

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
315 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
January 6, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Howard Lesnik, (filling in for Mr. Triarsi), Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk; Richard O'Connor, Township Engineer.

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

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Mayor Bonaccorso: We are going to recognize the Pop Warner Team that won the State Championship.

Councilman Smith: Here or at the high school?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Here.

Township Clerk: You have items one and two currently separated. In front of you now should be the bond ordinance which was put into one multipurpose bond ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW RESCUE PUMPER FIRE ENGINES INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY, AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF 1,700,000.00, TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Township Clerk: So that is actually items 1 and 2, which will be combined into one item on January 21st.

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Ordinance

Mover: Barr                      Second: Mazzarella

Councilman Smith: What happens with the old pumpers and equipment?

Mr. Laezza: Let me try and explain the whole nine yards. This is the year of the Fire Department, who in the last fifteen years, the Mayor and I have kind of been taking very frugal in working on the capital equipment that the fire department was seeking. We've granted them nominal amounts each year for the safety of the men, with gear, and coats, and breathing apparatus, things of that nature...the Jaws of Life.... twenty-five thousand a here, fifty thousand a there. The first year that the Mayor and I were here the fire department told us that they had a rig that was detrimental to the life of the men in the fire department. The Mayor asked them for their keys because we did not want any firemen to be hurt in the calls of duty. Having said that we looked at the equipment back then and we thought that it was in pretty good shape. Right now with the year 2014 coming up it is time that.... they have a rescue vehicle that is an old rescue vehicle; they have a couple of pumpers that have seen their time going. They came to me so in September or October and started telling me of their needs and wants and I asked them to put together a four year plan, if you will, as to where the fire department wants to go. They now make new equipment for fire departments, and since our volunteer fire department are, as you heard, are the outstanding ones I figured that if they could have it in Parsippany then we can have it in Clark. We have avoided giving them a rescue vehicle but now they are going to be getting a rescue pumper because they now make it as one whole vehicle which is a good thing. We will be getting two pumpers for the fire houses. When they built the fire houses on Raritan Road it probably was for horses and wagons because those fire trucks won't fit into it. So \$110,000.00 of the \$400,000.00 is to expand the Raritan Road Fire House. The other part of the money is going to a generator for life support; also the fire houses need generators. The \$1,700,000.00 will be for municipal facilities plus fire department pumpers. If you look at the faces of the four in front of you they are probably are getting a little ashen because this year they have asked for \$3,000,000.00 so far. They still think that they are going to get it; I told them that they have to beg, borrow, and steal. I hope the citizens will give them big donations and they can use it for their equipment rather than their lunches. Your fire department is looking for your support to make it happen. They can get a trade in; at best they get their trade in. We will try to sell them but not too many people want them unless there is less there is a small town in the lower part of Pennsylvania that might want to use what they call fire equipment, I guess we will be doing that process. The numbers here usually net....the million three....there is enough money in there for legal and bond issues. As you heard in my statement at the end of the year we borrow money but then we pay it down and that requires a lot of activity.

Councilman Barr: I think that they deserve everything that they get.

Mr. Laezza: That is bias statement.

Councilman Barr: Also, there are so many new safety things on engines that are required and it cost a lot of money to try and put on old engines....you just can't do it. So finally they are getting what they deserve.

Councilwoman Albanese: What would be the timing John on the ordering?

Mr. Laezza: The Ordinance will probably be introduced on January 21<sup>st</sup>; we will adopt it some time in February, then twenty days later we will be ready to go. As you recall in December you authorized myself and the fire department to enter into a cooperate agreement with a company in Texas regarding federal support. In the beginning of this dissertation from last September when it was \$700,050.00 down to \$600,000.00 plus thousand.....well, \$638,000.00 I believe that's the savings that we will get in a federal coop.

Councilman Toal: The dedication plaques from the old fire trucks go where?

Chief Cerasa: They hang at the firehouse.

Council President Toal: Will there be a wet down involved in this? In 1989, when you did the dedication on the firehouse on substation 2, you also had a couple of trucks being bought at that time, we had a nice party.

Chief Cerasa: I assure you that it will be a nice party.

Council President Toal: I just wanted to hear it for the record.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Frank, when will they be built and delivered?

Chief Cerasa: We could have them by the end of this year.

Councilman O'Connor: So the reason that Raritan Road needs to be made wider is because firemen are not allowed to ride on the back of the trucks anymore, they put this compartment in the middle so all the trucks are longer now, if that correct.

Chief Cerasa: The pumpers are historically made longer now. The pumpers that we are purchasing are four feet longer then the existing two pieces of equipment that we have.

Councilman O'Connor: So....?

Chief Cerasa: So they will fit in the Broadway firehouse because we are losing two pieces of equipment there and replacing it with one. At the Raritan Road firehouse we are removing one engine but with a four foot longer pump, it is not going to fit.

Councilman O'Connor: I know that your T is on the one side so will you have three in there still? Or will there be four now?

Chief Cerasa: It will be the truck on the one side then it will be the new rescue pumper and existing engine two behind it.

Councilman O'Connor: Engine four is my favorite one from when I was a kid.

Council President Toal: We are not going to have a repeat of Roselle Park are we? Do you recall when they bought the piece of equipment and they did not have a firehouse that it would fit in?

Chief Cerasa: We are taking care of that.

Council President Toal: I just want people to understand that other communities make stupid mistakes.

**3. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3-30 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED “VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT”**

Mr. Laezza: Number 3 is another fire department problem. A new administration would like to reconfigure some of the Ordinances that relates to the operation of the volunteer fire company. They are giving you a section here with regard to rules and regulations, with regard to adding to it, it gives them the opportunity to hire or get volunteers within a three mile radius, volunteers that are prequalified and have fire one and fire two training. They believe that they can accommodate them if they need some additional help; they still stay within the perimeters of fifty volunteers. There is going to be a removal of number of them (volunteers), those who do not participate for various reasons. So we believe that this is an opportunity to give them more flexibility to get trained personnel in our volunteer fire department. Although these outsiders will not have the opportunity to come off the streets, it will just be (inaudible due to coughing).

Councilman Mazzarella: For outside of our town personnel are there any additional insurance that are needed?

Mr. Laezza: No. Our insurance basically covers the activities of our volunteers.

Councilman Mazzarella: Whether they are in town or outside?

Chief Cerasa: Correct.

Councilman O'Connor: That is a great opportunity to give other people who are maybe waiting to get on a paid....

Mr. Laezza: It gives them training.

Councilman O'Connor: Yes, it also gives them training, that is awesome, great job.

Councilman Barr: I just want to say that I went over these new resolutions in depth with the fire department and we are definitely going to have an improved fire department, without question.

Township Clerk: Howard if you would point out to Joe that we need him to write up the ordinance. He has the information; if he doesn't have it still on his email I would be happy to resend it.

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Ordinance  
Mover: Barr Second: Mazzarella

**4. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 248, SECTION 248-20 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED "PROHIBITED ACTS"**

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: If you recall at the past Workshop Meeting that the Mayor was kind of upset about what was transpiring with telephone calls regarding doors ringing in the early evening.

Council President Toal: Soliciting.

Mr. Laezza: Solicitors. This is an Ordinance indicating that solicitors can, certain times of the year, can basically go out from dawn to dusk, some months till 8:00, or until it is dark in the evening, and with time changes they have to leave by five.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes, April 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> it is 10:00am to 7:00pm, it its light out, October 16<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April it is 5:00pm. That is going to be the new solicitation going door to door. Al, we are not ready yet but when we do please make sure that your desk has a copy of this on there.

Council President Toal: I have Council request that it be EC (entire council) vote on this one. I think that we are all in accordance with this, and our feelings about this, we want to protect our residents and keep it not in Clark.

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Ordinance

Mover: Entire Council Second: Council

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**5. DISCUSSION: Opposing the closure of the Woodbridge Developmental Center**

Township Clerk: Next we will move on to a resolution that was presented at our last public meeting by Joanne St. Amand. She is in the audience today to answer any questions that you may have, hopefully you reviewed all of the information.

Mr. Laezza: We have the plea, and I think that with all the information that was submitted I think that the Governing Body is very supportive. I think that they should have the resolution that they sought.

Mayor Bonaccorso: This is common sense; this is people putting dollars over people. This would create a tremendous strain on the families of those who live in the developmental center. Closing it and putting just the two of them (developmental centers) down way in south Jersey. I mean the State of New Jersey and the Governor has to think of a better way than this. I think that the argument that the lady made is very compelling, and all the data here, and all the other resolutions of the other municipalities and cities have passed, I think it is for a very good cause.

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Entire Council

Second: Entire Council

## TRANSFER RESERVES POSSIBLE

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: I don't know if we are going to need a resolution for transfers or appropriation reserves but just put it on so that it doesn't come as a surprise. I may need one by January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Discussion:

Council President Toal: Thank you Mr. Mayor for this. I am going to talk to you about the one in front of you, about the anniversary committee, and establishing this. Back in 1989, for those who were involved in the town, Mayor Yarusavage was elected in 1988, and he appointed me as the coordinator of the Clark 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. I am sitting up here very old and realizing that 25 years has lapsed. In 1989, we based our committee on the Clark Centennial Committee of 1964. Before the New Year I had asked the Mayor to redo another committee which we will formulate, with Councils approval, with the Mayor as Chair, I as the coordinator and all the other coordinators involved, will basically duplicate what we did in 1989. In the back (of the room) is the John Kristof, who also served on that committee. What we did in 1989 was the following...what was done in 1989 became a yearly event for the following: fireworks, there were no fireworks, only at special times that Bernie Yarusavage and the other Mayors, Maguire and Kaczmarek did. From 1989 to 1992 we did yearly fireworks, which Chief Brattiole would recall, and then it became a yearly event because of our efforts in 1989. What I am trying to do is recreate that as well as creating new things for the town to become yearly events. I will be working with Ralph Bernardo and the Council to come up with ideas. We will be asking the Mayor to set up a committee. This begins it, this is exactly what we did in 1989, and we are going to ask you again today to redo it again for the 150<sup>th</sup>. What we are looking to do for the first event, which will be February 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Rahway cemetery, we will do a wreath lying at Abraham Clark's grave, the next event will be April 11<sup>th</sup> and that will be the reenactment of Clark's first government meeting. I wrote a script and we will have the kids reenact the rolls and parts. For this one we are going to have to get Mr. Laezza to say yes too, we actually had a cow brought up from Rutgers Department of Agriculture Science Department and had it put in the Brewer Gym. I know that the gym floors are a little bit different now then they were in 1989. We actually put a cow.....

Mayor Bonaccorso: That isn't going on those floors.

Council President Toal: I will put it outside then. We had a cow that recreated the towns first governing meeting: there was a cow from Scutter Farm that came and struck its head in the school.....

Mayor Bonaccorso: Let me just say a couple of things. Number one: You don't need a committee if John Kristof is on it, he is his own committee, and he will get it done with us. Number two: You are going to sit and talk with me and John....

Council President Toal: Absolutely sir.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We are not going to have, and I am going to say it straight out, fifty-five thousand opinions on a committee, it does not work well. We will talk with you about your ideas and where we are going to go, and we will plan out the proper events for the year.

Council President Toal: Very good sir.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I am not bringing cows into Brewer. I am not going to dig up Abraham Lincoln's grave, let's get all that upfront. We will do all of the nice historical things. Like I said, go easy, tell us what you did, we want to talk with you, we will get everybody involved and make it a proud celebration and go from there.

