

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, 315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK NJ
February 22, 2022

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Mayor Sal Bonaccorso; James Ulrich, Business Administrator; Mark Dugan, Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk;

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark was called to order at 7:30 pm by Council President Minniti. He asked all present to participate in a moment of silence, following the salute to the Flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

Motion to Suspend the Regular Order of Business was made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

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

The regular order of business was suspended to swear in the 5 new members of the Police Department and to present Police Awards presented by Lt. Chris Lott with Mayor Bonaccorso and Public Safety Director Carmen Brocato. See attached list of presentation awards.

Council President Minniti: On behalf of the Council, he congratulated all the award winners and the new police officers that were sworn in.

Motion to Resume the Regular Order of Business was made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Toal

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- reported to the First Ward residents up in the Pumpkin Patch area that work has begun to de-slag and remove debris from the Brook
- announced on March 7th will be the Introduction of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, residents will be kept up-to-date on the website and Facebook page
- invited everyone to the adoption of the Budget on March 7th in Room 30 of the Municipal Building at 7:30 pm.
- thanked Business Administrator Jim Ulrich, his staff and all the Council for their questions and input that they had on the Budget
- announced he's very proud to bring a zero tax increase this year for the taxpayers, this is the second year in a row
- pointed out through Mr. Laezza's twenty-two years of laying the great foundation and Jim Ulrich picking up that foundation right where he left it, we have a great team and we're going to try to deliver every day we can the best and fairest tax increase
- the new COVID mask mandate for school students will be March 7th, the Board of Education and the Superintendent Ed Grande will be using this as a mask option, it's optional

Township Clerk: Reports given this evening will be available in the Clerk's office and on the township website www.ourclark.com

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Albanese:

Library Report: see attached

Councilman Hund:

Police Report: see attached

Councilman Mazzarella:

DPW Report: see attached

Councilman O'Connor:

Finance Report: reiterated what the Mayor said in his report, thanked the Business Administrator and his team, also thanked Mr. Laezza for laying the foundation

Emergency Squad Report: see attached

Councilman Toal:

Environmental Commission:

- meeting was held on Wednesday, February 16th in Room 30
- discussed what's going on with the Reservoir
- next Rahway River Cleanup will be in April

- had a brief discussion with regard to dates for the Reservoir Cleanup which is done in late September early October

Council President Minniti:

Fire Report: see attached

ORDINANCES, APPROPRIATIONS AND CLAIMS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

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

Ordinance 22-03

AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 170, SECTION 4 ENTITLED FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSING OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Council President Minniti opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-03

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

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 22-03 was made by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave a brief overview of the Ordinance

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Ordinance Adopted

Ordinance 22-04

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FIX MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES

Council President Minniti opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-04

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

Council President Minniti directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazzearella, O'Connor, Toal, Minniti

Motion to adopt Ordinance 22-04 was made by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Council President Minniti directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazzearella, O'Connor, Toal, Minniti

Ordinance Adopted

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Councilman O'Connor, Chairman of Finance Committee gave a report on Current and Capital expenditures received and encumbered through February 16, 2022 in the amount \$292,734.35

CITIZEN HEARING ON THE AGENDA:

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

Council President Minniti opened the Citizen Hearing on the Agenda

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

Council President Minniti directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazzearella, O'Connor, Toal, Minniti

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-33

WHEREAS on Sunday, February 6, 1972, Clark resident William B. Harrison was walking along Wendell Place with his son and family dog; and

WHEREAS Mr. Harrison hearing cries for help coming from the Clark Reservoir instructed his son Thomas to go home and get help; and

WHEREAS it was with complete disregard for his own personal safety that he attempted to rescue two teenagers who were struggling in the bitter cold waters of the Clark Reservoir; and

WHEREAS Mr. Harrison went onto the iced covered Reservoir and saved one youth by leading him back to safety; and

WHEREAS he then returned to the Reservoir in an attempt to save the other struggling teenager, but regrettably they both succumbed to the icy conditions; and

WHEREAS Mr. Harrison sacrificed his life in a humanitarian effort to save the life of another human being, his bravery leaves an everlasting mark upon the citizens of the Township of Clark, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Members of Council acknowledge the 50th Anniversary of his heroic actions made on that tragic day. It is of utmost importance that Mr. William B. Harrison’s actions of bravery be remembered and that each new generation of Clark citizens are made aware of the ultimate sacrifice he made on February 6, 1972.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the “**William B. Harrison Teen Center**” as a reminder of his courageous actions.

