Filling unexpired term of Lisa Scaturro)
Toni Bilella	23 Whittier Road	01/01/11 – 12/31/11 (1 year)
Kathy Prestinari	190 Dorset Drive	01/01/11 – 12/31/11 (1 year)
 <b><u>Alternate II Member:</u></b>		
Christine Thornton	55 Cornell Drive	01/01/11 – 12/31/11 (1 year)

Moved by Councilwoman Whiting, seconded by Councilman Toal

Discussion: None

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:  
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-06**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby re-appointed to the Planning Board effective January 1, 2011.

**CLASS III MEMBER**

Councilman Frank Mazzarella                      01/01/11 – 12/31/11  
(Council's Representative to Board)

**ALTERNATE II (2 year term)**

Joseph Pubchara                                      01/01/11 – 12/31/12  
70 Sweet Briar Drive  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Moved by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Discussion: None

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:  
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-07**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following individuals are hereby re-appointed as Members of the Board of Adjustment:

**Regular Members (4 year term ending 12/31/14)**

Patrick Campione  
54 Mildred Terrace  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

John Passuth  
17 Starlite Drive  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Douglas Krok  
103 Hart Street  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

**Alternate II (2 year term ending 12/31/12)**

Ed Ruth  
8 Brentwood Road  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:  
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 11-08**

**WHEREAS** the 2010 Municipal Budget totaled \$19,188,295.00; and

**WHEREAS** the Temporary Municipal Budget for 2011 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget less Capital appropriations and Debt services; and

**WHEREAS** the total amount that may be introduced as a Temporary Budget for 2011 is \$4,530,241.52.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following line items are hereby adopted as the Temporary Budget for 2011 in the total amount of \$4,528,400.00 exclusive of debt service.

Moved by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:  
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-09**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Sewer Budget for 2010 totaled \$3,983,160.00; and

**WHEREAS** the Temporary Sewer Budget for 2011 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget which is \$1,045,579.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following line item is hereby adopted as the Temporary Sewer Budget for 2011 in the total amount of \$200,000.00.

Miscellaneous Other Expenses            \$200,000.00

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Discussion: None

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-10**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Pool Budget for 2010 totaled \$313,702.00; and

**WHEREAS** the Temporary Pool Budget for 2011 cannot exceed 26.25% of the prior year's budget which is \$82,347.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following line item is hereby adopted as the Temporary Pool Budget for 2011 in the total amount of \$60,000.00.

Miscellaneous Other Expenses            \$60,000.00

Moved by Councilwoman Whiting, seconded by Councilman Toal

Discussion: None

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 11-11**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Township Council does hereby desire to enter into a Cash Management Plan for the Township of Clark pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for deposits, investment of certain public funds, and the assurance that

all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest or dividend bearing accounts. (Copy of Plan to be made part of the Resolution); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Clark at a meeting held on January 1, 2011 that the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to utilize as depositories any banking institution which can provide a Government Unit Deposit Protection Act Certificate issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the designated officials authorized to make deposits and investments under the plan, are the Township Administrator, and the Township Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Township Council authorizes and directs the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer and other officials to follow the Cash Management Plan as may be modified from time to time effective January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

**CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY 2011**

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

**This Cash Management Plan (the “Plan”) is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits (“Deposits”) and investment (“Permitted Investments”) of certain public funds of the Township, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest or dividend bearing accounts or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.**

**II. CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY.**

- A. Objectives: The priority of investing policies shall be, in order of Descending Importance, security, liquidity, and yield.
- 1. Security: The safety of principal is the foremost objective of the cash management plan. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The objective is to mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk.

2. Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk of loss due to failure of the security issuer or backer. Credit risk may be mitigated by:
  - (a) Limiting investments to the safest types of securities.
  - (b) Pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries, and advisors with which an entity will do business.
  - (c) Diversifying the investment portfolio so that potential losses on individual securities will be minimized.
  
3. Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in general interest rates. Interest rate risk may be mitigated by:
  - (a) Structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and
  - (b) By investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities.
  
4. Liquidity: The investment portfolio must remain sufficiently liquid to meet all structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands (static liquidity). Furthermore, since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the portfolio should consist largely of securities with active secondary or resale markets (dynamic liquidity).
  
5. Yield: The investment portfolio must be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of least importance compared to the safety and liquidity objective described above. The core of investments are limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed. The Chief Financial Officer shall carefully evaluate any investment offering above market yields. Securities shall not be sold prior to maturity with the following exceptions.
  - (a) A declining credit security could be sold early to minimize the loss of principal.
  - (b) A security swap would improve the quality, yield, or target duration in the portfolio.
  - (c) Liquidity needs of the local unit require that the security be sold.

B. Standard of Care

(1) Prudence

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the “prudent person” standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio in accordance with the State Law and this policy. The Chief Financial Officer, acting in accordance with written procedures and this cash management plan and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security’s credit risk or market price changes, provided deviation from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and the liquidity and the sale of securities are carried out in accordance with the terms of the cash management plan and policy.