Council President Toal: Thank you Mr. Mayor, you are absolutely right; we will talk about this further and get input from the community and their ideas and so on.

Mr. Laezza: We have one more add on and that is a resolution that the Mayor had brought to the attention of Mr. Triarsi regarding some litigation. A resolution whereby we want it to be sent to the Department Environmental Protection and the Governor with regard to litigations that are transferred to the municipalities for the false of ....what the State has falsely put together by not following their own rules. So we have that resolution for your consideration. It is New Jersey DEP Litigation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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Council President opens the meeting to the public

Joanne St. Amand: I just want to thank everyone for passing that Resolution; it just means so much to us. I plan to be in Trenton tomorrow morning delivering 10,000 signatures and a petition for the Governor to ask him not to close the center....and to come visit before any transfers because they are just moving too fast for us. Thank you so much and you all have a wonderful, healthy, happy, prosperous New Year. It is a great town.

Council President Toal: Thank you and the very best to you and your efforts.

Council President asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: Kazanowski                      Second: Albanese

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

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Council President asked for a motion to adjourn  
A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

ROLL CALL: All Ayes  
Aye: Albanese, Barr Kazanowski, Mazzarella, O’Connor, Smith, Toal

ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
February 3, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese (arrived 7:32), Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal

Also Present: John Laezza, Business Administrator; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

Absent: Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor; Joseph Triarsi, Township Attorney; Richard O'Connor, Township Engineer.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations for the Current Fund

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: This basically will keep us running for six months because I understand that the Legislature and the Governor are not talking so they might close the government come July 1<sup>st</sup>. So we will have enough money before they get their act together.

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: O'Connor Second: Smith

2. Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations for the Sewer Utility

Discussion

Township Clerk: Number two is similar to the first one but it is for the sewer utility authorizing emergency temporary budget.

Mr. Laezza: We have to pay the sewerage authority before we adopt our budget.

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Mazzarella Second: Kazanowski

**3. Council as Pool Utility: Setting rates and fees for the 2014 pool season**

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Kazanowski

Discussion

Township Clerk: Just for the record we are only doing number three for record keeping purposes. We will have other pool resolutions possibly later this month, so I will give you the information, and if not then it will be next month.

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Motion: Smith Second: Kazanowski

**4. Appointing Amalgamated General Agencies of Westfield as the Township's Risk Management Consultant and Authorizing the Mayor and/or the Business Administrator to execute an agreement for the year 2014**

Discussion: None

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: Mazzarella Second: Barr

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**5. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply sewer account balance adjustments**

Discussion: None

**6. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of taxes for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2013 and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014**

Discussion: None

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Mover: O'Connor Second: Kazanowski

Councilman Smith: I have a question on the first one. It says the "original amount", "revised amount", and "credit" and under "reason" it says, "prior owners". So does the town go after the prior owners on that?

Mr. Laezza: No, it should have been done at the closing. That was a meter problem.

Township Clerk: We have what we have discussed before the official meeting began; we discussed the acceptance of the Quarterly Health Report from our Health Officer. I have just received that today and that is why it is not on the agenda.

Council President Toal: Do you want to add this as part of the Consent Agenda?

Township Clerk: Yes, that can be on Consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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Council President opened the public portion of the meeting.

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

Council President directed roll call: All ayes:

Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Laezza: Well I guess I should put on the record that the police telephone was out and is in repair. It will be completely fixed by tomorrow afternoon. They are ordering the parts tonight and they are working on it. We have temporary use of the police phones.

Councilman O'Connor: That is the 732-388-3434 number, correct?

Mr. Laezza: Yes the same 3434 number but the 911 always worked so we had no problems there. They don't know why it went down but they believe that it was the accident on Raritan because that is when it happened.

Secondly, we did not start plowing until after the snow tapered off. The men will be working through the night and hopefully they will accommodate all of your concerns, and if not then they will be my concerns tomorrow morning. I think that they are doing a good job. The equipment and the plows are getting a little tired. We had to order another twelve thousand five hundred dollars of salt today. We have it in so we are ready for the next snow storm on Wednesday and the next one on Sunday.

Councilwoman Albanese: Do we have any reserves in that?

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Council President Toal: I just want to make sure that there was not at any time that the safety of the public was in danger due to the phones being down. I just wanted to go on the record that

everyone was safe and that there was never a possibility of danger, or an emergency not being taken care of properly.

Mr. Laezza: 911 always worked.

Council President Toal: True but some people in this town are old fashioned.....

Mr. Laezza: That is all that I am saying. 911 always worked. If they didn't get through there they would of dialed 911 they would have gotten through.

Councilwoman Albanese: What was the accident on Raritan Road?

Mr. Laezza: Somebody knocked down a poll. It was a serious accident and the road was closed all day on Raritan right by Mohawk Drive in Cranford.

Council President Toal: Her insurance will be responsible for the cost factor right?

Mr. Laezza: I doubt it.

Councilwoman Albanese: I did hear on the radio about an accident on Walnut in Cranford too.

Mr. Laezza: It was Raritan and Mohawk.

Council President Toal: That was up near Friendly's on the Cranford side.

Councilwoman Albanese: As you know Joan passed away, Joan Szymonifka.

Mr. Laezza: It was sad.

Council President Toal: Yes. She was a very nice lady.

Councilwoman Albanese: She was 58 years old. I just came from the wake.

Council President Toal: Has the council sent anything to the family?

Councilwoman Albanese: They are asking for donations to be given in lieu of anything.

Mr. Laezza: She is going to be cremated right?

Councilwoman Albanese: Yes.

Councilman Barr: No comment.

Councilman Kazanowski: Snow, snow, snow..... I am tired of the phone calls.

Councilman Mazzarella: No comment.

Councilman O'Connor: I would like to thank the Business Administrator for giving some good answers tonight with regard to the snow, so I appreciate that, thank you.

Mr. Laezza: You're welcome.

Councilman Smith: No comment.

Council President Toal: Another person who passed away was Adam Lamberts mother, June Lambert. He is from the Public Works Department. She passed away suddenly; I knew that she was not well. They had a private ceremony for her, so is there any way we can send a card to the family from the Council.

Mr. Laezza: No.

Council President Toal: No? I wasn't sure what the protocol is.

Township Clerk: You can do whatever you want.

Mr. Laezza: You can do whatever you want.

Councilwoman Albanese: If you want the Council to send a card....

Council President Toal: That is fine. Everyone get home safe.

Council President asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilman O'Connor.

ROLL CALL: All ayes

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

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Also Present: John Laezza, Business Administrator; Joseph Triarsi, Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

Absent: Mayor Bonaccorso, Richard O'Connor, Township Engineer

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Boy Scout Troup 330 in attendance to earn the Community Merit Badge:

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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Thomas Meade     | shadowed Councilwoman Albanese  |
| Ryan Kluse       | shadowed Councilman Barr        |
| Matthew Figueroa | shadowed Councilman Kazanowski  |
| Zach Brown       | shadowed Councilman Mazzarella  |
| Nick Brown       | shadowed Councilman O'Connor    |
| Gerard Rokosz    | shadowed Councilman Smith       |
| Kevin Micheludis | shadowed Council President Toal |

Council President Toal: On the agenda you can see that on March 17<sup>th</sup> there is going to be a swearing in of a new officer.

Township Clerk: We also have police awards.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

**1. Discussion: Amending Chapter 347, Parking, Sections 347-10, 347-22 and 347-25**

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: Council President and Members of Council, at the Traffic Advisory Board meeting about three weeks ago we had various citizens of streets with parking concerns of the streets because the streets are kind of narrow. We had their input as to whether they are pros or cons, and what they thought about it. Our thought process is, and the people on Miller Avenue were

agreeable, that there will be no parking anytime on Miller Avenue from the south curb line starting at Riverside Drive to the bend ending at 202 Miller Avenue. That is the side of Miller Avenue that is on the Westfield Avenue side. They can still park in front of their homes, but on the opposite street. When there are cars parked in front of their homes and on the opposite street our ambulances, fire trucks, and our plows can not precede down that specific area. Hickory Street is basically a very narrow street; parking on both sides of that street makes it almost impossible. There were a bevy of citizens that were against “No Parking” signs in their specific area. They all seem to be aware of the snow problems and alike. The one guy who was the default guy kind of admitted it; they agreed that they would have signs that say, “No Parking on Street When It Is Snow Covered”, that is the only time that we have any real problem there. This Ordinance will indicate that there will be no parking when the road is snow covered. The last street there we a couple of couples in attendance, Dawn Drive and Raritan Road and Shadow: We had no parking at certain times on Acorn from the northern curb line in front of 626 Raritan Road to 20 Acorn Drive. The times for that “no parking”.... it is very important Mr. Triarsi that you look at this because the document that you have in front of you is incorrect. The times are correct but it is Monday through Friday and it is for during the school time sessions only. So it is only for the months of September through June that there will be no parking at those times on that street.

Mr. Triarsi: 8am to 9am, and 2pm to 3pm.

Mr. Laezza: Monday through Friday for the months that school is in session. That is what that ordinance will read as agreed to by both the neighbors and our Traffic Coordinating Committee.

Council President asked for a mover and second on the Proposed Ordinance  
Mover: Mazzarella Second: Toal

## **2. Discussion: Amending Chapter 310 Snow and Ice Removal Section 310-32**

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: Basically this Ordinance is adding a number of streets during the snow session that were not on the “Emergency Snow Street Roadway Vehicle Removal” Ordinance.

Number two basically says that the removal of snow from the sidewalks is the responsibility of the DPW and Engineering but we basically have the police notify the people of that violation. So that should be changed to the “Police”.

Mr. Triarsi: Do you want the police to enforce the Ordinance?

Mr. Laezza: Yes. They are the ones that will make a determination. People don’t listen to citizens with civilian clothing that walk up their driveway.

Mr. Triarsi: I would like to go back to the first one for just a minute. There is a list of probably twenty-five to thirty streets on this. Do you want all these streets to be added?

Mr. Laezza: No. I will talk to you about that.

Councilman O'Connor: So with Lexington Boulevard you are just removing the language?

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Councilman O'Connor: Raritan Road by the dead end is going to be gone but you are going to be keeping all of Lexington Boulevard.

Mr. Laezza: Correct.

Mr. Triarsi: We will talk tomorrow about this.

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Council President asked for a mover and second on the Proposed Ordinance

Mover: Barr Second: O'Connor

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **3. Discussion: Lease Agreement with T-Mobile for the Cell Tower**

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: We thought that this might be resolved by today but our attorney has notified T-Mobile that we are in total agreement with the lease as it presently is. He has sent them a letter.

Council President Toal: So we are going to take number three out of there right?

Mr. Laezza: I want numbers one through five (of the agreement) to be accommodated before we sign the lease.

Township Clerk: Council President is saying that we should remove it from the agenda.

Mr. Laezza: Yes remove it from the agenda.

Mr. Triarsi: I have spoken to these people and we have wound some of these areas down, but not all of them.

Council President Toal: Let's hold it for next month?

Mr. Triarsi: So let's hold it for next month.

#### **4. Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Developer's Agreement with The Sangiuliano Group**

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: Basically we have completed all of the necessary concepts with the Sangiuliano Group for Stone Hill Village. Once we authorized the mayor to sign this agreement, Mr. Sangiuliano will be able to pursue his permit to start the construction of the Stone Hill Village project.

Council President Toal: Again, Stone Hill Village is the Miele's Property as we know it historically.

Council President asked for a mover and second on the Resolution.