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion:

Councilman Toal: Thanked the Mayor for allowing the time this evening to remember Mr. Harrison. He then proceeded to talk about how the resolution came about and stated it would give the citizens of Clark the knowledge of what happened on that tragic day February 6, 1972 and for them to always remember the courageous actions of Mr. Harrison.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Welcomed and thanked the Harrison Family for being at the meeting. Mentioned there was an article that the TAP did on Mr. Harrison of his courageous act. Stated that it’s very important that the newer residents that don’t know all the history of the town know about Mr. Harrison’s heroic actions, how the Teen Center was name after him and why we give him honor today on the 50th Anniversary. Advised residents that are newer to the town to learn the towns history because it had some amazing people who came through this community.

Council President Minniti: On behalf of the Council, he thanked the Harrison Family for attending the meeting.

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-34

WHEREAS S. Brothers, Inc. has completed work on the 2020 NJDOT –Wilson Drive & Waterson Drive and 2020 Capital Improvements – Emerald Place & Emerald Court and has requested Final Payment; and

WHEREAS the Township Engineer recommends payment in the sum of Forty Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$40,496.95) including change order #1 (final) which increases the adjusted contract amount by Twenty-Three Thousand, Twenty-Six Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$23,026.56); and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has ascertained there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriations in Bond Ordinance 20-18 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 S. Brothers, Inc. to be Sixty-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Two Cents (\$63,855.62); and

WHEREAS S. Brothers, Inc. has submitted a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$63,855.62.

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 S. Brothers, Inc., P.O. Box 317, South River, New Jersey 08882 in the amount of \$40,496.95 including final change order and release of the Performance Guarantee.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: stated that the Township Engineer inspected all the work and the work has been done to his satisfaction. Also mentioned there’s a maintenance guarantee for the work that’s being done and looking for approval for the final payment.

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-35

WHEREAS Lettini Builders has requested release of their 90% Cash Performance Bond in the amount of Twenty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Eleven Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$24,511.68), for work completed at 332/336 Valley Road, Block 164, Lots 48.01 and 48.02; and

WHEREAS the Township Engineer has deemed the project complete and in compliance with Township Standards and recommended release of the Performance Guarantee; 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 Guarantee(s); and

WHEREAS the Township Engineer has determined the amount of the Maintenance Guarantee required to be posted by Lettini Builders for 332/336 Valley Road to be Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,723.50) to be held for one year from the date of the release of the Performance Guarantee; and

WHEREAS based on the Township Engineer’s recommendation and approval by the Business Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer released the Performance Guarantee and has retained the 10% Cash Bond originally posted as the balance of the Performance Guarantee and has converted it to a Maintenance Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that it hereby concurs with the Engineer and Business Administrator and ratifies the action taken by the Chief Financial Officer to release of the Performance Guarantee as stated herein for the abovementioned project.

Moved by Councilman Hund, seconded by Councilman Mazzarella

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: stated this was inspected by our Engineer and our Construction Code Official, everything is in order and we’re looking for the release.

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

Resolution 22-36

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the Health Officer and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between the Township of Clark and the City of Elizabeth, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health; Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic for the period commencing January 1, 2022 and shall remain valid through December 31, 2022.

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: mentioned this Resolution is just asking for approval for the shared service.

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

Resolution 22-37

WHEREAS 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 as authorized by Township Resolution 22-25; and

WHEREAS the Clark Department of Public Works wishes to purchase a 524P Wheel Loader from an authorized vendor as follows:

Jesco Inc. NJ State Contract: T-3057 Bid #17DPP00032
118 St. Nicholas Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ

Total price not to exceed \$163,503.12 payable upon delivery; and

WHEREAS the Business Administrator recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it meets all industry standards; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract in the amount of \$139,000.00 from Capital Account C-04-21-024-001 and \$24,503.12 from Account #2-01-26-290-203.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Township of Clark that it hereby authorizes the purchase of a 524P Wheel Loader as described above.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

Resolution 22-38

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it does hereby accept the Service Quotation and the terms and

conditions of the Agreement with Pumping Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,601.60 and authorizing the Business Administrator to execute same for a one-year period from the date of acceptance.

Moved by Councilman Mazzarella, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: stated this is a maintenance agreement for our Sewer Pumping Stations.