Investments shall be made with the judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

2. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

The designated officials involved in the investment process shall not have personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions. Actions of individuals involved in administering the cash management plan shall be governed by the Local Government Ethics Law. They shall disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. The designated officials shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of the Township.

3. Delegation of Authority

Authority to manage the cash management plan is granted to the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14. Responsibility for the operations of the cash management plan is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of the policy and the written procedures

established by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials.

**III. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN**

A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Township (and any other that may be needed during the plan period).

- |                      |                                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Current Fund         | Dog License Fund                  |
| Capital Fund         | Public Assistance Trust Funds     |
| Insurance Trust Fund | Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund |
| Other Trust Fund     | Community Development Trust Fund  |
| Pool Utility Fund    | Grant Trust Fund                  |
|                      | Housing Development Fund          |

And the following interest accounts:  
Payroll Agency Account

**IV. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN**

The Township Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Township Treasurer (The “Designated Official”) are hereby jointly or severally authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making any such Deposits or any Permitted Investments, such officials of the Township are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made a written copy of this Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgment kept on file with such officials.

**V. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan. The Chief Financial Officer may designate other institutions, during the period of this plan, as deemed necessary for successful accomplishment of the plan objectives:

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| New Jersey Cash Management Plan | TD Bank                  |
| Valley National Bank            | The Chase Manhattan Bank |
| PNC Bank                        | Columbia Bank            |
| Bank of America                 | Unity Bank               |

MBIA Class Fund  
Provident Savings Bank

Wachovia Bank  
Sovereign Bank  
Synergy Bank

Also, for purposes of investing, all institutions presenting a GUDPA certificate may be used. All such depositories shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Officials referred to in Section IV above.

**VI. DESIGNATION OF BROKERAGE FIRMS AND DEALERS WITH WHOM THE DESIGNATED OFFICIALS MAY DEAL.**

The following brokerage firms and/or dealers and other institutions are hereby designated as firms with whom the Designated Officials of the Township referred to in this Plan may deal for purposes of buying and selling securities identified in the Plan as Permitted Investments or otherwise providing for Deposits. The Designated Officials of the Township referred to Section IV above may designate additional brokerage firms and/or dealers. All such brokerage firms and/or dealers shall acknowledge in writing receipts of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Officials referred to in Section IV above.

Summit Discount Brokerage                      Fleet Securities  
Commerce Capital Markets, Inc.              Columbia Savings Bank

**VII. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS**

- A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extend not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:
  - (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of American or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
  - (2) Government money market mutual funds;
  - (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
  - (4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part of within which the school district is located;
  - (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the

Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units.

- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (c.52:18A-90.4); or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
  - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and of this subsection a;
  - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
  - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
  - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c236 (C.17:9-4 1); and
  - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposed of the above language, the terms “government money market mutual find” and “local government investment pool” shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

- (a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the “Investment Company Act of 1940”, 15U.S.C. sec.80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec270.2a-7.
- (b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17C.F.R. sec 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and
- (c) which has:
  - (i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
  - (ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration

with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the “Investment Advisor Act of 1940”, 15 U.S.C. sec 80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool

An investment pool:

- (a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;
- (b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec.270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;
- (d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act”, P.L. 1968, c410 (c.51:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- (e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- (f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9(C.49:3-56 and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

**VIII. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN.**

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Township, then such instrument or security shall be covered by all custodial agreements with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Township to assure that there is not unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits.

**IX. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

On the first day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Officials referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the governing body of the Township a written report of any Deposits of Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The name of any institution holding funds of the Township as a Deposit of a Permitted Investment.
- B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.
- D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Township.

**X. TERM OF PLAN**

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the Governing Body of the Township approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent

that any amendment is adopted by the Council, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-12**

**WHEREAS** the Petty Cash balances of the Business Administrator, Chief of Police and Pool Director were turned over as of 10:00 a.m., December 31, 2010 to the Treasurer’s Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** there has been established a Petty Cash Fund for the Year 2011 and the Treasurer’s Office is hereby authorized to issue checks to the following department heads:

Business Administrator	\$250.00
Chief of Police	\$150.00
Pool Director	\$300.00

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-13**

**WHEREAS** NJSA 54:4-67 permits the Governing Body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes as provided by law; and

**WHEREAS** NJSA 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 be delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31<sup>st</sup>, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law.
2. Authorize Tax Collector to sell prior years delinquent taxes.
3. Effective January 1, 2011, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.

4. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.

5. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in an official newspaper of the Township of Clark.

6. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Township Clerk to the Tax Collector, Township Attorney, and Township Auditor for the Township of Clark.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-14**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the funds of the Township of Clark be subject to withdrawal upon checks signed by any two of the following:

- Mayor
- Business Administrator
- Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that checks drawn upon the payroll account and agency account shall require the signature of any two of the following:

- Mayor
- Business Administrator
- Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-15**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark in the County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Union County Local Source, NJTODAY.NET and the Star Ledger be designated as the official newspapers of the Township of Clark for the Year 2011.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-16**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that it does hereby authorize the Administration/Township Clerk to advertise for upcoming Bids for all necessary government operations including capital projects and swim pool requirements for the year 2011.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-17**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et. seq. does hereby enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the City of Linden Board of Health, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036 for Animal Control Services for a fee of \$23,400.00 per annum, to be effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

**Resolution 11-18**

**WHEREAS** in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 each public agency shall designate an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer or **P.A.C.O.**; and

**WHEREAS** the **P.A.C.O.** is the liaison between the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance (the Division) and the Public Agency and is the Public Agency point of contact for all matters concerning implementation and administration of the statute; and

**WHEREAS** the **P.A.C.O.** is also responsible for administering contracting procedures pertaining to equal employment opportunity regarding both the Public Agency and the service providers; and

**WHEREAS** the service provider shall include but shall not be limited to goods and services vendors, professional service vendors and construction contractors; and

**WHEREAS** the **P.A.C.O.** must have the authority to recommend changes to effectively support the implementation of the statute and its regulations; and

**WHEREAS** each year, all Public Agencies are required to submit the name, title, address, telephone, number, fax and e-mail address of the **P.A.C.O.** designated by the Public Agency to the Division no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year; and

**WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the Public Agency to update the **P.A.C.O.** designation at any time during the year if any changes are made.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby designates, John Laezza, Business Administrator as the Public Agency Compliance Officer, effective January 1, 2011 for a period of one year ending December 31, 2011; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Resolution 11-19**

**WHEREAS** in the past, the Township of Clark has availed itself of the right to purchase materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

**WHEREAS** it is desirable from time-to-time to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into on behalf of the State by

the said Division without the necessity of advertising for bids, or in the cases where no bids have been received; and

**WHEREAS** it is contemplated that it will be necessary or desirable to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under such contract or contracts entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by said Division during the year 2011.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the purchases by the Township of Clark, through the several municipal departments shall be purchased under a contract or contracts for such materials, supplies or equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury, in those cases where it is desirable and in the best interest of the Township of Clark, and in those cases where bids have been sought by advertisement therefore and no bids are received.
2. That a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Administrator, all Department Heads of the Township of Clark, Township Auditor, and any other party of interest.

Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda made by Councilwoman Whiting, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion: None

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2011**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Patrick O'Connor, Chairman  
Angel Albanese  
Frank Mazzarella

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Patrick O'Connor, Chairman  
Frank Mazzarella  
Brian Toal

PARKS & RECREATION

Sheila Whiting, Chairwoman  
Patrick O'Connor  
Angel Albanese

PUBLIC WORKS

Frank Mazzarella, Chairman  
Richard Kazanowski  
Brian Toal

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alvin Barr, Chairman  
Richard Kazanowski  
Frank Mazzarella

**COUNCIL LIAISONS**

Board of Education

Angel Albanese

Emergency Squad

Patrick O'Connor

Recreation

Sheila Whiting

Rent Monitoring Board

Richard Kazanowski

Police Department

Frank Mazzarella

Emergency Management

Sheila Whiting

Environmental Commission

Brian Toal

Public Library

Angel Albanese

Senior Citizens

Alvin Barr

Fire Department

Alvin Barr

Public Works

Frank Mazzarella

**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 Mazzarella: Ladies and gentlemen today is ceremonial and I cannot stop anyone from speaking their peace but it would be nice if you could honor that because it is ceremonial. We'll have an opportunity this Monday in Room 30, we have our council meeting and council and administration will be happy to address anybody's concerns or comments then. So I would ask for your indulgence today to separate from making any comments for the ceremonial reason today. I know that there are maybe some presentations that may happen, so again I ask for your indulgence.

Council President Mazzarella opens the public portion of the meeting

John DeSimone: First of all I want to wish Mayor and Council and all the people here a Happy and Healthy New Year. If you don't mind Mr. President our current re-elected officials if they would come up, I would like to make a presentation.

On behalf of the Clark Republican Committee I would like to make a presentation to Councilman O'Connor, Councilman and Council President Mazzarella and Councilman Toal.

Nancy Sheridan: I would like to welcome everybody here and wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year and hopefully things will get a little bit easier this year as compared to the last couple of years fiscally and with our budgets and all the other challenges I know everybody faces. But I would just like to on behalf of the Clark Democrats I would like to make a little presentation to Councilman Kazanowski.

Rich we want to congratulate you...I never cease to be amazed on how dedicated Councilman Kazanowski is to this job. He is out there everyday, he is talking to people, he is helping them with there concerns. Just a little aside when we knew he was running again, we said well lets get some testimonials lined up and maybe that will you know help the campaign. I never say saw an outpouring and people were just fighting each other to give testimonials; they called her back to

correct oh I want to say this too, I want to add this too, and Rich that's a real credit to you. I know your hearts in it, your enthusiasm; we want to congratulate you for your enthusiasm and your dedication to your constituents and to the Township of Clark, congratulations.

Seeing no one else coming forward Councilman Kazanowski made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

**MAYOR'S STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS**

Thank you Mr. President...Father welcome, it was great today to see our good friend Senator Scutari here, and we have been working now for a lot of years.