Mover: Albanese Second: Mazarella

**Council as Pool Utility (3 Resolutions):**

Township Clerk: Last year, just so you know, we did a separate Consent for the pool items if you want to keep that in mind. So we could do one vote on three pool items if you are all in agreement.

Council President: I am going to ask Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith: Yes.

Council President: Yes, works for me.

**5. Award of a Pool Maintenance Contract Bid opening 3/5/14**

Discussion: None

Township Clerk: This is for the opening and closing of the pool. We are opening the bids on Wednesday.

**6. Award of a Pool Concession Contract Bid opening 3/5/14**

Discussion: None

Township Clerk: This bid will also be opened on Wednesday.

**7. Authorizing the Council President as Chairman of the Pool Utility to enter into Employment Contracts with the Pool Director and two Assistant Managers**

Discussion: None

Council President asked for a mover and second on all three Pool Resolutions

Motion: Smith Second: Kazanowski

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

8. Authorizing the purchase of two 2014 Ford Police Utility Interceptors in the amount of \$28,912.35 each through the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System

Discussion: None

9. Authorizing the purchase and installation of equipment for two Police Vehicles through State Contract

Discussion: None

10. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply sewer account balance adjustments

Discussion: None

11. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund sewer fees in the amount of \$997.50

Discussion: None

Township Clerk: I also have one additional item. I don't know if you want it on Consent or if you want it as a separate Resolution.

The Fire Chief has presented a candidate to become a firefighter.

Council President Toal: Congratulations.

Township Clerk: He is fully trained. Do you want to speak on this Chief?

Chief Cerasa: It is the first gentleman that meets the requirements for a fully trained firefighter that lives within two miles within our borders. All of his paperwork is done. The last thing that I needed was his physical which was done last week but I only received it today. I gave everything to Edie to see if we could get him on, and to pass it by Resolution this month so we are not waiting another month. He is ready to go.

Council President Toal: Chief, can I ask if he is a resident of the town?

Chief Cerasa: No, not a resident.

Council President Toal: But he lives within the guidelines?

Chief Cerasa: Correct.

Council President asked for a mover and second on the resolution.

Motion: Barr Second: Mazzarella

Council President asked for a mover and second on the Consent Agenda

Motion: Smith Second: Albanese

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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Council President opens the meeting to the public.

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

Council President directed roll call: All ayes.

Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Laezza: Basically, I want to bring to the attention of Council, because I know that you are probably hearing complaints about pot holes throughout...

Council President Toal: You think?

Mr. Laezza: Since January I estimate that our DPW during the snow removal, while snow was being removed, when the snow was not on the ground, they basically accommodated in excess a thousand pot holes for January and February. We had a letter from a woman in Cranford who busted her rims, I get my answer and Mr. Triarsi will give his legal answer because they have got the tort claim today. Basically it was on Terminal Avenue. On Terminal Avenue we fixed these pot holes on January 13<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>. The accident was on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and we fixed it on February 24<sup>th</sup>. I do not believe that the Township is liable, we have not been negligent in our responsibilities accommodating pot holes. That is my non legal position.

Council President Toal: Well noted.

Councilwoman Albanese: I just want to say that it was great to have the scouts here tonight. I am glad to see that you are interested in observing Government and perhaps you will serve the community in similar capacity, thank you.

Councilman Barr: It was nice seeing everybody here.

Councilman Kazanowski: I want to welcome all of our future voters here, the scouts; they are all here for their Citizenship Merit Badges, which is a prerequisite for Eagle Scouts. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Councilman Mazzarella: I want to thank all of you for coming before us. It is very important that you get involved to see what our process is about. Hopefully when you get older you might want to pursue a career as a councilperson, or maybe even mayor.

Councilman O'Connor: I would like to thank the BA, Mayor, and Administration for putting the budget together. I will have further comments at the Public Meeting. I would also like to congratulate the Scouts here tonight on your path to Eagle Scouts.

Councilman Smith: I also want to thank the Business Administrator for his help with the budget on the pool, taking a few dollars from our capital (inaudible) for our 40th Anniversary Celebration in the summer, so thank you for your help on that. I also want to say good luck to the Scouts as they move forward to becoming an Eagle Scout.

Boy Scout Gerard Rokosz: I just want to thank you for having us here.

Council President Toal: I was on Kathryn Street yesterday and I almost got hit by a car, which was not that much fun. I am going to be asking in letter form, Madam Clerk, to send it to the traffic committee to have a meeting to discuss Kathryn Street calming. Also, to have an evaluation from the Public Works of the street, from the entrance, because it is disintegrating there and the road gravel is being spit back unto Westfield Ave. Again, I need that sent to traffic for Kathryn Street. It is very congested and there are too many cars in the street because these homes were built in, of course, the 1938 time frame. We have too many homeowners with cars who are now all over....it is like a funnel that is very dangerous now and safety, in my opinion is at a risk. I almost got hit by a car yesterday. People are coming around that corner and it is not safe. So we have to have our Police Department take another look at it. I had them do that a couple of years ago with the Kathryn and Washington Street cut through but now we have to take another look at it in 2014.

Thank you gentlemen, for being here tonight and follow your dreams.

Township Clerk: No comment.

Chief Cerasa: No comment.

Chief Scherb: No comment.

Mr. Mead: Thank you, we really enjoyed being here. It is a great thrill for our kids, a great learning process. The way that it was set up was terrific. These little things that you do really make a good impact in the long run. It is great that we were able to participate in this. You will be surprised down the road what it leads to. Thank you very much.

Mr. Triarsi: No comment.

Council President asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

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

ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
April 7, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: Howard Lesnik, (filling in for Mr. Joseph Triarsi), Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk

Absent: John Laezza, Business Administrator; Richard O'Connor, Township Engineer

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

Dispensed

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Swearing in a new police officer Brandon M. Pitts on April 21<sup>st</sup>

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Budget Compliance Resolution allowing the Budget to be read by title

Discussion: None

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Motion: O'Connor Second: Albanese

2. **Public Hearing on the 2014 Municipal Budget**

Discussion: None

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Motion: O'Connor Second: Albanese

3. Authorizing the Township of Clark to assume the responsibility of conducting the Annual Budget Examination pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-78b

Discussion: None

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Motion: O'Connor Second: Albanese

**4. Appointing Christopher Mooney as a Member of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department**

Discussion: None

Council President asked for a mover and second on this Resolution

Motion: Barr Second: Mazzarella

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**5. Authorizing the Tax Collector to Settle a Tax Appeal authorized by the Tax Court of New Jersey**

Discussion: None

**6. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of taxes for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2014**

Discussion: None

**7. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply sewer account balance adjustments**

Discussion: None

**8. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of Sewer Fees**

Discussion: None

Council President asked for a mover and second on the Consent Agenda

Motion: Smith Second: O'Connor

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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Council President opens the meeting to the public

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

Council President directed roll call: All ayes

Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso discussed:

- **Lawsuit:**     Wakefern/Clark Commons  
Road Improvement responsibility  
Shop Rite original asked to be included in Clark Commons  
Shop Rite's knowledge of Clark Commons Development before Twp.  
  
Clark Commons: cutting trees to widen road  
Nursery in Holmdel awarded landscaping of Clark Commons  
Stores: Applebee's, Chipotle and Panera Wholefoods Michaels  
HomeGoods, Health Club, Petco, Oshkosh, Ulta  
Stores will be 20,000 square feet
- Jacks Tavern and Old A&P area:  
    Jacks Tavern  
    Property will be developed as a Super CVS  
    50 Spaces short in parking  
    Bernie's will be knocked down  
    Possible merging of lots  
    Just Plain Dave's is closing  
  
    Old A&P:  
    Mayor met with possible buyer  
    Subdivide building:  
    Possible Dialysis Center in back with 1 or 2 stores upfront  
    Dialysis Center has zoning issue  
    Suggested Restaurant up front  
    Buyer told that building must be redone, parking lots redone, landscaping

Councilwoman Albanese:

- April 26<sup>th</sup>: Friends of the Library membership drive

Councilman Barr: No comment

Councilman Kazanowski: No comment

Councilman Mazzarella: No comment

Councilman O'Connor: Thanks Mayor and Administration for their due diligence

Councilman Smith:

- Softball/Little League Parade past weekend: Candy throwing needs to be addressed
- News 12 Meteorologist Michele Powers was in Town on Saturday for Softball Parade

Councilman Toal:

- Benjamin St. and Plymouth St. residents want to discuss barriers if CVS goes in  
A natural buffer will be discussed

Township Clerk: No comment

Chief Scherb: No comment

Howard Lesnik: No comment

Council President asked for a motion to adjourn.  
A motion to adjourn was made by Kazanowski, seconded by Albanese.

ROLL CALL: All Ayes  
AYE: Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzearella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal

ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
May 5, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal

Also Present: Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Howard Lesnik, Acting Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

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

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Mr. Laezza: Council President let's introduce our guest so that the Township knows who they are speaking to.

Council President Toal: Thank you for bringing that to my attention. Ladies, would you like to identify yourself and what your cause is?

Susan Bonell: My name is Susan Bonell and I am the editor of "Tap into Clark", which is a division of the Alternate Press, which is an online objective newspaper that will be reporting in Clark, hopefully within the next two weeks to three weeks.

Council President Toal: And who are you?

Elizabeth Parascandola: I am Elizabeth Clee.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

**1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3-29 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF POLICE"**

Discussion:

Township Clerk: This is designating an appropriate authority as defined in the New Jersey State Statutes.

Mr. Laezza: As you recall three years ago when the Chief was retiring and we only had Lieutenants we went out and we modified our Ordinance to seek a Police Director. We received about 120 applications and found out that our own people are better than most of the 120 applications from all over the country. We neglected to redo our Ordinance to create a proper



want them to be protected at all times. We are going to fix our audio equipment at Council Chambers, and spending money on the Recreation Department for equipment also. These are funds that we put aside to accommodate that.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Proposed Ordinance  
Mover: O'Connor Second: Albanese

**4. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: This is the abomination that happened before I was born, they screwed up, and I am here to correct it. In 1930, when the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority was put together they were only deeded one portion of the land and their land is on more than one portion. This basically corrects that deed of the Rahway Property and each of the communities that are part of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority must in fact pass this Ordinance. It corrects the deed so that your sewer is going on property that we own, and not on other people's property.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Proposed Ordinance  
Mover: Mazzarella Second: Smith

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**5. Appointing Michael C. Kniazuk and Michael Cook as members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department**

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: Obviously these men are most qualified otherwise Chief Cerasa would not have brought them to your attention. They passed all their health background checks and they look like they can do it.

Councilman Barr: Yes, I can say that so far every member that we have been putting on these last few months are turning out to be excellent. I am there a lot of times, I am on all their calls and we have a great Fire Department now.

Chief Cerasa: Thank you.

Councilman Smith: Is one of the guys from Cranford?

Mr. Laezza: Yes. We passed that Ordinance to allow that.

Councilman Smith: Is this the first one?

Councilwoman Albanese: No, second.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Resolution  
Mover: Barr Second: Smith

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

6. Authorizing changes to the established Petty Cash Funds:

A. Police Department Petty Cash Custodian from Anton Danco to Alan Scherb

Discussion: None

B. Pool Utility Petty Cash Custodian from Peter Smith to Michael Kozlowski

Discussion: None

C. Business Administrator Petty Cash Fund Rescinded

Discussion: None

7. Authorizing and Directing the Tax Collector to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the third installment of 2014 taxes

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: Basically this is protection for us because we have our budget done and the County does not have theirs done. The school will have theirs done tomorrow night, I believe. By the time the Division of Taxation, the State, certifies our tax dollars we will be running out of cash. This gives us the opportunity to send out estimated bills. When we send out an estimated bill we know exactly what we are doing. So this gives us the right to do it.

8. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund and/or transfer overpayment of taxes

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: This is an overpayment of taxes or if they want it to apply to next year's taxes we give them the credit.

9. Authorizing the Tax Collector to Settle Tax Appeals authorized by the Tax Court of New Jersey in the amount of \$10,314.87

Discussion:

Township Clerk: #9 is the one that was pulled off of the agenda at the last meeting. As you can see there is much more detail. It is broken down into the "Refund", the "Interest", and the "Total Amount".

Mr. Laezza: It is good now, it is good to go.

Township Clerk: That is our new format.

10. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply sewer account balance adjustments in the amount of \$20,441.44

Discussion: None

11. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of sewer fees in the amount of \$96.77

Discussion: None

12. Refunding the unused balance of escrow funds for site work at the A & P

Discussion: None

13. Re-appointing Josephine Burkhardt and Robert Tarantino as Constables for a three year term

Discussion: None

Council President Toal: They don't carry guns, right?

Councilman Mazzarella: Bob does, but not in this capacity I don't think.

Council President Toal: Ok, I just wanted to make sure.

14. Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Fiber Technologies for Municipal Consent to locate, operate and maintain fiber optic cable within the municipal right-of-way

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: This is a fiber optic company who has gotten permission from DPU to set the lines. We have to grant them permission. They have a client that they are supposed to be setting the lines for.

Council President Toal: Lines meaning above?

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Council President Toal: Because when people hear the word "lines" they think of ground.

15. Entering into a contract for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display

Discussion:

Councilman Mazzarella: Who is the company?

Mr. Laezza: Schaffer based out of Pennsylvania.

Council President Toal: A new company, a new year?

Mr. Laezza: A new company, a new year. Last year's company we were not happy with their fireworks. When they came with their bid proposals (Schaffer) they seemed to meet the standards.

Councilman Mazzarella: Hopefully this company will be better.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Last year's show was a little disappointing. When Frank (Cerasa) was back there with his men counting the fireworks there was a shortage, so we believe. Then they were trying to sell us on the way of, "well, instead of having three here you have one bigger one here". We were like, "No, what you put down is what we want" You put it down and asked us if we would accept it and we were okay with it, don't come now and say that we were supposed to have three inch shells and that you will give us a six inch shell instead. We don't want to hear it. Then we just said to forget it. So Frank did a lot of research into this and hopefully this will be much better.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on the Consent Agenda  
Mover: Toal Second: Barr

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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Council President Toal opened the public portion of the meeting.

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

Council President Toal directed roll call: All ayes  
Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Toal

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: First let me turn to the "Tap into Clark", two new friends here, Susan and Elizabeth. Last week I was told by the Mayor Colleen Mahr from Fanwood, who went to school with Susan....she assured me what a nice, professional online newspaper..... and that their focus is really, big time, all community events. It is really making the towns look good, advertising with the township, doing youth leagues, other civic organizations, we look forward to that. I

think that that Clark Patch did a pretty good job when they were around. They had a local reporter, I liked Jess, I thought that she was very fair. It wasn't a politically driven newspaper that we had in the past some years ago. It was more a town paper looking for good things. I think, and what I got out of the ladies tonight and from Mayor Mahr is that it is going to be something that we are all going to be happy to have around. They will be reporting on the local stuff and highlighting what our groups in the town is doing, which is very important for all of us.

The other night we had a massive amount of rain come down shortly. In the lower lying flooding areas Council, the calls start barraging the police desk. I don't know what people want us to do, other than shutting off the roads, which our police cars are out there doing anyway, because they all know the low lying areas. I got a call from one lady that said the water was up to peoples decks on Conger Way....yeah, and birds have wings and they fly. Not to be callous, don't get me wrong, the worst thing in the world is to have water in your home. It is the worst thing in the world other than a fire, God forbid. You live there, you know this is going to happen, what do you want us to do come with a five gallon bucket and start bailing it out? I don't know how I could emphasis to the people that the police desk needs to be open for emergencies. When the water is coming down like that they are out there, they see these areas, and I monitor and hear it on the police radio. We have to get cones and barricades from the back of Hehnly, down by the Valley Road Falls, down by Mildred Terrace, down by Conger Way; we have our areas that are always flooded in every kind of heavy storm. We were lucky that it didn't rain the way it said throughout the night, it was all dissipating by about 10:30 at night. I was in touch with the Superintendent of School to let him understand that if this occurred he would have to go with a delayed opening because there was no way we were going to get people out of there. Frank, I know the people in the Conger area where you represent have been told since Christ was a corporal that this is a regional problem, that there has been things and measures taken to make it better, it has made it somewhat better, but when you are having that kind of deluge in a short period of time you are going to have flooding. I was just ready to go out when it happened and I got a call, and Frank texted me, I just said to Frank, "Yeah it is bad all over". That is going to be our response because there is nothing that I can do for you or them. When you get these calls you have to just tell them that they know and they are dealing with it. What can we do for you at that point? It is sad but there is nothing that we could do until the rain stops.

Mr. Laezza: What I did do, Mayor if you will.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Sure.

Mr. Laezza: When Irene came and Sandy came I have applied to the State of New Jersey that five houses on Conger Way, we believe, should be bought and knocked down. Two houses on Valley Road should be bought and knocked down and remain the reservoir that they should be. So if and when we get that money I am sure those people are going to fight it because they don't want to move. We can't correct the flow, Cranford has spent over two million dollars in legal fees trying to correct that flow. They think that they have something coming and at my great grandchild's wedding we still will not see that project come to fruition.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We don't ever want to ever sound callous but there is only so much we could do. I had a lady from the neighborhood call me telling me (inaudible) I said, "You don't

live on Conger why are you calling me?” (She said) “Well, I don’t know they are all calling me.” (I said) “Well, you are the block captain then, what do you want me to do for you?” I asked her if she would like me to come over with a bucket because that was all I could do for her. “Did you look outside it is pouring” Bad enough that when we have, Chief Scherb and Chief Cerasa are here and I am with them on these storms, when we had Irene, we had Sandy, folks we were up to our butts in alligators and the last thing that I need are these kind of calls. Number one, during Sandy all they are doing is tying up the police line. “My power is out”, No kidding, look around everyone power is out, we understand that. We understand that it is a thing to try and reach out to someone but how about the guy that is crushed by a car with a tree on him, having a heart attack. We need those lines to be open for that. I don’t know if you guys got called, you did or you didn’t, but just let them understand during these times that we got you. Don’t call me and say that the power is off because you are not getting a call back. I don’t have a crystal ball, we don’t know that, we have been through that with Sandy, and I explained that all to Council. The police desk was like a war zone they couldn’t pick up the phone fast enough. I had two inches of water in my driveway; water was flowing down my driveway like a maniac. I had some water coming into the basement; thank God it wasn’t a real lot. What am I supposed to do call the town and say that I have water in my basement? I mean when it stops we have to figure out why; it was just too much rain at that point. Today, John, I, Bill and Rich O’Connor, a couple of people played golf at the Keith Dolan Golf Outing, the tenth annual outing since Keith has passed away. He was a Recreation Director years ago for those who remember that.

Al is going to be talking about the Memorial Day Parade coming up very shortly at the end of the month. Bill those of you in the youth leagues please invite the teams out and get these kids out. Any groups that you could think of give to Al so that he could take care of that. We will have a nice parade here on Memorial Day like we always do.

4<sup>th</sup> of July we will have a fireworks show. It will be a new company so hopefully it will be a better company this year. If is funny, some people loved it and some people didn’t like it. Some people say that it was the best that they ever saw and others say it was ok. I don’t know, it is hard to judge. I just didn’t like the shell game that they were playing back there with the Chief and everyone. If you tell me that you are going to give me X, then give me X, and we are going to pay you for X, and that is the end of it. I thank Frank from the Fire Department for doing that work out there in the heat, counting those shells and everything. That is it that is all I have, thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: To follow-up on the rain, we did have water that came into the front windows of the library. I have not seen the damage. Dawn has it pretty much under control. I don’t know if she talked to you about it John. I think that it is below the deductible.

Mr. Laezza: She did.

Councilwoman Albanese: What is it \$5000.00 the deductible?

Mr. Laezza: We are paying for it.

Councilwoman Albanese: Thank you.

Council President Toal: Was there water inside the building?

Councilwoman Albanese: It came through the windows, yes. It is a little different than the problems that we have had in the past.

I would like to thank you for fixing the potholes on Terminal Avenue. We have had quite a few people with flat tires, it was like every hour or two that people were out there fixing their flats.

Mayor Bonaccorso: They were fixed. I think that they got washed down the road.

Councilwoman Albanese: Yes.

Councilman Barr: The 26<sup>th</sup> is the parade. With all the invitations that I sent out, as usual after all these years they still wait until the end, there are a few that did not come in. Usually we get one or two horses from the County and it is possible that we might have five this time. That concludes my report.

Councilman Kazanowski: I have a question for John. Is there any word in FIOS coming into town? I have people asking me that.

Mr. Laezza: FIOS is not coming to Clark.

Councilman Kazanowski: In the future?

Mr. Laezza: FIOS says that Clark is off their list. There are 76 towns and Clark is not one of them. There are not enough people that want FIOS in Clark; there is not enough generated revenue for FIOS to come in.

Councilman Kazanowski: Did they ever talk to the people who are not happy with Comcast? We are stuck, we have no competition.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I know we have heard that.

Mr. Laezza: FIOS has said tough, go to Time Warner, go to Direct TV.

Councilman Barr: We are getting the fiber optic cables now though. That is what FIOS basically is, their fiber optic.

Mr. Laezza: The fiber optic cable is Comcast cable that we have in town, it is not FIOS.

Councilman Barr: That would be awesome; it is a lot better than the copper.

Councilman Mazzarella: Sal, I realize that I did text you. I just want to keep you in the loop.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I know you did.....I am just saying.

Councilman Mazzarella: The lady that called is a malcontent in the area. She wants to make it a political issue.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Frankie anyone that has been there knows, like I told her for 100 years now in Clark, there has been a lot of us, you included, and others that have tried to bring this thing to a legislative forum down in Trenton. Basically, it is a multiregional problem. They did some work years ago down in Woodbridge and it has made it a little better but I mean like we tell the people and being honest with them is what can we do? "I see a tree going across it" I understand, and before Sandy came we went in those brooks and cut that stuff. We are not supposed to be doing that. The tree huggers with start crying and screaming if they find out that you are taking a piece of wood out of the water. So people have to understand it is not us, it is fighting Trenton and the Environmentalist is what the problem is there. That is like what I said the other night, Frank it is tough all over, there is really nothing that I could say to anybody at that point of the night.

Councilman Mazzarella: I know.

The other thing that I have to let Council, the Mayor and John knows that at the Sewerage Authority we are designed to accommodate 105 million gallons peak. During the storm we pumped at the Sewerage Authority over the peak capacity which is 135 million gallons that came into the plant, and we didn't lose the plant. We had to kick in our cogeneration facility for a while and that helped. We had a little minor flooding at the plant but we accommodated all 11 communities. We didn't lose the plant.

Councilman O'Connor: I will save my comments for the Public Meeting.

Councilman Smith: I think that Ralph spoke to you Mayor about coming in and cutting the ribbon at the Pool on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. It is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I am sure Council that you are all invited.

Councilman Smith: Yes. There is actually an email going out to all the VIP Dignitaries. That is all I have today.