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-39

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey that it does hereby accept the Customer Support Agreement #24821 with Foley Power Systems in an amount not to exceed \$3,964.00 and authorizing the Business Administrator to execute same for a one-year period from the date of acceptance.

Moved by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman Hund

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: stated this is another maintenance agreement that keeps our equipment up-to-date.

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

Resolution 22-40

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Legislature approved an appropriation in the amount of \$228,750.00 ("Grant Amount"), which Grant Amount is funded by tax-exempt general obligation bonds issued by the State of New Jersey (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the only purpose for the Grant Amount is to finance eligible expenses of a library construction project, as defined under the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act (the "Bond Act") and the regulations implementing the Bond Act. (L. 2017, c. 149 and N.J.A.C. 15:24 -1.1 thru - 6.1); and

WHEREAS, this Township Council’s only intended purpose for the Grant Amount is to provide funding for the eligible expenses of the library construction project for which the Grant Amount was approved by the State Legislature (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the Grant Amount for the Project, this Township Council is required to pass a resolution approving the Project for the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey 07066 (the “Library”); and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the Grant Amount for the Project, the Township Council of the Township of Clark is further required to execute a grant agreement with the State Librarian (the “Grant Agreement”) or authorize the Board of Trustees of the Library to execute and deliver the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, this Township Council wishes to approve the Project and authorize the execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK:

- Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated into and are made a part of this Resolution.
- Section 2. The Township Council hereby approves the Project.
- Section 3. The Township Council hereby approves the Grant Agreement and authorizes the Director of the Clark Public Library to execute and deliver the Grant Agreement.

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O’Connor

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave a brief overview of the Resolution

Councilwoman Albanese: gave a brief history regarding the first time the town applied for the Grant twenty-five years ago. Stated she’s appreciative of the monies that will be given now for the needed improvements at the library.

Council President Minniti directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazarella, O’Connor, Toal, Minniti

Resolution 22-41

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
TO ENTER INTO THE NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE
COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance # CK04- a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2022, the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Clark.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor or Business Administrator are hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Moved by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman Toal

Discussion:

Jim Ulrich: gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

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

COUNCIL AS THE POOL UTILITY

Resolution 22-42

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, acting as the Municipal Pool Utility, that the following appointments are made for the Clark Community Pool 2022 season, ending December 31, 2022:

Robert Cahill, Manager

Ricardo Viteri, Assistant Manager

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council President, as the Chairman of the Pool Utility, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an employment contract with each of the above-mentioned employees.

Resolution 22-43

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, acting as the Municipal Pool Utility, that the Municipal Swimming Pool rates and fees be set for the year 2022 and forward, as follows:

Membership	Current	Revised
Family	\$ 425.00	\$ 455.00
Family & Caregiver/Nanny	\$ 525.00	\$ 555.00
Husband & Wife	\$ 365.00	\$ 390.00
Individual (age 14 or older)	\$ 265.00	\$ 280.00
Senior Citizen (age 62 or older)	\$ 155.00	\$ 170.00
One Parent & One Child	\$ 365.00	\$ 385.00
Family – Garwood (do we want to offer to Roselle Park again?)/Non-Resident	\$525/\$600	\$555 / \$630
Family& Caregiver/Nanny	\$ 625.00	\$ 655.00
Husband & Wife	\$ 525.00	\$ 550.00
Individual (age 14 or older)	\$ 365.00	\$ 390.00
Senior Citizen (age 62 or older)	\$ 210.00	\$ 225.00
One Parent & One Child	\$ 525.00	\$ 550.00

Resolution 22-44

WHEREAS Clark Concession Operations, LLC, (the vendor) was awarded the contract for catering services at the Clark Municipal Swim Pool for the 2021 pool season through a formal bidding process; and

WHEREAS the Vendor has submitted a written request to be considered for a two (2) year extension of this contract; and

WHEREAS the contract may be extended in accordance with paragraph 22 of Part D, entitled "Special Conditions" of the bid specifications at the sole option of the Township for up to an additional two (2) years, in the event of such an extension, the bid price for each extension year shall be agreed upon by negotiations; and

WHEREAS the vendor has agreed to the price of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for 2022 and Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$7,750.00) for 2023 and has agreed to comply with all the applicable terms and conditions as set forth in the aforesaid specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark in their capacity as the Pool Utility that it hereby awards an additional two-year contract to Clark Concession Operations, LLC and authorizes and directs the Business Administrator to execute said contract.