It is an honor and a privilege to stand before you today as I enter my 11<sup>th</sup> year as your Mayor. So much has been accomplished over the past ten years in the Township of Clark thanks to the hard work dedication not only from this administration and council but from you the citizens of this great town. Without your cooperation and our appreciation our proven success would not be what it is today. Our success thus far has been due to one crucial component and that is teamwork. It has become of our ability to work together professionally, competently and most of all with integrity that has enabled this administration to work successfully not only with local level but with the County and State as well.

It is a pleasure to work together as a team without the obstacles of a personal agenda along the way; after all it is all of us who will benefit in the end. When you build a strong stable and safe and happy community with top notch school system property values go up and the Township as a whole becomes more desirable from children to seniors we all benefit inevitably.

There are many within our community who are a part of our team, for example, our police department. I thank all of you for keeping our community safe. Chief Connell your professionalism and your cooperation during these tough budget times, I would like to thank you for it. I wish you continued success in the New Year.

We also have a top notch Volunteer Fire Department as well as our Volunteer First Aid Squad also among the best of the best. Thank you all for your continued dedication, commitment and compassion for our citizens. Chief Andy Beach the best of luck to you again this year continued success. Also we have a hard working and dedicated Department of Public Works who strive each day to keep our township in tip top shape, thank you Director Joe Bonaccorso for your dedication and your commitment.

Folks this week you just saw thirty inches of snow stifle New Jersey, our roads were opened, and thirty inches of snow is not an easy task for anyone whether you are cleaning your driveway, your parking lots or the township streets. We did it with a dedication of our Department of Public Works. Conditions were so bad that these men couldn't see out their windshields throughout part of Sunday evening. So I thank them especially today for that effort.

We have an incredible Recreation Department led by our outstanding Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo who continues each day to improve and increase programs for all of us to enjoy, thank you Ralph for your continued enthusiasm. Thank you to all of our Recreational Boards, Coaches, Players and Parents who all work so hard together to achieve, learn, to grow and most of all have fun. Our youth is the future and therefore it is vital for us to provide the best for them both athletically and of course academically. It is equally important for us for our youths to feel safe and sound and secure here at home, in our hometown and feel proud to call Clark their home.

It is with the sense and pride in the community as overall success and desirability that puts Clark Township as one of the top places in New Jersey to live. My heart is in this town, this is where I grew up, and this is where I chose to raise my family. Speaking of I would like to take a moment to again thank Christina, Kellie, and Joey and my wife Geraldine for the patience and confidence and the love that you show, I wouldn't be here today without you.

Fortunately I have great people to help me such as John Laezza, Joe Triarsi, Rich O'Connor, Mike Khoda, Nancy Raymond, Edie Merkel, Ralph Bernardo, Terry O'Neill, Mike Ross, Joe Bonaccorso, Chief Denis Connell, Vic DeMarzo, John DeSimone, JH Barr, Phyllis Cupo, Andy Beach, Jerry Fewkes, and of course my personal secretary assistance Fran thank you and the employees of this great community who are here today thank you and those who are not we still thank you.

As for my friends of the Township Council and we've become friends; Angel Albanese, Al Barr, Frank Mazzarella, Pat O'Connor, Brian Toal, Sheila Whiting and Rich Kazanowski... I thank you for your continued cooperation, dedication, compassionate and friendship throughout the years. We have achieved so much together I look forward to achieving even more. Councilman Barr thank you for a terrific year as Council President, you have done a great job. Council President Mazzarella congratulations to you and best of luck to you as we enter into this New Year.

As many towns have laid off employees and cut services, we are proud that we have not followed down that path. I'd like to thank all of our employees for agreeing for a pay freeze in 2010 in this tough economic time is hard for all of us. With the 2% cap it will be very difficult to maybe maintain all of our services. I could only say we will try our best. Services like monthly bulky clean-up, recreation, branch clean-up, snow plowing are all service we come to expect here in the Township of Clark. But if you look around other towns they are offering way, way less to their residents. Hard budget caps along with our thorn in the side Rahway Valley Sewerage are a part of our everyday worries. We've already know the cost of sewerage at Rahway Valley will increase this year. But I pledge to continue to work towards moving Clark in a positive direction. Years of proper planning are the reason we're not on the same path as other surrounding townships.

For most of 2010 was a year everyone would soon like to forget. But not in Clark, we actually hit a high note, first New Jersey Monthly named Clark the 24<sup>th</sup> best place to live, although we know in our hearts we are number one. Ten years ago we weren't listed in the top one hundred. In 2006 we became number forty, in 2008 we've been moved to number thirty-three and now we are

twenty-four. We completely set our expectations next to the top spot. As we were all overjoyed with this great news, one morning over coffee a friend of mine from Scotch Plains texted me congratulations to us on being number ten in the Country and I just sat there and said “what” yes Bloomberg Business Weekly ranked Clark the 10<sup>th</sup> best affordable suburban community in the United States making us number one in New Jersey. What an honor for us all. This is maybe one of the many reasons why the Feil Group invested a hundred million dollars into Terminal Avenue and other areas of town. Simultaneously the Wolf Brothers, Ziggy Wolf being the owner of the Minnesota Vikings is investing sixty million dollars into a senior housing project also here. And let’s not forget about L’Oreal who’s been here for many years. They’ve need to expand, they were almost cohorts to leaving Clark into they realized this was the best place for them. When we take long hard look at our town and see the strong powerful loving caring community, it is a wonder why we are all so proud to call Clark home.