Council President Toal: Mayor I was with a bucket on Holland Drive with Mrs. Smith trying to keep her water at bay. Al we do appreciate everything that you do for the community and for honoring our veterans and those who lost their lives for our freedom. We will see you at the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Laezza: No report.

Chief Scherb: No report.

Chief Cerasa: No report.

Township Clerk: I can forward the FIOS email response to all of you. I asked that same question and I wanted a definite response that we could say to the people.

Mr. Lesnik: No report.

Council President Toal: Please send our get well wishes to Mr. Triarsi.

Council President Toal asked for a motion to adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kazanowski, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

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

ADJOURNMENT



**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
June 2, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Kazanowski, Mazzarella, Smith, Toal  
Absent: O'Connor, Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor

Also Present: John Laezza, Business Administrator; Howard Lesnik, Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

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Township Clerk: I had sent everyone an addendum about what we are going to do. We received a letter of resignation from our Tax Collector effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, and we will be appointing a new tax collector at this meeting. We will suspend and...

Council President Toal: ...and we will swear her in. I hope her family can join us.

Township Clerk: I did tell her that today. (Council President Toal: That will be a nice thing to do) It is a big deal so we will suspend the regular order of business for that resolution.

Council President Toal: Is there anything else that we are suspending the regular order of business for from the Police, Fire or Mayor's Office.

Mr. Laezza: I think that we are going to have another suspension at that meeting to swear in a cop.

Council President Toal: So we will have two issues that we will be presenting to the community, very good.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

**1. Discussion:**

Business Administrator – Amendment to Chapter 161, Article VIII to create the position of Director of the Division of Fire Code Enforcement

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: As you may recall many years ago we amended the Fire Code to create the Division of Fire Code Enforcement and we appointed Frank Cerasa to that position. Frank has agreed, and we would like to clean that up and make that a title of Director because it basically is its own division. So Howard, I would like to just sit down and talk to you about setting forth the criteria, the qualifications of the Director for that division, and has certain criteria, as does Fire I, and Fire II, and certified by the Department of Community Affairs to be a Code Enforcement Officer. The Fire Prevention Code Enforcement Officer is served in those positions as the Assistant Chief, and the Deputy Chief, and Chief. They go through the ranks, so that somebody that comes in has to be subsequent, so that when Frank leaves, in order for someone to get that title (they) will have to have those qualifications. It just couldn't be some political hack that some new mayor wants to appoint. So we will like to give him the position of Director, and right now the qualifications of the director's position to make that a position that has foundation. We can make it a full time position. That is what we intend to present on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Mazzarella: But he is full time now?

Mr. Laezza: He is full time now but basically in relationship to the qualifications and the title. It gets involved with Civil Service.

Township Clerk: Do we know if that will be ready for June 16<sup>th</sup>?

Mr. Laezza: I am sure it will be ready for June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second.

Mover: Barr Second: Mazzarella

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

2. Appointing Robert Hendrickson and Ryan Might as members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: We are below our limit and they have met all of the criteria, physicals, etc.

Councilman Mazzarella: Are these (men) from out of town?

Mr. Laezza: They are local.

Council President Toal: Al, do you know anything about them?

Councilman Barr: "Actually I have to say what has been happening and I mean this sincerely, is that even today there were two calls, and you have the Battalion Chief announce what they are going; four on board, five on board (showing up to calls) they are just coming to the meetings and going to training, and doing special (duties) this weekend." They are good guys.

Mr. Laezza: Miller Avenue and Briar Heath Lane, so they are both locals.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Resolution  
Mover: Barr Second: Mazzarella

**Council as ABC Board:**

**3. Authorizing the annual renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for 2014-2015**

Discussion:

Township Clerk: This is the time of year that the annual renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses occurs. Most of the licenses are ready to go, there is one that needs tax clearance. If that doesn't happen (tax clearance) then they will have to go to Trenton and beg, and they will be paying extra.

Council President Toal: Can they be added later?

Township Clerk: Yes, it is just going to cost them. They can't even do it in the mail; they have to personally appear in Trenton.

Councilman Smith: Are there any other open liquor licenses available Mr. Laezza?

Mr. Laezza: There is a limit on each community based on population. The only open ones are those that want to sell. Aliperti's sold theirs recently.

Township Clerk: Well, that has not come through.

Mr. Laezza: I think that Central Blue is on the next resolution.

Township Clerk: Yes.

Mr. Laezza: We cannot issue new ones...

Councilman Smith: So these were maxed out?

Township Clerk: Right.

Council President Toal: The State cannot issue another one due to the population limitation.

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Council President Toal: Can we request to the State to add one?

Mr. Laezza: No.

Councilman Mazzarella: That is both consumption and packaged goods.

Mr. Laezza: Correct.

Councilman Smith: Where is the Columbian Club in Clark?

Council President Toal: That is the Knights of Columbus.

Township Clerk: There is no limit on club licenses. There are many restrictions to club licenses, such as, you have to have sixty members at a minimum, and that you have location, all kinds of requirements but there is no limit on the number. In fact we lost a club license when the Hungarian Club closed down.

Councilwoman Albanese: There is also one pocket license, Applebee's, right?

Township Clerk: They are on here, they are renewing. They are renewing as pocket until they have a location.

Councilwoman Albanese: Just so that Bill knows, sometimes they are not active, they are inactive.

Township Clerk: Even with Central Blue it was years and years that it was a pocket license.

Council President Toal: Central Blue is no longer in operation, they have closed their door, and they have changed over to another place.

Township Clerk: On your approval on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and after we get the police report, that is the only thing that we are waiting for.

Council President Toal: That location is going to be called what?

Township Clerk: They have not chosen a name yet. They want it to be very particular. They own a restaurant in Morristown called Morris Tap and Grill, where their chef is a Chopped Champion. They are doing great up there and they are hoping to bring something similar here. They are a very nice young couple.

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

Mover: Albanese      Second: Mazzarella

4. Authorizing the Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of the ABC License held by Central Blue LLC to Paragon Restaurant Group LLC

Discussion:

Township Clerk: If for some reason the police report is not back on the three people then we won't have it until the following meeting. We are hoping that it goes through because they would like to do outside dining before the summer is over.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Resolution  
Mover: Albanese      Second: Kazanowski

### **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

5. Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Deed of Easement for a property located on Loeser Ave.

Discussion: None

6. Per Nancy Raymond - Remove Laura Caliguire as Deputy Registrar. Appoint Gail Paterno as Deputy Registrar for a 3 year term commencing July 1, 2014

Discussion:

Township Clerk: #6 is going to change slightly. When I got this information the Health Officer who is also the Registrar had asked me to remove Laura Caliguire as the Deputy Registrar. I received her resignation letter today, however, when Gail Paterno was offered the position she declined. So right now it will be accepting the resignation of Laura Caliguire and we are not appointing anyone at this time. You could take out the second part of that.

7. Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Cooperative Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant program with the County of Union for Fiscal Years 2015 – 2017

Discussion: None

Mr. Laezza: Every municipality in Union County has to pass this Resolution because the County does not have the power to accept federal dollars and distribute it to municipalities unless municipalities give them the essential power to give it to us. It is something that I did with President Nixon in 1972 when I was somebody in Trenton.

8. Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute an Agreement with the County of Union to Modify the Cooperative Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant program dated June 2011

Discussion: None

Township Clerk: That is where they list the projects.

Mr. Laezza: Same purpose.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on the Consent Agenda  
Mover: Albanese      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.

Council President opens the meeting to the public

Mike Altmann, 8 Winters Court: I just want to take a moment to thank all of you for appointing me to the Planning Board. I know that Mr. Zamboni was a really endeared member and I will try my best to fill his shoes. I want to thank you for having the confidence in me to give me the shot to do it.

Council President Toal: Mr. Zamboni was a dear friend of mine and he did a lot for this community. I know that you will continue doing the efforts in the spirit and nature in the way that he did it, with due diligence and the caring for the people. Thank you so much for taking the position.

Mike Altmann: Thank you very much.

Council President asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.  
Motion: Kazanowski      Second: Albanese

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

### **MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS**

Mr. Laezza: For the last two and a half weeks the Mayor and I have been in, I would say, deep negotiations between ShopRite and Gypsum property with regard to the new Clark Commons. Fingers crossed, I hope that the negotiations will be finalized on or before June 4<sup>th</sup>, if not they will be in court. We look like we are pretty close and that makes it good for everybody. "The towns propose that ShopRite and the Clark Commons...at the meeting of the Planning Board there will be a discussion with regard to accepting the negotiations." We will be going to close on Thursday to discuss it.

Council President Toal: So pending is the term.

Mr. Laezza: Everything is pending.

Councilwoman Albanese: No report.

Council President Toal: Thank you so much for everything that you did on Memorial Day (directed to Councilman Barr) the community is richer for your efforts.

Councilman Barr: You are very welcome. No report.

Councilman Kazanowski: John, is there any word on the A&P property and Jack's Tavern?

Mr. Laezza: I met with the A&P property owners last Friday. They have two vendors to use the property. We have to give approval on the second vendor. We are examining the validity of the second vendor. The second vendor is a top 250 company, it is a 17-billion-dollar company, and we don't know if it is good enough for Clark yet (laughter) that is a true statement. We want to make sure that it meets the criteria that we expect for our citizens.

Councilman Kazanowski: and Jack's Tavern?

Mr. Laezza: Jack's Tavern is dead in the water.

Councilman Kazanowski: Oh, it is?

Mr. Laezza: Jack's Tavern, they had a letter of "No further action" required on the property. CVS was a little concerned about Bernie's, Bernie's had a minimal amount of environmental problems, and it cost about three hundred thousand (dollars). The people said that they would take care of it, CVS then brought their environmentalist who dug a hole on the Jack's Tavern property, and then said that it looked like a million dollar project, and we are gone.

Council President Toal: So CVS is no longer an issue on the site.

Mr. Laezza: They are still a viable issue coming into Clark; I might bring them down to the A&P site. I am working hard on your behalf.

Councilman Mazzarella: John, on that A&P site I have a question; I heard some information that there may be storefronts along Westfield Avenue.

Mr. Laezza: Yes, there will be.

Councilman Mazzarella: Is there any possibility of talking to the owner. I have been hearing this from some of the residents around about the Downtown area. Is there any consideration about turning the entrances to the parking lot side, this way they will have a rotunda there where they could have seating and they could have something that looks a little more pleasing.

Mr. Laezza: The entire configuration will be changed to be a very pretty building. The owners will not be putting stores in what you see there. It will be done....

Councilman Mazzarella: ...But it will still be on Westfield Avenue. They won't have any consideration in turning that...?

Mr. Laezza: The one store will be in the middle of the...there will be entrances on Westfield Avenue, there will be entrances in the middle, there will be entrances off of Broadway.

Councilman Mazzarella: Good.

Mr. Laezza: So it will be both sides of that avenue. That whole area will be improved.

Council President Toal: We needed it.

Mr. Laezza: Town Hardware kind of said that he wasn't for sale, and he told us that he was for sale, because they wanted to buy that place too, but then the Town Hardware said that they weren't for sale, but they do use that parking lot for my Christmas (trees) and my flowers, and they said (buyers of A&P) "Well you're not anymore".

Council President Toal: Any timetable on that?

Mr. Laezza: As soon as we give the okay as to the facility that is going to go in there. A timetable will (Council President Toal: be announced) we will get it in front of the Planning Board... I think that was going to go before the Zoning Board, it is a Zoning Board problem.