Motion to adopt the Pool Resolutions 12 through 14 was made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Minniti directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazarella, O'Connor, Toal, Minniti

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 22-45

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has certified that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has deemed Nicholas Koval to be 100% permanently disabled, in accordance with N.J.S.A.54:4-3.30 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Koval owns the property listed in the tax duplicate as 6 Acken Drive, Clark, NJ, Block 22 Lot 11, and is entitled to one hundred percent of the taxes for this property exempt; and

WHEREAS, the property taxes for the 1st and 2nd Quarter of 2022, totaling \$8,765.00, will be cancelled, and all property taxes, moving forward, will be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, one hundred percent of the taxes on this property will be entitled to exemption for as long as Nicholas K oval is an owner of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make the proper adjustments to exempt this property as indicated above.

Resolution 22-46

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has certified that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has deemed Edmund Lasinski to be 100% permanently disabled, in accordance with N.J.S.A.54:4-3.30 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, Edmund Lasinski owns the property listed in the tax duplicate as 3 Garside Place, Clark, NJ, Block 55 Lot 1, and is entitled to one hundred percent of the taxes for this property exempt; and

WHEREAS, the property taxes for the 1st and 2nd Quarter of 2022, totaling \$4,515.58, will be cancelled, and all property taxes, moving forward, will be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, one hundred percent of the taxes on this property will be entitled to exemption for as long as Edmund Lasinski is an owner of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, County of Union, New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make the proper adjustments to exempt this property as indicated above.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Toal, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Minniti directed roll call:
Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazarella, O’Connor, Toal, Minniti

NEW BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Council President Minniti opened the public portion of the meeting

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia St.: expressed her concerns and views on the proposed deer bow hunt in the Picton area which is comprised of Georgia Street, Carolina Street, Boyton, Fairfield, Grandview and Picton Street. Also Ms. Collins is looking for a copy of the survey that was created inside the Town of Westfield, stated she’s going to request it under OPRA.

Mayor Bonaccorso: added to the conversation with his views and not being in favor of it. Also mentioned he hasn't heard any complaints from neighbors on Georgia, Picton, Boyton and Carolina regarding the deer bow hunt. He also pointed out to Ms. Collins that she doesn't have to OPRA the survey, as soon as he gets the results, he will forward them to her.

Seeing no one else coming forward Councilwoman Albanese made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President O'Connor directed roll call:

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso:

- mentioned the Budget will be presented on March 7th as well as the kickoff of the Mayor's Health and Wellness Campaign.
- thanked everyone for their time and their indulgence at the meeting. Wished everyone well until next months meeting.

Councilwoman Albanese:

- gave a report on the Community Development Block Grant regarding public improvements which she neglected to do in her earlier report
- thanked the Administration, the BA and the CFO for a fantastic Budget and continuing the tradition in having one of the first Budgets delivered to Trenton in the State
- thanked the Mayor and Council for their support in passing the Grant, the Library and the Board of Trustees are appreciative
- stated she's happy to hear about the Mayor's Wellness Campaign
- mentioned that there is a Marital Arts program at the Recreation Center that meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday if anyone is interested
- welcomed the five new officers and congratulated and thanked the officer who received the awards for their performance and diligence in their duties
- thanked Vic DeMarzo, Brian, and the Mayor for the resolution acknowledging William B. Harrison on the 50th Anniversary of his heroic actions

Councilman Hund:

- congratulated the new officers that were sworn in as well as the officers who received awards for jobs well done in 2019
- announced that tomorrow February 23rd is Zone 2 recycling pickup

Councilman Mazzarella:

- reminded residents to keep their vehicles locked at all times
- also reminded everyone if they see or hear something, don't hesitate to call the police department, they will respond quickly to ensure their safety and well-being
- mentioned a lot of accolades and commendations were awarded to a number of police officers at the meeting, this shows they are out every day to ensure your safety

Councilman O'Connor:

- construction continues in the 2nd Ward across from Manny's Diner which looks pretty close to be finished on the outside and Terminal Avenue project continues
- talked about the deer hunt and gave his personal thoughts on it, thanked Ms. Collins for reaching out to him

Councilman Toal:

- announced the passing of Barbara Barr, extended deepest condolences to the Barr Family
- acknowledged the new police officers

Council President Minniti:

- thanked Jim and his team on a great job on the Budget and zero percent increase on the taxes
- mentioned a weekend tournament of basketball in Clark, it was great seeing all the young kids through 8th grade out there playing, thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the youth sports in town
- attended the ALJ "Senior Night", the senior basketball players and cheerleaders were honored, congratulated them and their parents, wished them all the best in their future endeavors

Jim Ulrich: stated he followed up with the Westfield Councilman to find out when the survey is coming out (deer bow hunt), they are hoping to have it out by the end of the week with the final numbers and will send to Council once it's received.