Last year I spoke with great enthusiasm about many things on the horizon for Clark. Now they are a reality. Senior Housing was just approved by our Planning Board, 309 units will grazed the short end of Terminal Avenue right across the street from my house. Some of my neighbors were not in favor of this plan and this unfortunate and I will assure them that we would have never allowed such an initiative without dotting every “I” and crossing every “T” and hopefully when this project is done you too will realize the tremendous benefits that it brings to us all.

L’Oreal is planning folks a ½ a billion dollars into Terminal Avenue, a ½ billion dollars. This together with Senior Housing will spur local economy and create even more enthusiasm, energy and desirability for our town. Each and every year challenges await us. I know I can speak for all of the town council by stating we will meet these challenges head on and we will work together for the betterment of the entire community.

I begin this year as the second longest serving Mayor in Union County behind Mayor Bollwage. I’ve seen a lot through the years and there are times I do grow tired. But knowing the great honor that you have given me to lead this community down the best possibly path is what drives me everyday to try to do better. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to lead this great community which I am so proud of. May God keep us all healthy, happy and safe in 2011 and most of all May God Bless Clark, thank you very much.

### **COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL REMARKS**

Councilwoman Whiting: Thank you Mr. President...Mayor, John Laezza, Distinguished Guests, Residents of Clark. First I would like to thank Al Barr for the great job of Council President last year. Al brings dignity and professionalism to everything he does. Congratulations to Frank Mazzarella in his re-election and appointment as President, Frank I wish you great success and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

To Pat, Brian and Rich congratulations on your re-election, it has been a privilege to work with you in the past and I look forward to the next couple of years.

In the news today all we read about are towns in desperate situations cutting budgets, trying to keep within the cap, laying off employees and furloughs just to make ends meet. In Clark there has been no need to resort to such measures.

Take the last snow storm for example, with our outstanding DPW department under the leadership of Joe Bonaccorso they removed snow, open roads and helped residence all within record time.

Budgets are never an easy task especially with all the new rules and regulations the Governor has imposed on local municipalities but because of John Laezza and our Mayor they somehow manage to do more with less every year, continuing services, adding programs and maintaining our record of being one of the lowest tax increases in the County.

All our employees stand alone in professionalism and work ethics. I would like to take a moment to thank some of them by name; Fran and Donna thank you for always being there and being willing to help, Ralph Bernardo, Jerry Fewkes, Vic DeMarzo, Edie Merkel, Terri and Dawn, our Code Official Mike Khoda, Angela and Janet, our Safety Director John DeSimone, Police Chief Denis Connell, Fire Chief Andy Beach, Laura, Valerie, Diana, Laurie, Terry O'Neill, Pat Korley, Nancy Raymond and all of our DPW, Police Department, Fire and First Aid, thank you for all of your hard continual work.

These people just to name a few help to keep Clark the safe and beautiful town we now call home. We appointed a few individuals to the Pool Advisory Board today and I would like to take this time to thank all the Pool Advisory Board Members, they are always there to help with the pool openings as well as helping all threwh the season as volunteers. And we would not be able to do it without any of them or any of our volunteers that help not only with the pool but with all of the events that occur during the year in the Township of Clark.

I've said this before and I will repeat it again, a community such as Clark is a very rare gem to find and we are lucky to have so many individuals that involve themselves in our continued success.

In the future the Mayor and Council will continue to move forward with Senior Housing starting and our township looking into all avenues to make us a safer and greener community.

To my husband Fred and my daughter Catie thank you for allowing me to fulfill my wishes and remain a dedicated council member, to the community of Clark thank you for allowing me to represent you in such a fine manner.

In closing, please do not hesitate to call me for any reason. God Bless you and keep you safe. Thank you Mr. President.

Councilman Toal: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Laezza, Madame Clerk, Mr. O'Connor, Chief Connell, Chief Beach...today January 1, 2011 we begin our 11<sup>th</sup> year of our 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Over one hundred years ago in the sleepy farm community that was our Clark. The names of William Thompson, Township Committeeman Benjamin King, and Committeeman Henry Schieferstein of the

Schieferstein Market on Madison Hill Road took the oath of office and faced the challenges of 1911. And it was from their hard work that the Clark that we would grow into a modern community, their commitment of making it their Clark can still be seen today. That sense of making it a better Clark would occur again fifty years ago today. In 1961 the citizens of Clark changed the form of government from township commission to township plan Faulkner Act which is Mayor and Council. Fifty years ago this very day January 1, 1961 in these council chambers the oath of office was administered to Mayor William McGuire in the first ever township council of John Connor, Victor Cordeau, John Farmer, Harold Harrison, John Haggerty, Harry Zippo, and Warren Krok, citizens who worked together to build a better Clark.