Councilman Smith: The painting in the back worked a second time, the yellow lines back there (softball field), there was another girl who broke her ankle. The ambulance had to come back there and it was very easy because there weren't very many cars parked illegally.

Council President Toal: Is the child okay Bill?

Councilman Smith: Yes, she is fine. The first injury that we had, Mayor Sal happened to be there, I asked the officer if he had any warnings and he had a book of warnings. There were still people parked illegally and the officer told them that if they catch them again they will get a ticket. I guess they are trying to do the right thing instead of ticketing them.

Mr. Laezza: We give them the first shot, yes.

Councilman Smith: Great job on the parade. I came up all the way from sunny Lavallette that morning and I was very impressed. I haven't been there in years, so I am very happy that I did (go), it was super, and it really was.

Council President Toal: No report.

Township Clerk: No report.

Council President asked for a motion to adjourn  
A motion to adjourn was made by Kazanowski, seconded by Albanese

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

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

ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
July 7, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

Also Present: John Laezza, Business Administrator; Howard Lesnik, Acting Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk; Richard O'Connor.

Absent: Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor

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**PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

**1. Amendment to Chapter 302-7 Bulky Cleanup**

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: Looking at our Bulky Cleanup section of the Ordinance 302-7, and looking at what we send out to the public on our Report to the People, there is a distinct difference. I think that maybe the Ordinance should agree with what we send out to the public. We have the words for the Council to change 302-7. We would like that for introduction at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Proposed Ordinance

Mover: Mazzaella Second: Smith

**2. Amending and Supplementing Chapter 145-3E Charges for Outside Police Details Undertaken by Police**

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: Basically some of our large corporations that want to use our police services believe that once they pick up the phone the police have to be there at their beck and call. So I had a study done on how the various communities, surrounding communities, larger than us, and smaller than us, do it. I find out that we are under price number one, but number two is that if someone does not give four hour notice for the requirements of a police officer then the charge goes from \$60 and hour to \$90 an hour. So if they want an emergency service they will have to

pay for the emergency. We have some amendments to this Ordinance with regard to the regular rates; it has gone to the rates used by town jobs and how we want it done. Also, in looking at these other Ordinances, other communities have in their Ordinances that the employer who is hiring our people, are now their employee. Our people are now their employee. So when it says here that all those that make our police officers part of their work comp program if they should get hurt. Those are the changes that I am requesting that we put in this Ordinance.

Councilwoman Albanese: That is done by the other communities John?

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Councilwoman Albanese: That's good.

Councilwoman Soyka: Can I ask a question? Mr. Laezza, how are they paid? Do the corporations pay the Township of Clark and Clark pays the police officer?

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Councilwoman Soyka: But if they are going to be basically an employee won't that change things?

Mr. Laezza: Basically an employee with workman's compensation purposes.

Councilwoman Soyka: Yes, I understand that but when it comes to compensation with money doesn't that change the picture?

Mr. Laezza: No, we pay them what they are entitled to. We give them a check; it is added to their payroll.

Councilwoman Soyka: Okay, I see what you are saying.

Mr. Laezza: We use their money, not taxpayer money.

Councilwoman Soyka: No, I wasn't thinking in terms of that, I was thinking in terms of the corporation.

Councilman O'Connor: So you are thinking that they were more like an independent contractor.

Councilwoman Soyka: Yes.

Councilwoman Albanese: They are entitled to do that as employees of the Township.

Councilwoman Soyka: That is the way it has been for years.

Councilwoman Albanese: Yes, as a separate trust.

Councilman Smith: So even though they are working for the corporation and the employee there the pay can still come from us and not be paid directly from the cooperation.

Mr. Laezza: Because they are being paid directly from their funds.

Councilwoman Soyka: Then the cooperation pays the township?

Mr. Laezza: Then we charge that cooperation for administrative costs.

Councilwoman Soyka: In addition to the salary?

Mr. Laezza: Plus we charge them \$100.00 an hour for the use of our car.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Proposed Ordinance  
Mover: Entire Council Second: Entire Council

Council President Toal: Resolutions, Madam Clerk.

Township Clerk: I gave you by email, and also in front of you there will be another introduction, an amendment to the Fence Ordinance. Everyone should have that in front of them.

Mr. Laezza: Those people who live on the corner lots cause problems. The Ordinance is somewhat confusing the way it is written. So I sat down with the engineer and we came up with amendments that you have before you. I agree with (the amendments). Where it says that if you have a fence that is on a corner the fence can only go as far as the front parallel to your house it cannot go all the way to the right-of-way. So it can stop at the house and you cut across in front of your house.

Councilman O'Connor: And connect to the house.

Mr. Laezza: And connect to the house but it can't go to the sidewalk, the right-of-way.

Council President Toal: That is on a corner lot?

Mr. Laezza: That is on a corner lot, same on the other lot too.

Council President Toal: That is the question.

Mr. Laezza: On the other lots you can do it.

Council President Toal: That is my issue.

Councilman O'Connor: But also the most important thing again that you were talking about is that it can't be a solid fence, correct? People need to be able to see through to the other way.

Mr. Laezza: Correct. It can't be a solid fence if it is on the corner.

Councilman O'Connor: On the back and side right?

Mr. Laezza: And the front, yeah.

Councilman O'Connor: Okay.

Councilman Mazzearella: There was an issue that we talked about.

Mr. Laezza: Right. This corrects that issue. That issue conforms to this.

Councilman Mazzearella: Yes but that is a solid fence. The front yard is solid.

Mr. Laezza: If you look at how we changed the "D".

Councilman Mazzearella: Okay.

Mr. Laezza: Read how we changed "D". "I" is in place as we amended it as long as it conforms to the amended "D"

Councilman Mazzearella: So a solid fence is okay.

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Councilman Mazzearella: Even though it is a front yard.

Mr. Laezza: Correct, as long as the line of site is not adversely affected.

Councilman Mazzearella: The site triangle and all that.

Mr. Laezza: Right. People are entitled to their privacy if they want to make it private.

Councilman Barr: Didn't we have something John on our regular Ordinance for fences through that part of the house..... I think is like four foot or something like that, that six foot could only be on the sides? Not on a corner property though.

Mr. Laezza: I am amending this part of the Ordinance. This is strictly for this part of the Ordinance the other part of the Fence Ordinance relate to the other part of the Fence Ordinance.

Councilman Mazzearella: You have taken care of that one issue that we talked about John on that one property, but the residence are still asking if.....

Mr. Laezza: Tell them to go to court.

Councilman Mazzearella: No, this is something different. They are questioning about the setback from the property line to the fence now. That is what they are questioning now.

Mr. Laezza: You could put the fence right on your property line.

Councilman Mazzarella: Not in the front yard. There has to be a set back from the property line.

Councilman O'Connor: What Frank is saying is that it is not the property line when it is in front of your house, so it has to be a certain distance from the curb to the front that is what he is talking about.

Mr. Laezza: That is a different section of the Ordinance.

Councilman Mazzarella: Okay so then that is not dealt with here.

Mr. Laezza: That is not dealt with here.

Councilman Smith: Doesn't it say below here in "I" that "SOLID FENCES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED"

Mr. Laezza: We still say that. "SOLID FENCES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BE CONSTRUCTED (Councilman Smith: Well "D" is allowing it) IN THE FRONT YARD....**except as specifically allowed per 195-120 D.** So we kept those words exactly the same way. "SOLID FENCES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE FRONT YARD....EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY ALLOWED BY (inaudible due to whispering) ON A CORNER LOT. It can only be parallel to the house.

Councilwoman Albanese: When you say parallel to the front entrance or to the side of the house?

Mr. Laezza: I don't care if it is to the front of your steps it cannot be to the front sidewalk.

Councilman Smith: So what do the existing people do that have the chain link fence around their whole property?

Mr. Laezza: Chain link fence can be put any place.

Council President Toal: They are talking board on board.

Councilwoman Soyka: So you are talking about just a solid fence.

Mr. Laezza: Board on board solid fences.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Proposed Ordinance

Mover: Smith                      Second: Albanese

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

3. Authorizing the Mayor and/or Business Administrator to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority for certain solid waste services with respect to bulky waste

Discussion:

Council President Toal: So we are going to be giving our stuff into their system. What if there is ever a contamination issue or something else involving them. Do we get affected by that?

Mr. Laezza: If they are going to sue you then they are going to sue everyplace. They are probably more aware of contamination in any other dump in the State.

Councilwoman Soyka: Are they going to take over the place that is doing it now, or are they one in the same?

Mr. Laezza: We do it now.

Councilwoman Soyka: We do it now?

Mr. Laezza: We pick up the bulky waste and we are sending it to Kearny and Kearny closed. We were sending it to Seweran, and Sewaren got flooded out, now we have a place that is in place.

Councilwoman Soyka: Okay so this will take care of that.

Mr. Laezza: The charges are the same.

Councilman Mazzarella: It is more convenient.

Mr. Laezza: It is way more convenient. We don't lose our guys for a whole day when they dump.

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

Mover: Mazzarella Second: Barr

4. Authorizing the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Inservco Insurance Services, Inc. to administer the Self Insured Retention for a period of one (1) year at an annual fee of \$14,280.00

Discussion: None

Mr. Laezza: This is a renewal of our regular contract for our claims on our Self Insurance Program.

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

Mover: O'Connor Second: Albanese

5. **Council as Board of Health:**

Accepting and approving the Quarterly Health Status Report

Discussion: None

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

Mover: Soyka Second: Smith

Councilman O'Connor: Before we get started (with the Consent Agenda Resolutions) I would like to move #6 and #7 out of the Consent Agenda and have them stand on their own.

Council President asked for a mover and second to take out #6 and #7 out of the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

Motion: O'Connor Second: Albanese

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

6. 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 2013 Annual Audit entitled General Comments and Recommendations

Discussion:

7. Approving the 2013 Annual Audit Corrective Action Plan and Authorizing the filing of said plan with the Division of Local Government Services

Discussion:

Councilman O'Connor: Both of these, #6 and #7, have to do with the annual audit, and I feel as Chairman of the Finance Committee, that having them approved in the Consent Agenda minimizes the importance of the audit and what a great job our Business Administrator has done in completing the books and having very minimal comments from the Auditors. Again, it is still up to each Councilperson, so we could do a roll call in that fact that they looked at it, and agree to the Financial Statements and the Audit.

Councilwoman Soyka: That has been normal procedure as far as I know that everybody has to certify that they have read it.

Council President Toal: We will be taking #6 and #7 out of Consent and move that with an EC (Entire Council).

Township Clerk: Do you want Entire Council on both of them?

Council President Toal: Yes, everyone is in agreement.

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

Mover: Entire Council Second: Entire Council

Council President Toal: Okay #6 and #7 are separate.

Township Clerk: So the new Consent Agenda begins with #8.

Council President Toal: Correct.

Mr. Laezza: Terance gave you the Corrective Action Program did he not?

Township Clerk: He did not yet give it to me, he is working on it. He assured me that it will be ready. I didn't see him today; he did not give it to me yet. The second that I have the Corrective Action Program I will email it to all of you.

