

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, NJ
July 6, 2020
7:30 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

DISCUSSION: Garage Sale Regulations

Township Clerk: You all received a lot of information about garage sales. The Mayor and I had a conversation at the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic and discussed that we don't need to handle cash or the \$1.50 we get from seniors, and the \$3.00 we get from residents. So, one of the changes would be to just not charge them, still require a permit and not charge them if that is okay with all of you. We also currently pay \$450.00 a box to buy signs and we then we require them to use our signs which we hand to them mostly for nothing. So, we are not even close to breaking even. So, I would also propose that to just let them make their own signs, as long as they are not larger than 18x18, and you can change it, whatever the size was that we were doing 11x17 (Council President O'Connor: yes) to not let it large than that.

Council President O'Connor: You still can't hang them on telephone poles.

Township Clerk: That is a state law.

Council President O'Connor: Only four (sales) a year, no more than 3 consecutive days, correct?

Township Clerk: Exactly. So, all of those things, if you are in agreement.....during this pandemic anyone who now is having garage sale we just wave the fee.

Council President O'Connor: Chief, how many complaints have you received about garage sales?

Chief Matos: Actually, I can't remember the last complaint.

Council President O'Connor: Right. So, it seems we were paying more for the signs and taking in less revenue.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We had one complaint Pat that I know of was across the street from my mother's house. A neighbor was having sales every weekend. Then they put a stop to it.

Township Clerk: We had years ago, we had four or five people who were doing that type of thing. One on Madison Hill, there was one that would cover it over and the people had to look at these

tables covered with all of the stuff on it. But we did put a stop to it. The other thing that we have to talk about penalty because right now it says up to \$2000.00 and 90 days in jail, that is ridiculous.

Council President O'Connor: We added estate sales in there as well.

Township Clerk: We added estate sales and took out warehouse merchandise. You have to own the stuff that you are selling. A lot of people make a business of it. We are also assigning a license number now so that they take it seriously and that they have to have a permit because then the police can know where the traffic is going to go. We send it (the garage sale list) over to Susan every Friday, in case there is a big sale. Now four or five neighbors want to do it (the garage sale) together, so it can get crowded.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Does it pay Edie to do away with garage sales but have a community garage sale four times a year?

Township Clerk: I would love that idea.

Council President O'Connor: In Seaside Park that is what they do. Seaside Park has weekends where it is a community garage sale, everybody puts their stuff out and people ride on bikes, they walk around and they do that.

Township Clerk: They make it an event.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We can have in maybe April, June, September, and late October. We can have four sales a year, email us that you are having your sale, we can maintain a town wide list, this way....

Township Clerk: The only thing is that certain people will come in and they can only do it certain days.

Council President O'Connor: I think that it is a great idea. I think that allowing them to do the four but then having a onetime pay on July 10th, if we are having a town wide (garage sale).

Councilwoman Albanese: You will not need a license then. That one will not count against you.

Council President O'Connor: I think that will be really good Sal.

Councilwoman Albanese: That's good because you recycle things.

Mayor Bonaccorso: In the Spring, like the end of May. So, maybe like the third weekend in May we can advertise that there is going to be a community garage sale weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

Township Clerk: Cranford does that when they list all of the addresses as to where you can go.

Councilwoman Albanese: It cuts down on the Bulky Pick-up.

Township Clerk: That's the other thing, if you wanted to have a special bulky pick-up right after that.

Councilman Mazzarella: That's what Woodbridge Township does. They have their town wide garage sale and then right after that they have the pickup.

Councilwoman Albanese: Maybe we can have one day of recycle. After your sale is done you take out what you don't want and during pre-cycle people just come and take it, that way it cuts down on Bulky Pick-up and people could reuse things.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We can talk about that later.

Township Clerk: Even if you do that as an event. I am not sure if you are going to need to put that in the ordinance.

Councilwoman Albanese: No, because there won't be any license, it won't count against their quota.

Township Clerk: Right, exactly. So, should we even impose a penalty?

Council President O'Connor: The penalty is that they lose their right for the next year to have Garage Sales.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Who would honestly do 90 days in jail for a garage sale?

Township Clerk: I noticed in other towns that they did the same thing. They just referred to their general penalty, but our general penalty is in between \$100 and \$2,000, and up to 90 days in jail.