Today a hundred years later, fifty years later, we continue to do just that. We the Mayor and township council 2011 pledge to you the citizens of Clark New Jersey 2011, we pledge to you to take those four bearers ideas and dreams and make them a reality again yet today for the next generation to make a better Clark. We will take those ideas, those dreams and those goals and to make them your reality.

Mr. Mayor I pledge to you my cooperation, craziness, silliness maybe but you and I share that one goal Sal along with these members of council we love this town, this is our hometown, I might come across a little bit but people know me and they know the love of this town. And that's why we work together to make a better Township of Clark.

Councilman Barr you added your name to a select list of council members who have served as a Council President more than just one year. All your efforts for the citizens of Clark during the year 2010, the year that you served a second term as Council President you show that you are a truly a man who loves his hometown and who cares very deeply about just wanted to make a better place to live in and for that Al thank you.

Council President Mazzarella I pledge to work with you to serve the citizens of Clark to maintain the tradition of excellence that they deserve. To you the resident of the Fourth Ward and to the residents of Clark who sent me back to office, this is your office, I'm here as a caretaker, I do your bidding, I'm here to serve you, here to work for you.

Today I was elected to a third term, Councilman Mazzarella and I both share this for the wards. Ward Council Member do not get elected to third terms. It's by working together with this Mayor and these council members to make a better community, to make a better Clark. It is from that I should always believe in and I'm here to serve you for that purpose. I will continue to work for you for a better Clark and I pledge to you that I always will keep Clark clean, safe, green, and historic and our hometown. That is as it was a hundred years ago and fifty years ago to the generations of our past did not sacrifice that they worked to get a better Clark and a better future for their children as we today 2011 do just that to work for the next generation.

I would like on a personal note to say thank you to my Mom who is in the audience today for her guidance, her love and her support throughout the years. There's nothing better than a Mother's love and appreciation and I thank her for that. To all my friends and supporters and crazy Clarkites like myself we are here for a purpose to make a better town and to all of you I say Happy New Year, thank you for your love and support, let us just make Clark a better place to

live in. Thank you and God Bless you all, have a Happy New Year and I will be seeing in the coming days at your front doors.

Councilman O'Connor: I would like to say hello and welcome to 2011. I hope each of you had a great New Year and are ready to take on this New Year.

January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2010 was the term that just expired. A lot has happened in the past four years.

In late 2007, we saw the beginning of the economic downturn and the bursting of the housing bubble.

In 2008 America was looking for change, any kind of a change to help get us out of a bad economic situation and they did this by asking for change and change they got. They voted change into office, hoping for something different, why? Because they had no confidence in Washington and what was going on.

But in 2008, the residents of Clark had confidence in the Mayor and Council-at-Large and re-elected each of them back into office for another four year term to help guide this township through the hard times using good judgment and financial constrains to keep our township in the best shape it could be. 2009 brought more uncertainty, on a National level unemployment rates went up, the policies put in place by Washington and financial reform wasn't working as quickly as or as well as the American people would have liked. So in 2010 there was another call for change by the American people and this change was again delivered through votes and ousting many incumbents in office. But again, like in 2008, the residents of Clark showed confidence in the leadership of this town and re-elected all of the Ward Councilmen to another four year term to continue to guide this Township through this uncertain economic time and continue to build the future of this Township.

I want to say thank you. Thank you for the confidence you have shown in this Council and thank you to the residents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward for re-electing me to another four year term. I would also like to thank my wife Nancy and my two children Kyle and Courtney for all the support they have shown me as well.

Over the past four years we have completed many projects and introduced new services all within the financial constraints our citizens can afford. Some for example include; the reconfiguration of the Parkway Circle, enhancements to the athletic facilities at the high school through a cooperative effort of the township and the Board of Education, new police communication center, and Clark moving up in the rankings as one of the best places to live in New Jersey.

I can't make any predication of what 2011 and beyond holds for us, but what I do know is that myself, this council, our Mayor and his staff are committed to the success and prosperity of this Township in 2011 and beyond.

Please remember, although I am the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilman, I cast my vote for the entire community, a community that I grew up in and a community that we can all be proud of. I am honored that I have this opportunity to continue to contribute to this community in this way and look forward to making this great town even greater.

Councilman Barr thank you for a great year as Council President and Councilman Mazzarella good luck and best wishes as Council President for 2011, thank you.

Councilman Kazanowski: Yes thank you. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, the best of health, happiness and prosperity to you and your loved ones in 2011.

I am grateful for the honor of having serviced my neighbors in the Third Ward these past four years on Council. And it has been a privilege to represent you. I would like to thank you for your support in re-electing me your councilman. And I would like to continue to work for you for the next four years.

With a New Year comes new opportunities and challenges. Our state's financial situation and cuts by Governor Christie will make 2011 a very challenging year for all of us. there are many questions, how much aid will our township receive from the State? How will the 2% cap affect us? Despite the questions and challenges ahead, I am confident that by working together, we will make the most of these opportunities and challenges.