Mr. Laezza: Okay

8. Appointing Board of Adjustment positions: John Moricz as a Regular Member, William Helm as Alternate I Member and Christopher Tierney as Alternate II Member filling unexpired terms until December 31, 2014

Discussion: None

9. Appointing Planning Board positions: Michael Triola as Alternate I Member and George Olear as Alternate II Member until December 31, 2015

Discussion: None

10. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund and/or transfer overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$406.54

Discussion: None

11. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply sewer account balance adjustments in the amount of \$9,206.32

Discussion: None

12. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of sewer fees in the amount of \$25.00

Discussion: None

13. Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the Union County Educational Services Commission for use of the gymnasiums in the Municipal Building

Discussion: None

14. Endorsing the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application and designating Scott McCabe to ensure that the application is properly filed

Discussion: None

Council President asked for a mover and second on the Consent Agenda

Motion: Barr Second: Albanese

#### **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 opens the meeting to the public

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

Council President Toal directed roll call: All ayes

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

#### **MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Laezza: Basically I looked at our budget status as of June 30<sup>th</sup> and all of our accounts are in our budget areas. We are getting a little close on insurance because we had a number of work compensation cases but I believe we will make it to the end. Other than that we are within budget and things look good.

Councilwoman Albanese: I have a question, so how many injuries do we have? These are for injuries on the job, right?

Mr. Laezza: They are police related, hit by cars, bikes, civilians at car stops.

Councilwoman Albanese: Could we do anything to train them on how to move more safely?

Councilman O'Connor: There is a "Move Over" law where you are supposed to move over to the next lane.

Councilwoman Albanese: If there are two lane.

Councilman O'Connor: If there is not you just have to move over as much as you can.

Mr. Laezza: The police do move them over they don't stop them in the middle of the road.

Councilman Mazzarella: When they stop somebody if you look at the vehicle they always nose the vehicle out that protects them a little bit as well.

Mr. Laezza: They were taking people out of the cars and a car comes along and hits them.

Councilman Barr: No comment.

Councilman Mazzarella: No comment.

Councilman O'Connor: I would like to officially welcome Councilwoman Soyka to her first Workshop Meeting.

Councilwoman Soyka: Thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: I would also like to add to the comments about the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the pool. I had mentioned this at one of the last meetings that I was here 40 years ago when the pool opened. To see it alive and thriving more than ever brings back good memories of me as a kid. I am glad to see that the Township is starting to enjoy the pool.

Mr. Laezza: Let me tell you my history about the pool. I had the first municipal pool built in Union County. When Rose came to see me about how to make a pool I was instrumental in giving the advice as to how Clark got their pool. They got it through Trenton and I helped make it happen.

Councilman Smith: The pool had over 1,200 people that were in attendance that day. All the food, events and games were free; it did not cost the taxpayers a dollar all the money was raised through Ralph. It was a great day and a great event. Unfortunately I was on vacation and I was not able to be there, that was the reason I was not there. Regarding the pool, Valley Road and Hehnly each year have a pool party and they currently go to Cranford. So I sent emails to Mr. Laezza and Edie and they advised me to just bring it up. Now it does not need to be discussed until next year but I wanted to bring it up by saying, why are they not coming to the Clark Pool? Are there any insurance reasons why they are not?

Mr. Laezza: No.

Councilman Smith: We did not think that they were. They are going to Cranford and each school pays Cranford \$500.00, so we were thinking about approaching the two schools and asking them to join and come one day to the Clark Pool. It is usually the first or second week in June so all the college kids are out of school so we can have life guards that we could get for the day. Bob Cahill, one of the Assistance Managers volunteered to take a day off of work to be the manager on site that day, and both of the schools also are required to have a certain amount of chaperones there. I don't see it as being any issue why we shouldn't offer it to them and try and get them to come to Clark. I just wanted to bring that up to you as we get closer to it then we may have to approve it as a Council.

Council President Toal: That is not even an issue.

Councilwoman Soyka: I think that it would be good for the Superintendent to know this because more than likely he doesn't.

Councilman Barr: Who has to actually approve that the Board of Education?

Councilman Smith: The schools, whoever, I think the PTA's of the schools runs it and they may go to the Board of Education and say, "Here is where we are going on our school trip this year."

Councilwoman Soyka: I kind of gave my report on the pool. Thank you for the vote of confidence to be a Councilwoman and replace Rich, I will certainly do my best.

Mr. Laezza: Do you see how nice and quiet our meetings are.

Councilwoman Soyka: I like it.

Council President Toal: There is an issue that I have to put on the record, which I talked to Pat and Mr. Laezza about. There is a noise coming from the High School. The High School is in closed mode. John Pingor is going to be asking Mr. Laezza to get in touch with them. The residents across from the High School are complaining about a weird, high pitched sound coming from their air conditioning units. I went over and I actually listened to it, it is actually really annoying. So we are asking that our Business Administrator talk to them and see what they can do to adjust it. This gentleman that brought it to my attention is also into heating and air conditioning says that thing has to just be adjusted to eliminate that squealing noise.

Again, great fireworks show. I was there, and Al was there with me for a while. I stayed with the people and walked the crowd and had a good time. Getting out was another story but we will talk about that another day. The crowd was a lot of fun, a lot of happy people.

I was down on the bridge with the fireman. What those guys went through digging this mud hole in the rain was just not easy. Doing that on a daily basis we have nothing but a great appreciation for everything you guys do. That is all I have to say, see you at the Public (Meeting).

Township Clerk: No report.

Mr. Lesnik: Have a good night.

Council President asked for a motion to adjourn

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

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

ADJOURNMENT



**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
August 4, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

Also Present: Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Joseph Triarsi, Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

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

(Dispensed)

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 the successor publisher to The Clark Patriot 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.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

- 1. Discussion:           AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CERTAIN DISCHARGES INTO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, MANDATING INSPECTION OF SANITARY SEWER LATERALS, REPAIR OF ANY SUCH LATERALS AND EMPOWERING INSPECTION OF SANITARY SEWER LATERALS**

Discussion:

Councilman Mazzaella: As you know I am Commissioner for the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. I have been Commissioner for over twenty years and through that time, that tenure that I have on there, I noticed, and just a little side bar, I think that John and Sal probably are more in tune with clean water and illegal introductions of clean water and ground water going into the sewerage system, that is a dilemma for all communities and the Sewerage Authority. The end result is that every gallon of clean water that goes into the sewer has to be treated, who pays for it, the rate payers, the taxpayers. So I have been working on this Ordinance with the engineers at the Sewerage Authority and our Executive Director and our attorney there. The Ordinance that is before you mimics the one that I introduced up in Bridgewater over fifteen years ago. It really was defensible...we put a lid on a lot of extraneous flows, a lot of inflow, which is sump pumps, cracks in pipes going into the sewerage system. Put some guidelines and set some guidelines down. What I would like to ask is that our attorney review it because as I said this mimics the one that I we introduced in Bridgewater many, many years ago but things change. I mean there are things like the courts change and they challenge a lot of things. I would like to have the blessing of our attorney before we go ahead. If in fact if he does, I would like to introduce this at the next Public Meeting for adoption.

Mr. Triarsi: I could do that. I might suggest to you that we send a copy to the engineer too.

Councilman Mazzarella: Absolutely. As I said, I think that John and Sal...Sal is in this business and he understands it fully. What happens when there is an introduction of clean water going into the pipe, it ruins everything because everybody pays for it. Those people that are doing it should be redirected to disconnect that. It hurts our community because there are some areas in this town that have sump pumps and air conditioning units drip lines going into the sink. There are other communities in the Sewerage Authorities system, ten other communities that have older areas that do exactly the same. If we don't start some place by setting some guidelines, for us to pick and choose and say, "hey look this is illegal, you can't do this".....I think that it is a win for everyone and the end result will be less treatment charges and less encumbrance on the rate payers, our taxpayers. I hope I have your support on this.

Councilwoman Soyka: Frank, you mentioned fifteen years ago. We had a really serious problem in the town with flow rights, and we had leaking from the storm sewers and I recall that we did some sort of an Ordinance.... (Councilman Mazzarella: Absolutely) and I remember basically about the sump pumps flowing out to the street, and any house that was being sold at that time had to discharge their water outside down into the sewer. So I am thinking, is there an Ordinance on the books now? Is this duplication?

Councilman Mazzarella: There could be and that is why I want our attorney to look at what we have and what this is about.

Mr. Laezza: There is an Ordinance on the books; however, it is difficult to enforce that Ordinance because you just can't walk into any house. This Ordinance gives notification in writing that there will be an inspection by doing a mailing to the property owners. They will have seven days to either fix it or allow you to get into their house. Right now we only look at a house when we go for a CCO, if they sold the house.

Councilman Mazzarella: You talk about fifteen years ago, back then maybe it was...John would know maybe a little bit better. And Sal....I think it was maybe around fifteen years ago, more than that, that Clark sued the Sewerage Authority because our allocation that we had, which I am working....and I got the commissioners to agree, to lessen that allocation rights to each community. We sued the Sewerage Authority because they put a moratorium on building in Clark. So we went through the court system and how it was determined was any monies that we would own as penalties would go into rehabilitating our infrastructure, which is our collection system, we did a very, very good job. Have we buttoned it up completely? No community could say that they buttoned it up completely but there has to be a mechanism that has to start with setting some guidelines.

Councilwoman Soyka: Well that was my question because I thought that we had it, but again, there is some language that was not in at the time and it needs to be revamped.

Councilman Mazzarella: Yes.

Councilwoman Soyka: I don't have a problem with that. One of the things that I did notice, there must be a certification given when the house is for sale and the certification could be issued by, if I read this right, the Fire Department.

Councilman Mazzarella: The Fire Official, right.

Councilwoman Soyka: The Building Official.

Councilman Mazzarella: Code Official.

Councilwoman Soyka: The Code Official and I think that there is one more....

Councilman Mazzarella: Or a designee and the Mayor is the designee.

Councilwoman Soyka: Is that going to work with having more than one person?

Councilman Mazzarella: Well it does work because you have....

Mr. Laezza: Our Fire Official does it presently.

Councilman Mazzarella: Right, but you have other people.

Councilwoman Soyka: I'm sorry?

Mr. Laezza: Our Fire Official presently does the CCO's.

Councilwoman Soyka: Yes, for the smoke detectors.

Mr. Laezza: He also goes down to the basement to see if there is a sump pump there or a lateral.

Councilwoman Soyka: Okay, I did not realize that.

Councilwoman Albanese: So he is already on site?

Mr. Laezza: He is already on site. We are only getting in when there is a house for sale.

Councilwoman Soyka: Right.

Mr. Laezza: This is the proactive not reactive.

Councilman Smith: Obviously when a house is for sale it is easy to detect it when you are physically in there. Do you go up and down the street and just knock on the door and say that you what to check it? How do you know which house to check?

Mr. Laezza: Well basically any house that was built before 1950, probably originally did not have a sump pump, so we have that list. (Councilman Smith: Okay) If it hasn't been sold and we haven't done a CCO on it, it gives up an opportunity for us to write them a letter and say that we want to look at your basement.

Councilman Smith: Okay, so you can write it up. So you can randomly write letters to the homeowner, the newer homes and go visit them.

Mr. Triarsi: It would probably be a good idea to write that letter so that they can complain that they didn't get notice.

Mr. Laezza: You can't go in there unless they respond to that letter.

Councilman O'Connor: So my question is similar to Mr. Smiths, which was adequately answered by Mr. Laezza, it was just how are we going to determine which homes that are going to be inspected and what gives us inclination that we should go into that home? I believe that you did a fair job, thank you.

Councilman Mazzarella: That is the less invasive way that John is saying, there are some communities that take a more aggressive approach. They look at flows emanating from a particular area.

Mayor Bonaccorso: You know what the problem is too Council? You are always going to have I and I (inflow and infiltration) because what isn't broken today is going to be broken ten years from now. Pipes break, this and that. Marie, you, I and Frank have been through this forever.