Council President O'Connor: So, the fee is \$3.00?

Township Clerk: We are going to make it no fee.

Council President O'Connor: The penalty should be, again, is that you lose your right for a year to have garage sales.

Township Clerk: Should we have a penalty?

Council President O'Connor: If it is a law then you should have a penalty.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yeah, \$50.00.

Council President O'Connor: \$50.00 is fine, I am okay with that.

Councilman Toal: We have to have something because what happened on Madison Hill Road was absolutely ridiculous. That lady left all of her stuff out on the front lawn, for over a year she was leaving her stuff on the front lawn every day, Monday through Friday, Saturday and Sunday. She would have an event then she could leave the stuff out. I went over and knocked on her door several times and asked what she was doing and asked her to please put the stuff away. We needed a penalty to just wake her up because she would not do anything.

Council President O'Connor: How about a \$50 penalty escalating based on the number of events.

Township Clerk: So, the first event is \$50, then \$100....

Council President O'Connor: \$150, \$300, \$600, \$1,200, you have to have something.

Township Clerk: Okay. So, if we are going to put that on for the next meeting, we are going to need a mover and a second.

Councilman Toal: I will move it.

Councilman Hund: I will second it.

Councilwoman Albanese: What was your recommendation (Mr. Laezza)?

Mr. Laezza: I have nothing to do with it, I don't want to have any part of it.

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Proposed Ordinance

Mover: Toal

Second: Hund

RESOLUTIONS:

2. Certifying to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that the members of the Governing Body have reviewed as a minimum, sections of the 2019 Annual Audit entitled General Comments and Recommendations

Discussion: None

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: O'Connor

Second: Mazzarella

3. Approving the 2019 Annual Audit Corrective Action Plan and Authorizing the filing of said plan with the Division of Local Government Services

Discussion:

Council President O'Connor: Mr. Laezza do you want to comment.

Mr. Laezza: Basically, it is an ongoing problem with only two employees, the Fire Chief and the Recreation Director, other than that there is not a problem. They have a tendency to order whatever they want, whenever they want....

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: O'Connor

Second: Mazzarella

4. Authorizing the Qualified Purchasing Agent to utilize the increased bid threshold of \$44,000.00 as adjusted by the State Treasurer effective July 1, 2020

Discussion:

Councilman Mazzarella: What is it right now?

Township Clerk: It is \$40,000 right now.

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Mazzarella

Second: Hund

5. Authorizing the purchase of telephone, radio and computer equipment through State and Cooperative Contracting for installation in the New Police Headquarters building

Discussion: None

Council President O'Connor: By the way Frank congratulations on your son.

Councilman Mazzarella: Thank you.

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Hund

Second: Barr

6. Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute an Agreement with Union County to Modify the Cooperative Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant program

Discussion: None

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Mazzarella Second: Barr

7. Approval to Submit a Grant Application, Accept the Award, and execute the Cares Act – Coronavirus Relief Funds Grant SubAward Agreement with the County of Union

Discussion:

Township Clerk: Jennifer writes our grants, and this is funds that were made available from the Federal Government that they distributed to the counties. Then you submit your bills related to the Coronavirus.

Mr. Laezza: Give us an estimate on what you think that you are going to be spending for the year and then fill out an application.

Councilwoman Albanese: All towns over 50,000 got their own money but all the other towns in the state, which is most of them, have to go through the county.

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Mazzarella Second: Toal

8. Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the Union County Educational Services Commission for use of the gyms in the Municipal Building from September 2020 through June 2021

Discussion:

Township Clerk: You saw that one before but there was a renegotiation by the Business Administrator to get a little bit more money from them.

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Barr Second: Hund

9. Authorizing Final Payment to S. Brothers, Inc. for work completed on the 2019 Capital Roadway Improvements in the amount of \$312,648.86 including Final Quantities Change Order which decreases the Final Payment by \$82,304.02

Discussion: None

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Hund Second: Barr

10. Authorizing Final Payment to D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. for work completed on the 2018 Capital Road Improvements in the amount of \$15,079.13 including Final Quantities Change Order which decreases the Final Payment by \$102,272.26

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: In each of these cases I think that we will probably go out for bids on the roads that were not included on those jobs.