I do not want to eliminate any of the services the people of Clark now enjoy. But we need to look for more ways we can save money and make the most of our resources. Solar power grants and increased share services (with our Board of Education and also with neighboring towns) are two possibilities. I also believe that we need to form an economic development commission to help attract businesses to Clark. This commission could apply for grant money to seek out new businesses. I would like to hear our residents' ideas and suggestions as well.

I am happy to see the senior housing moving ahead and look forward to its completion. Hopefully, it will be everything our seniors wanted and will prove to be a quiet, safe, comfortable and affordable housing option for many of them.

My first allegiance is always to the citizens of Clark, and I will make sure that your issues and concerns are heard. Meeting with and working with you is an important part of my job as Councilman, and it will continue to be my top priority. As in the past, I promise to keep you informed with my newsletters and calendar.

Again thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Councilman Barr: Mayor Bonaccorso, Members of Council, ladies and gentlemen. It has been my custom every reorganization day since 2001 which was when I first took office as a Councilman, to inform you of all the programs and positive accomplishments that we were planning and which of those plans had been achieved.

I could go on and on listing all the items that have definitely improved the lifestyle of Clark's residents and transformed Clark Township into one of the most progressive and highly recognized Municipalities in all of Union County.

As I thought about what to say in this year's reorganization day speech, I decided not to once again inform you about all the achievements that have been accomplished, because I believe this year's election and all of our past election results since the Bonaccorso team took office proves that Clark residents are very well aware of all the positive changes that have occurred.

As was already stated we have gone from just being another basically unrecognized municipality to being rated as the 24<sup>th</sup> best place to live in all of New Jersey by the New Jersey Monthly Magazine and also that we were the best affordable suburban community in New Jersey and the 10<sup>th</sup> best in the United States by the Bloomberg Business Week Magazine. Those kinds of ratings are something our township can be very proud of.

I remember when I was first elected I was always wondering what could we do to make Clark a perfect township. Well, as time passed, I found out there is really no such thing as a perfect township, because I know if I asked ten residents what they felt we could do to make Clark perfect, I would get ten different answers.

So...here is what we do to try to make Clark the best it can be. When there is an important decision to be made or when planning some new program, we try to see what will work out best for the majority of our residents, but, always keeping in mind how any decisions we do make will affect everyone else.

We have our youth, homeowners and seniors that must always be taken into consideration with any decisions that are made.

I have also learned from my years of experience on Council, no matter what decisions we made, there will always be some who will not agree with some of those decisions. That's why I emphasized we have to decide what will benefit the greatest majority of residents and then proceed on those decisions.

Folks, these kinds of initiatives and improvements don't just happen. To have a town run efficiently, it is imperative that everyone involved work as a team. That includes our Police, our Volunteer Fire Department, and Volunteer Emergency Squad, our Dept. of Public Works, our Recreation Department, all town hall employees and of course, all the rest of our dedication hard working volunteers.

As I have stated in every reorganization day speech I have made, we have a Mayor whose love for this town and sincerity in continually trying to improve the lifestyle of our residents is beyond question. I also told you we have without a doubt, the best Business Administrator in the state, whose extensive knowledge of finance and government always leaves me in awe. I, along with the rest of my colleagues on Council work collaboratively to insure that all decisions we make, will be in the best interest of our Township.

As I reflect upon everything that has been achieved since I first took office, I can honestly and sincerely say to you, I am genuinely proud to be a part of the governing body of Clark Township.

In closing I want to thank the Council for having me as their Council President this past year, and to congratulate Councilman Mazzarella on becoming our new Council President and Councilwoman Sheila Whiting as our Council Vice President.

To all of you, have a happy, safe, prosperous but most important, a Healthy New Year, thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you Council President...I wish you well in your duties as always you have my support.

Good afternoon everyone, Happy New Year, great to see everyone here this afternoon. First let me thank Al Barr for doing such a great job this past year as our Council President and let me also congratulate all our re-elected council members, it's a pleasure to work with you and I wish you the best. This morning when we were looking for the documents to swear everyone in it just reminded me of what is the essence of that and that is to be faithful, impartially, and justly carry out our duties here. So I think you've hear everyone here say this morning how we planned to that, what we are thankful for in the past and how we plan to work together.

To our great Mayor...Sal Bonaccorso it's a pleasure to be a part of your team. In your presentation you really hit the nail of the head...it takes teamwork and volunteers and that is what has made this town great. Some of us have been here before this past ten years, we knew what it was like but you know when I look and I see a lot of new faces in town and it's really nice to see all the new faces and I think they really don't know where we came from. But I guess that's why they chose Clark; it is a great place to live in. And I also want to reiterate what everyone else has said here. And again it really hits the nail on the head with the teamwork. Thank you to John Laezza who steers our administration and all working members of our township. We've been very fortunate we haven't had much turn over in the township, so we have a great team that works together and everything runs very smoothly with all of the services that we have added.