Township Clerk: no comments.

Attorney Dugan: no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President Minniti directed roll call:

Aye: Albanese, Hund, Mazarella, O'Connor, Toal, Minniti

APPROVED

JAMES MINNITI
Council President

ATTEST:

EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
Township Clerk

Case No. **Award**

19-01361 **Life Saving Award (Sgt. Ricardo Oliveira, P.O. Alejandro Yanes)**

For their combined efforts on January 17, 2019 in making entry to a locked vehicle, performing CPR and utilizing an AED on a male in cardiac arrest, ultimately regaining a pulse before the patient was transported to the hospital.

19-07262 **Written Commendation (Sgt. Miguel Acabou, Sgt. Ricardo Oliveira, Sgt. Pedro Oliveira, Sgt. Sergio Henriques, P.O. Brandon Pitts, P.O. Joshua Weber, P.O. Mateusz Pazdan, Sr. PST Kelly Lipinski, PST Giovannina Prisco)**

For their collaborative efforts on March 29, 2019 during a foot pursuit which led to the apprehension and subsequent arrest of a motor vehicle burglary suspect.

19-09276 **Life Saving Award (P.O. Tom Gucwa)
Written Commendation (Sgt. Ricardo Oliveira, Det. Daniel Joy, P.O. Michael Hernandez, P.O. Michael DeAngelo)**

For their collaborative efforts on April 24, 2019 resulting in the apprehension of a suspect in a carjacking and multiple stabbings incident.

19-10529 **Life Saving Award (P.O. Alejandro Yanes, P.O. Mark Detore)**

For their combined efforts on May 9, 2019 in performing CPR on an elderly male in cardiac arrest and ultimately regaining a pulse before the patient was transported to the hospital.

19-12082 **Distinguished Service Award (Sgt. Kevin Shackleton, Det. Sgt. Joseph Teston)**

For their combined efforts on May 29, 2019 in obtaining a Grand Jury Subpoena which ultimately prevented the loss of \$25,000.00 from a Clark resident in connection with a fraudulent real estate transaction.

19-13156 **Distinguished Service Award (P.O. Alejandro Yanes, P.O. Mark Detore, P.O. Paul Sosnowski)**

For their collaborative efforts on June 10, 2019 in locating, apprehending and ultimately placing under arrest a burglary suspect who was concealed on the resident's property.

19-16203 **Exceptional Service Award (P.O. Michael Hernandez)
Honorable Service Award (Sgt. Ricardo Oliveira, P.O. Michael DeAngelo)**

For their collaborative efforts on July 14, 2019 during a motor vehicle pursuit and subsequent apprehension and arrest of three armed robbery suspects who had fled the scene and ultimately crashed their vehicle in a neighboring town.

19-20817 **Written Commendation (P.O. Michael Hernandez, P.O. Michael DeAngelo)**

For their combined efforts on September 6, 2019 in the apprehension and subsequent arrest of a suspect occupying a stolen vehicle and another suspect who was charged with possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

19-24654 **Distinguished Service Award (P.O. Michael DeAngelo)**

For his efforts on October 18, 2019 in the apprehension and subsequent arrest of two motor vehicle burglary suspects, one of whom was also charged with possession of narcotics.

Library Report for Town Council-February 2022

- The library had a total of 10,927 website visits and social media reach in January 2022.

What is new at the library?

- The library's small meeting rooms can now be reserved with your library card two weeks in advance through our website. Go to clarklibrary.org and click on meeting rooms to reserve a room.
- The library has 1040 and 1040-SR federal tax forms & 1040 booklets for patrons to pick up and take home.