Council President O'Connor: So, we will have \$184,000.00, right?

Councilwoman Albanese: That's great.

Council President O'Connor: Good job.

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Mazzarella

Second: Hund

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

11. Seeking approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the amount of \$28,268.86 for the Clean Communities Grant
12. Seeking approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the amount of \$42,000.00 for the Kids Recreation Trust Grant
13. Seeking approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant
14. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply sewer account balance adjustments as credit in the amount of \$8,966.99
15. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of 2020 sewer fees in the amount of \$852.27
16. Rescinding Resolution 20-62 which authorized the Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills which are no longer necessary

Council President O'Connor asked for a mover and second on this Consent Agenda

Mover: Toal

Second: Barr

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.

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

Council President O'Connor directed roll call: All Ayes

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bonaccorso: Not much to really report. Protests, you know all about that. Chief are you going to talk to them about what we talked about the other day?

Chief Matos: Yes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Okay, I will leave that up to you. So far everything is cancelled. I have to see about the Senior BBQ in September. That is a big enough place that we can do social distancing. So, we will look at that and see the date and see what we want to do, see how it looks by mid-August, if it is something that I think we can pull off then we will do that for the seniors. Everything else has been cancelled so far, as you know. The fireworks again were cancelled but we are shooting for the Sunday of Labor Day weekend as a tribute to our first line responders, police, fire EMS, doctors, nurses, etc. and so on. You know, the front-line people for COVID, I think that it would be nice to honor them with that show. Hopefully, again that is not crazy and we can have it. And basically, everything else...you know the gym floors are being worked on so they are all ripped up right now and they should be done by August. We are going to open this playground out here; I am going to ask Adam to do that tomorrow. That is all that I have unless you have some questions.

Councilwoman Albanese: Did we spend a lot on Covid-19? I guess we are going to include all of the barriers...

Mr. Laezza: We already spent close to \$100,000.00.

Councilwoman Albanese: Okay.

Mayor Bonaccorso: The protest is costing us money that we did not anticipate with overtime for the police. I will complement the Chief, this week he wheeled it down but the thing is, as he and I have discussed that we can't take a chance, we don't know, you never know. So, you always have to have enough on hand, the first couple were a pretty big count so we had a full complement out there. But you know I think that one of them cost us about \$25,000, that is a lot for 4 hours.

Councilwoman Albanese: No comments.

Councilman Barr: No comment.

Councilman Hund: No comment.

Councilman Mazzarella: For the record, since we are on tape, I want to complement our Mayor and our Chief for all that they have done through these protests. And for the record I want to say to our Mayor, Sal you and the Chief have nothing to be sorry for, or apologize for. You are the extension of our community, looking at the Government out of our community, and you are fair, you are honest and you have nothing to apologize for or feel sorry for. I just want to say that on record.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thanks Frank.

Councilman Toal: Sal, it was one of those days that I was out in the community and the citizens were asking, "what is going on in Clark?" What they saw in the protestors is basically what was wrong. What you did and the way that you handled the events and you spoke to the protestors as well as the community, you showed what is right in this town. You held your own and you did a great job and we want to say thank you for being there because of one reason.... this town really

could have come unglued. The citizens were great, I have not seen this kind of stuff for years. You were the pillar of strength and we appreciate everything that you did.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thanks Brian. We did it with the town in mind. The only thing that I can say is that I do appreciate that. The Chief and I were called names a bunch of times and you know; you have to hold your tongue for the righteous of the town. But you know what we are also more mature than the twenty-year old's screaming names at people. So, I do believe the town and the citizens were great. You know, it is just like weird. I got into an argument with Darren Hartong father and son, the father was a police officer here, it was on Facebook, and he made a comment about the protest and he said, "this is bs, the township should not have allowed it" and I went on and said, "Darren, I know you a long time, do you understand what the U.S. Constitution means? It is a right to protest, a right to assemble, we have no choice. He comes on again and says, "that's bs, blah, blah, blah" and I went on and said, "Darren, I know you a long time and I don't want to fight with you.", "Why don't we put up a thousand dollars each as a bet and we will get a legal opinion" Then he goes on messenger which is private and is like, "hey bro I love you, you do a great job, blah, blah, blah" I was like, "what do you mean?". They have a right to do this stuff. We don't agree with it, we don't want to be out there on the 4th of July, but what can we do? It's our job.