I'd be remised if I didn't mention our Library. Sal relies on me heavily, I know he didn't mention them because it's like Angel you take care of that. We have a new Director over there and she just finished her first year. It's always tough when you do have change in your administration. So Patty Anderson thank you and thank you to the Library team. It will be tough as the Mayor said, we have a 2% cap and we are going to try our best to keep all the services that we have intact and I know that John probably for months has been crunching away at all of these numbers as I keep in touch with him on what's going on with that area. I think that pretty much sums it up, I guess really I want to say thank you to the citizens. I want to renew my vow to be committed to do the best job possibly for Clark. I ask you to please call upon me whenever you need to which some of them do. I look forward to hearing from you and to hear about any concerns and opinions you have about, as Al Barr said to make this a great place to live, to get everyone's opinion, thank you very much and I wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Council President Mazzarella: Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. First of all I would like to thank you Councilman Barr for your excellence service this past year, it will be a hard road to follow, but thank you. To my colleagues, thank you and I am honored to have your confidence to take this office as Council President. As my predecessors have done I will continue to afford the dignity and respect to all of the residents while voicing their opinion. That same dignity and respect will be required to be returned our Mayor and our Council, anything less will not be tolerated.

To all the many people, who are too many to mention, who stood by me on my re-election bid as your First Ward Councilman, I want to extend from the bottom of my heart a sincere thank you to all. However, I wanted to mention a few who was closest to me and stood by me the most; Mayor Bonaccorso, thank you so very much for being there with me...you've been really the find underneath me to continue on with this re-election campaign. To Bob Kobryn, you have been and stood by me every step of the way, Angel Albanese and Sheila Whiting, Mike Khoda, Dawn DelVecchio, Laura Caliguire and Angela Bove. However, there is one special person for without him who stood by me and was instrumental in me joining the Bonaccorso team over eight years ago, Joe Bonaccorso, thank you so much Joe, you stood by me and you are a great friend and I am honored to call you that.

To my colleagues who won their re-election bid I congratulate you on your victory. And Brian the people of Clark made history on voting us for a third term as ward seats.

To our Lord God who gave me the health and strength to pursue my re-election campaign, thank you.

To my wife Theresa and my children Frank, Kristen, Rebecca, Fred and my Grandson Dominick, thank you for all of your understanding and love.

I am embarking in my 9<sup>th</sup> year and my third term as your Councilman and ladies and gentlemen I'm just as enthusiastic now as I was back when I took my first oath of office 8 years ago. And I can tell you again that I could only commit to one thing, to do the very best I can for you and to continue with the quality of life that all of you are entire too especially in these economically stressful times.

I've always stated a government is only as good as the people it serves. We as a team have made Clark a better place for everyone, but we need to continue to build on this positive foundation that we have created for your well being, continuing to share our thoughts, our ideas and our concerns will be the basis on moving forward.

As your Councilman it has always been my mission to bring your concerns to Administration and to respond to your questions and concerns to the best of my ability and to explore any avenue that will enhance our services to you. I know that sometimes you may have not liked my response but it has always been an honest one and will continue to be so.

My colleagues and I will continue to reshape and enhance our efforts and accountability to you. With this I want to create an email database to communicate with you better and to pass along information that might be of importance to you. You can email me at [fmazzarella@comcast.net](mailto:fmazzarella@comcast.net) with your email address and for those of you who don't have internet service, just call me at (732) 574-9130 and leave your number, I will make a note of it and as things come up I will advise you on what's going on.

In closing, I want to leave you with this...no individual can achieve great things on their own. Together we can achieve a greater level of accomplishment for ourselves, our families and our community. Together we can bring Clark to another level of greatness. Together we can make a difference.

On behalf of my family and myself we would like to extend to you a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Thank you, stay safe and well and May God Bless our Community.

John Laezza: Thank you Council President and congratulations. On behalf of all the employees, I accept some of your accolades, but without their cooperation it would not be as easy as it is. They give and respond to each of my requests so it makes it a team well worth working for. Happy New Year to the citizens, I thank the citizens for their patience, I thank the council for their patience once in awhile I do get a little arrogant but it's just my style for all of you who know me, thank you very much.

Attorney Triarsi: I also would like to extend my congratulations to the members of council that have been re-elected. It's a pleasure to work here and has been for more than twenty years now. I extend my best wishes to the Mayor, to the members of council and to our official family for a very Healthy Happy and Safe New Year, thank you.

Township Clerk: Thank you Mr. President, congratulations, Happy New Year to all of you and Happy New Year to all of the citizens. I want to thank Theresa Mazzarella and Dawn DelVecchio for all their help throughout the year. And also I want to say to the citizens who are here and if you were appointed to an office I have your oath, you can come up and sign it before you leave.

John DeSimone, Public Safety Director: Just congratulations to you Mr. President and to Vice President and again Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

Police Chief Connell: (tape inaudible)

Fire Chief Beach: (tape inaudible)

**BENEDICTION** – Reverend Robert G. McBride, Pastor of Saint John the Apostle Church

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Mazzarella directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, O'Connor, Toal, Whiting, Mazzarella

APPROVED

---

FRANK G. MAZZARELLA  
Council President

ATTEST:

---

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC  
Township Clerk