Upcoming Events at the Library:

- **Book Bingo & Trivia for Kids on Wednesday, March 2 at 3:30 pm** We will celebrate Read Across America Day via Zoom or in person! We will hear a book or two, play a book trivia game, and play Book Bingo! Geared to ages 4 and up. Trivia geared to elementary aged children. Please register to receive the Zoom link.
- **Virtual Ladies of the Fright on Thursday, March 3 at 7:00pm** Join one of the creators from the "Ladies of the Fright" podcast to chat about horror titles, her podcast and upcoming book. This program is part of our "Better Together" series with the Cranford Public Library.
- **Celebrate Through Film: Women's History Month on Friday, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 1:00pm** Join us every Friday in March at 1:00pm as we screen a movie featuring important women in history. Registration not required
- **Barks & Books on Saturday, March 5 from 10am-11am or Tuesday, March 22 from 3:30pm-4:30pm** If you have a young, reluctant or struggling reader, we want you to meet our therapy dogs! Therapy dogs are a non-judgmental listener and furry friend to read to that won't laugh if a child makes a mistake or stumbles over a word. Children learn to associate reading with being with the dog, and begin to view reading in a positive way. Over time, the child's reading ability and confidence can improve because they are practicing their skills. Children will each get approximately 15 minutes of reading time with Bubble, Magnolia, or Sophie. Please register for a 15-minute time slot.
- **Virtual Opera Talks with Tanisha Mitchell: Marian Anderson on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00pm** Join librarian and opera singer Tanisha Mitchell for this virtual opera talk. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. This program is part of our "Better Together" series with the Cranford Public Library.
- **Tinker Tots-Leap into Science on Thursday, March 10 at 10:00am** Come join us for a morning of fun science activities perfect for little ones. This month we will Leap into Science and learn about light and shadow! Curriculum and supplies were provided by the Franklin Institute. For children ages 3 through pre-k. Please register.
- **Teen Thursday: St. Patrick's Day Wreath on Thursday, March 10 at 3:00pm** Make an adorable shamrock wreath to hang on your door or wall this St. Patrick's Day. Open to grades 6-12.
- **Adult The Crafty Folks on Thursday, March 10 @ 7:00 pm or Friday, March 18 @ 3:30 pm** Make a no-sew fleece pillow. This is an Adult craft but Teens in High School are welcome to attend.
- **Female Spies of World War II on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00pm** Join us as speaker Alisa Dupuy from "Ladies of History" portrays real life spymaster Vera Atkins in this thrilling expose of women that were never suspected of being spies. This program is part of our "Better Together" series with the Cranford Public Library.

Check out the library's calendar for more information on upcoming events by visiting clarklibrary.org and then clicking on events.

CLARK POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT SUMMARY

JANUARY 2022

JANUARY 2022 saw a total of 2,209 calls for service of which 128 were ambulance requests, 7 were fire department requests, 1 was for criminal mischief, 4 were motor vehicle and residential lock-outs, 91 were alarm calls, 69 were motor vehicle accidents and 1,896 were miscellaneous calls. There was a total of 14 adult arrests including but not limited to two for theft, two for aggravated assault and six warrants. There was a total of eight juvenile arrests including but not limited to four offenses against the family. Of these, all eight were in-house dispositions. The Detective Bureau handled 56 cases, clearing 43 of them. The Records Bureau collected \$1,261.00 in discovery fees.

DPW Report
February 22, 2022

Electronic Drop Saturday February 26, 2022
9 AM- 1PM

***Recycling should be placed curbside Tuesday night pick up start by 5:30 AM**
NO PLASTIC BAGS OR PIZZA BOXES

Spring Clean up starts mid March please no debris in the roadway until then.

Bulky pickup starts in March as well as Appliance and Scrap Metal pickup. Please call DPW at 732-428-8402 or email dpw@ourclark.com to schedule a pickup.

**First Aid Squad Report
February 22, 2022**

Call number for January 2022

Total Calls:	116
Unit 514:	85
Unit 515:	31
Mutual Aid:	12
Cancelled:	7
RMA:	22
Breathing Issues:	14
Cardiac Issues:	9
Fall/Trauma:	25
MVA:	9
General Sickness:	19

Thank you,
Ron

Fire Department Report
February 22, 2022

Thank You.

In the month of January, the Clark Fire Department responded to 35 calls.

The calls included but not limited numerous odor and alarm calls. Two calls were related to a Motor vehicle incidents.

Three calls were related to house fires including one fire that has a casualty. Want to extend our condolences to the family of the person that perished in that fire.

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

This concludes my report.

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