Councilman Mazzarella: I just want to make a comment. I have spoken to a number of people in the first ward who told me, who stopped me on the street, they came over to the house and they were very happy how you.... both of you, have conducted yourselves through this whole thing. You are really looking out for the wellbeing of our community. I just want to pass that on.

Councilman Barr: They have the right to protest, peacefully.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well Al for the most part it was very peaceful except for the language. That is the only part that their language, right from the start. The thing that I do resent, I do not want to hear my police department and my citizens are racist, I don't want to hear that. And that's where it's going to end with me.

Mr. Laezza: We are in the process of mailing out our tax bills, next week they will be going out. We waited long enough so we don't have to use the estimate process.

Council President O'Connor: How did we do on our collections?

Mr. Laezza: Collections have been...we will see in August.

Mayor Bonaccorso: The last one was good, right?

Mr. Laezza: The May one was about 80%.

Council President O'Connor: Which is down from our normal.

Mr. Laezza: Which is down from our normal, our normal is about 98. The problem with the May collection were people payed attention to the Governor, who said that they don't have to pay until June 1st, which was not mandatory.

Council President O'Connor: So, they didn't assess late fees for that.

Mr. Laezza: So, we have basically we said May 29th because it was a Friday, then Saturday and Sunday, June 1st was a Monday, we said that they would have to have the money in by that time.

Council President O'Connor: Yes.

Mr. Laezza: People don't pay attention to what we do, but we pay attention to (inaudible), they read the headline and it says that they don't have to pay their taxes until June 1st, we penalized quite a few people going back to May 1st.

Councilman O'Connor: Right, that's it. You have said that, there was no surprise, you had announced it on television, I believe.

Mr. Laezza: Brian Toal and other councilmen gave us some lip because some people are complaining. We told them that's our rules.

Councilwoman Albanese: That's the law.

Mr. Laezza: And you guys gave me the lip. What did you do?

Councilman Toal: We asked you to explain the process to the residents.

Mr. Laezza: I am done explaining the process and so now those people are paying a penalty.

Council President O'Connor: Right.

Councilwoman Albanese: Plus, some people thought that June 1st was the due date and that they had ten days after that too, in addition. It just got worst and worst.

Mr. Laezza: So, anyway I had told you that there will be no tax increase.

Council President O'Connor: Yes.

Mr. Laezza: (Inaudible) in our assessed value, so you have a 230.00, it is 230.4.

Council President O'Connor: Right.

Mr. Laezza: That generates about a \$4.00 tax increase on \$100,000.00.

The Board of Education indicated that they had no tax increase but that is not true because when they say that they have no tax increase, they used the budget that they passed this year, which is July 1st to June 30th. They forgot that they have half of last years. So, the taxes went up 7.8 which is \$78.00. So, of the \$88.00 tax increase, \$2.00 comes from the County, \$78.00 comes from the Board of Education, and \$4.00 comes from Municipal, \$4.00 comes from (inaudible).

Council President O'Connor: Will you explain this on television? Because I know when we had our meeting, we did mention that on TV, I believe.

Mr. Laezza: I can if you want me too.

Councilman Toal: I appreciate it. There are some people that just don't understand.

Mayor Bonaccorso: They won't. I want this on TV anyway.

Mr. Laezza: I am explaining it to make sure that you understand.

Council President O'Connor: Right.

Mayor Bonaccorso: John, let me ask you a question, on the \$78.00 increase from the Board of Education from last year. That is January 1st until June 30th of this year, correct?

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: They are going up \$78.00 for a half of a year. What was it for the year? How much did they go up last year?

Mr. Laezza: Last year they went up about 13 points.

Councilman Mazzarella: That's a lot.

Council President O'Connor: I know that we were supposed to have the reassessment this year.

Mr. Laezza: They gave us permission to extend it.

Council President O'Connor: They did, so it will take place in 2021, or 2022?

Mr. Laezza: It is taking placed in 2021 and it will be in the 2022 taxes.

Council President O'Connor: Okay.

Councilman Toal: Great.

Council President O'Connor: Thank you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Guys listen, you have to explain to the people in this town, and we will. We are going to go on TV, we are going to do everything that we feel we can, do a presentation. They have a right to appeal if they don't agree. This company is right about 88% of the time? (Mr. Laezza: yes) okay, the town has not been reassessed since the 80's.

Councilman Toal: 85'.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We are being forced by the Union County Board of Taxation. This isn't your Mayor, your Councilman that decided one morning to reassess the town. Actually, I fought it off for twenty years, and John will sit here and tell you. He said to me, "Mayor we should do this" and I said, "Yeah John, when Newark and Elizabeth and the rest of them do it, then we will do it." We went through cleaning up Ellenport's mess, we went through the sewer utility and that mess, putting the sewer utility in and the extra fees. You know back then we were talking and I said, John, how much could these people take?" So, he was right, he was never wrong but then it got to the point, which is better for you, that the Union County Board of Taxation came in and if you have a problem with them, call them. We are governed by certain laws that we have to follow, plain and simple.

Council President O'Connor: So, one of the things that I heard from constituents is that they don't understand the process, they think that it would be better for them not to let them in their homes, then to let them in (Mr. Laezza: no), and we know that it is better to let them in then not let them in because of these assumptions that an Assessor would make. I think that we have to make that clear when the times comes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: When the time comes Pat, we'll have a full-scale meeting on it. I think that we can even go to the high school and open up the auditorium if people want to come in for the Q and A. (Mr. Laezza: we are going to do that before we even go out) But they have to understand that if they don't see it then they are going to assess you on the high side. So, you are not getting cute with that either.

Councilwoman Albanese: We are just slicing up one pie. It is the same thing with the sewer utility, we only have 100%, so, when one person is favorably impacted, one person may be unfavorably impacted. But it is only going to be about 1/3 statistically. Because probably 1/3 are right and 1/3 are wrong and 1/3 are paying too much, you have to look at it that way.

Council President O'Connor: Right.

Councilwoman Albanese: We had the same issue with the sewer utility. People have to pay who have value in their homes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I would really like to talk to the people about sewer utility now. Who were a little taken back by it back in 2006? Who now have kids that graduated college, moved out and got jobs and their bills went from \$500 and some dollars, down to a \$280.00 minimal balance? I mean we said it at the time it was going to happen and it did happen. But like you say I mean even with this reassess evaluation, it's not our fault guys, it is what it is. These are the same people that if you went over there as a real estate agent and said "gee you know Mr. O'Connor I think your home is worth 525", are you kidding me "this is worth 650, they won't be saying this if the guy comes through the door, but that's the truth.

Mr. Laezza: I'll give you an example; the tax rate is 8.745 right now. If we use the equalized evaluation that the County uses, that (tape inaudible) would be \$2.21. So, if your house goes from an assessment of a hundred and ninety-three thousand, the seven and eighteen thousand you come even. So that's how it works.

Councilwoman Albanese: In some parts of the State they are doing it every year, one County is doing it every year. And that's probably what's going to happen, it might be twenty years from now or fifty years from now, who knows, but they are doing it every year.

Mayor Bonaccorso: It's also going to cut down on tax appeals which costs everybody money.

Council President O'Connor: It costs us money.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well I'm saying the taxpayers too guys.

Council President O'Connor: That's what I mean, us, because the county and the school don't have to pay into it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right, right. So, I mean even on that basis there's going to be less or if any type of appeals. And it's there for businesses and industries because we were getting killed there too.

No further discussion

Police Chief Matos: So, concerning all the protests that we've handled for the last several weeks. I feel it's my opinion that this is going to become more and more (tape inaudible). It's only going

to be a matter of time before there's another spotlight incident or a major incident. I highly doubt it's going to happen in Clark but I'm sure it's going to be somewhere in California or something and they will be demonstrations in Clark again. It's my recommendation...I spoke to the Mayor about this earlier and I also spoke to Mr. Dugan tonight about the town passing ordinances that would at a minimum prohibit demonstrations in residential neighborhoods, I feel that's important not to have...like this weekend if we had that (ordinance), this weekend they would have had to change and done something else. So you don't have protestors/demonstrators or whatever you want to call them walking through a residential neighborhood, disturbing the neighborhood and #2 would also prevent demonstrations specifically in front of a home, let's say if a town official lives there and they want to speak out against the township or a State official, it would prevent that. That's my recommendation, Mr. Dugan said he was going to look into it. Which also maybe having a permitted process, (tape inaudible) along as we know or who is organizing the event. So, if God forbid something happens, we can always go back to that person and hold that person accountable.

Council President O'Connor: I mean I have to lean on Mr. Dugan, I don't know enough about the constitutional law.

Attorney Dugan: There could be reasonable restrictions on any constitutional (tape inaudible, speaking too low). We'll definitely look into that; we'll put together an ordinance but we'll talk about it before I put anything together.

Mayor Bonaccorso: They'll be holding a protest down Westfield Avenue. Although there's some residential areas it's (tape inaudible) I guess Raritan Road to up here (Westfield Avenue).

Councilwoman Albanese: Well that's what I was going to ask you because there's so many houses (tape inaudible) in the area.

Mayor Bonaccorso: The zoning in the area, that zone Downtown Village business, blah, blah, blah. (tape inaudible) they would only be able to walk from the Parkway Circle to the Central Avenue Bridge.

Councilwoman Albanese: This might be worse.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right. So, I mean you basically tell them Westfield Avenue is your place to walk to or up to and that's basically that, it's more controlled. Because in front of people's houses eventually someone is going to say something. So, I mean the Chief has been with great strategies with these protests on having a lot of people around but not visible, not to make it look like the military type thing and looking for problems. And other than their little potty mouths they were you know for the most part.

No further questions to the Chief

Attorney Dugan: no comments.

Township Clerk: Yes, thank you. I need a brainstorm here. I have a woman who said since the end of May has been asking when can she door to door soliciting. I said ma'am we have a virus out there. I'm sure people don't want to see a stranger at their door. But I said that's just my opinion, I haven't heard the Governor say anything about it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I thought think there's any rule against that.

Councilwoman Albanese: No.

Council President O'Connor: I think we have the ability as a Council to either supersede or override what we do governmentally as far as COVID.

Township Clerk: I gave her contact information to the Governor office. I said why don't you ask the Governor. She said some towns are accepting it and she said I'll just keep you as a "no", but I don't want to restrict her.

Council President O'Connor: What is this for?

Township Clerk: This is for environmental.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Look, I'm going to tell you something right now, here's the bottom line. You guys go campaigning door to door like I do. You know 50% of the bells ring and no one answers. Now you are going to ring the doorbell, okay and sometimes no one comes out, don't be offended, it happens. But seriously not ringing the doorbell that's going to probably go up to about 60 or 65%. So, I mean and the other thing is, it's Covid-19, if you don't want to answer it, don't answer it. People will come to the door and say "hi, I'm here for this", excuse me there's a pandemic, I don't want your stuff, go. You know what I mean. I don't know what I'm going to do with the election right now.

Township Clerk: So, give her the permit.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I would Edie, and just say, "Look you are on your own."

Township Clerk: Do we restrict her in public with a mask.

Mayor Bonaccorso: No, it's not the law, you don't need a mask. The law is you don't need to wear a mask in public.

Township Clerk: Chief, do we know if the company working with the fingerprinting.

Chief Matos: That's a good question, I don't know, I would assume so because the pistol purchase permits are still being process, so these people are getting fingerprints somewhere.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Did you see the US for the first month they sold two million guns.

Chief Matos: You should see the amount of purchase permits I'm processing. We're getting thirty applications a day.

Councilwoman Albanese: Raise the fee on that.

Chief Matos: That's State mandated.

Councilwoman Albanese: Can't we have a local thing.

Mayor Bonaccorso: You know what it's very hard to go into a gun store right now.

No more discussion

Council President O'Connor: So, for me, I was down the shore this weekend and I got an alert bear in my neighborhood. And I just want to commend the police department. I have Ring Doorbell

and my doorbell was ringing every thirty-five seconds with a police car going up and down my street looking for that bear. So, what a nice job of keeping the neighborhood safe.

Council President O'Connor asked for a motion to adjourn

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

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Hund, Mazzearella, Toal, O'Connor

ADJOURNMENT