Councilwoman Soyka: Oh yeah.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We were talking a few years ago and from the leader going into the street, from the house to the street, how many of them are broken now? We could tell by doing a smoke test. Smoke in the sewer and it will come up in the line. But like I said to John and Rich, I said that was fine. Maybe you will know on a guy's door and say, "Listen, your sewer line is broken going to the street, we did a smoke test and here is the picture of it and we need you to get this fixed because it is putting clean rain water into the sanitary system which is costing the whole town more." "With a crack it might be Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Thanksgiving Day, Easter Sunday, when all of a sudden your sewer is going to back up from dirt and roots getting it there, and you are going to have to get it replaced anyway, so now is a good a time as any". How much is that? It is three to five thousand dollars. So if the person has the cash they are thankful for you telling them. What do you do if you go to a person and they look at you and they say that they don't have it? And they really don't. Like I said to John, you can't fine the people. What do you do? I mean do we repair it and put it on the tax bill? Who wants to start doing that? These are the problems that you have and this is an easy repair to make. If it is going into the sewer line or into the sink all you have to do is run the PVC pipe and pop it through your cement wall, it is not a big deal to do, and blow it out to your front lawn or side lawn, or hook it and send it out to your roter drain to the street. It is not a bad job to do.

Councilman O'Connor: When I first bought my house on Kent I had to do that. I called a company and it was \$200, and they did it, and now I don't have to worry about it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: It is not a bad thing to do. Like I said we could have gone as far as checking those laterals down to the street. Look it is tough out here right now; do you think that everybody has money? This economy is still bad.

Councilman Mazzearella: With that, if you think that there is something that is in line with what Sal is saying we could certainly explore to eliminate those sections. But it has to start someplace and I think that Joe if you could look at....

Mr. Triarsi: Why not anticipate that we are going to have it on the agenda.

Township Clerk: Okay.

Mr. Triarsi: We are going to introduce it and then between the introduction and the final adoption there is plenty of time for council to comment on it. If I have any issues with it I will call you before we move on it and we will fix them before we put it on the agenda.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I had a builder approach me about a month ago and he said to me, "Sal, let me ask you a question, in every other town if we do a knock down and build a new house we run the lateral to the curb line and connect it to the pipe that is already there going into the street." I said, "Well that is a good question" Now when we look at that, you know, it costs more money for digging the street, you have a hole in the street and even though you patch it you know what could happen. But you know what, if you go and buy a new house and you believe that you have a new sewer line running into the street and then you find out that there are ten, twelve, fifteen feet of old pipe still sitting in there. Now you are going from PVC to cast iron....So we did it years ago to make them go right to the main line and connect it. I have to agree with it.

Councilman Mazzearella: That is a smart thing.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Now you go and buy a home with PVC you are never going to have to worry about it in your lifetime because it is never going to develop any cracks between the curb and the main line. Sometimes the main line is on the other side of the street, you don't know that.

Councilman O'Connor: I have just one other point, do we want to make the standard letter part of it?

Mr. Laezza: Of the Ordinance?

Councilman O'Connor: Yes.

Mr. Laezza: No.

Councilwoman Soyka: One other thing, just for the record, my house is over a hundred years old and we have a sump pump and it goes out to the sewer.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I was telling John and O'Connor, I mean I didn't know and I bought a house over on Wendell Place before I was in government, and my driveway went this way (hand

motion) under the house, I put a brick driveway in and new walls, and I thought what was I going to do with the rain water, so I bought a drain that goes across the whole thing and right in the garage there is a hole in the cement and there is the sewer. So I popped the cap off, grabbed the pipe, put an elbow and sealed it all up. I thought that I did a good thing. I didn't realize that you couldn't do that. So that is what I say to John and Rich, you have to excuse people sometimes for not knowing those kinds of thing. What do I know about that? There is a pipe that water goes in, and then you get rid of it. Do you know what I mean? When I got on council and found out I put a sump pump in on the other side and ran it to the pit and shot it out the side. How do you know?

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Proposed Ordinance  
Mover: Mazzarella Second: Smith

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

2. Authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a Joint Purchasing Agreement between the City of Rahway, the Boroughs of Roselle and Kenilworth and the Township of Clark to acquire and share use of an Automated Brine Maker

Discussion:

Mayor Bonaccorso: This is a great thing. I know that Frank is fully aware about brine. The City of Rahway is putting in a brine machine. What is brine? It is salt and it is water. They (Rahway) are going to make it down there. The four towns are going to go into a local agreement to purchase this. We are then going to purchase a tank, a thousand gallon tank, with a sprayer on the back. Up to, they are saying, three days the DPW Director in Rahway said, I would say two days, you could spray the street with this before snow or an ice storm. When the stuff comes down it just melts. He said that he has heard of towns that don't really have to plow the main roads up to two or three inches, it just melts.

Councilman Mazzarella: That is fantastic.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Now when you look at this it is going to save a lot of things, number one when you salt you use 100% of salt this mixture will use 23.6% salt and water mixture that is a savings right in itself. We are still going to have to salt the streets; we are not doing this on every back road. This is for your main roads, your parking lots, police, fire first aid, here, the schools, also the hills, the cut through streets, bridges, all the of the stuff that we do now as a first priority. Now no one says that you can't go on the back roads, but normally we salt the back roads when it gets bad, we don't do it immediately. This machine will also save overtime. Now I get a call from Scott McCabe about ten or eleven o'clock at night, it is starting to snow, we talk about what time we want to send the guys out. They start at 7:00 am, right John?

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We will say that we will send them out at 4:00 in the morning so that the roads get salted before everyone starts leaving. Now we hear it is going to snow at midnight,

3:00am, 9:00am, 6:00pm, sent the truck out in the morning because then rush hour is over, spray all the roads, parking lots and what have you and stay in bed.

Councilwoman Soyka: I just have a question for you Sal since we are going to share this; this is a sharing product, correct?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes. We are going to share the mixture at the plant at the Rahway DPW.

Councilwoman Soyka: We are going to share the mixture.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right.

Councilwoman Soyka: Does that mean that we are going to have to buy a truck as well?

Mr. Laezza: We are going to buy the tank.

Mayor Bonaccorso: The tank we will put on a truck, the tank is about \$13,000 -\$15,000. When you look at the cost in a winter like this...you know what is going to happen, right? Other towns are using this so this is not the first.

Councilwoman Soyka: Doesn't the Parkway and the Turnpike use it?

Mayor Bonaccorso: I think that the airports do too.

Councilwoman Soyka: I remember seeing it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Rahway, what they are going to do is have two tanks? They are going to be mixing as you're using. Let's say that our truck pulls up down there to load up, they are always going to have plenty on hand. That is why by getting four towns into this it cuts the cost. We do a lot with Rahway; their DPW guy is a decent guy. It is going to be an overtime saver; it is going to be a salt saver. There will be an adjustment the first time out will be a little trial and error to see if it is 40 gallons per mile, is it 50 gallon per mile, what is going to be melting it quicker? What is going to work best? Last year he said that Summit used it on a road that had compacted ice on it and it worked very well. This way it is on the bottom, you are never going to get the hard packing and it is a proven product. Frank talked about this (Brine Maker) years ago.

Councilman Mazzarella: Fantastic.

Mayor Bonaccorso: It is not like we are guinea pigs and it is the first time out. It gives us a good opportunity because if we had to buy the brine making machine and stuff it is going to cost a lot of money.

Councilman Smith: So they are always going to have tanks with the solution already in it. We just pull up, open the tank, fill our truck and pull away.

Councilman Mazzearella: What is nice about this is the communities PR to the residence. They will see the roads; the roads will have a hue of white on it that really is the brine. It is a fantastic process.

Councilman O'Connor: Less cars with the salt on them as well.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yeah. It is environmentally friendly. Guys, we put down a tremendous amount of salt. You have to see us, before the snow we are out there salting. It we hear that it is going to start at 2 o'clock we get out trucks out about 11:30 or 12:00 and we start salting the main roads because I want to get something on the ground. What happens is that cars ride over it, it pushes the salt to the side, and it does crunch it up and get it into the blacktop. That is why we are usually heralded across Union County as probably having some of the best passable roads of most towns. This will make it that much better. This is really good money being spent, this is something that is going pay a dividend back.

Mr. Triarsi: Are we going to put this on a separate Resolution or is this going on the Consent Agenda?

Mr. Laezza: A separate Resolution.

Councilman Mazzearella: I would like to ask for an EC (entire council).

Councilman Smith: Is the cost in here?

Mr. Laezza: It is a shared cost. The cost is the acquisition of the town, our cost for the brine, there is no cost on this.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Resolution  
Mover: Entire Council                      Second: Entire Council

3. Supporting passage of Assembly Bill A900 which will allow municipalities and counties to properly, quickly and economically clean and de-silt streams to help prevent flooding

Discussion:

Council President Toal: Great idea.

Councilman Mazzearella: I would like to see this go.

Mr. Laezza: This is probably a better bill. It still requires DEP approval.

Councilwoman Soyka: Do you still have to get permits?

Councilman Smith: Yes.

Councilwoman Soyka: Still?

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Resolution  
Mover: Entire Council      Second: Entire Council

4. Opposing Senate Bill S1801 and Assembly Bills A2612 and A2495 which if signed into law would abolish the office of the tax assessor in municipalities in Atlantic County, shifting responsibility to the County and establish a pilot program in Gloucester and Monmouth Counties

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: The State last year authorized a pilot program and as the State will do they already want to make it for the entire State without even having to see how the pilot (program) works. The pilot is basically not working and it encumbers it to all of the citizens, you have to go to the County to have your tax assessments done, any reevaluation, any new program has an adverse effect on our ability to collect taxes. I know that there want to be some kind of coordination; County Government is not the coordinating entity in this State.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Resolution  
Mover: O'Connor      Second: Mazzarella

5. Appointing Paulo Lopes as a member of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department

Discussion:

Councilman Barr: Actually he happened to be a neighbor of mine. He is on the Union Township Fire Department.

Council President Toal: That is a paid department.

Councilman Barr: Yes. What is good about this is number one there is no academy, he has been through it all. Also, the way that they work is that we are going to him a lot during the day. So he will be able to cover during the day.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Resolution  
Mover: Barr      Second: Mazzarella

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

6. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of sewer fees in the amount of \$3,365.00

Discussion: None

7. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply sewer account balance adjustments in the amount of \$9,447.16

Discussion: None

8. Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the County of Union for Leaf Composting

Discussion: None

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Consent Agenda  
Mover: Barr Second: Soyka

### **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 Toal opened the public portion of the meeting

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

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

### **MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: I was just talking to John about all of the salt that we bought last year.

Mr. Laezza: About \$100,000.00 dollar worth of salt.

Mayor Bonaccorso: About \$100,000.00 worth of salt. That was a bad year.

Councilwoman Soyka: Did we run out last year?

Mr. Laezza: We never run out.

Mayor Bonaccorso: What we also did was we loaned a salt truck to Rahway one time at the very end because they ran out. What we try to do is...My dad and Scott do a good job working with the surrounding municipalities because, you know, you always need a favor. The other group in there that is just outstanding is Union County. Their relationship with Joe Policay and me included for that matter, and I am very tight with the Director Joe Graziano, basically anything that we need, we get. I mean they are terrific guys. We had a tree on Mother's Day come down on Laurel Lane and the tree was so big that it pulled the water main out, so they had to break. So they shut the water off on Mother's Day. The water company said that they wouldn't fix the break until we get the root out of there. The thing was as big as this table, the tree was huge. None of our on call people, contractors were answering, so we called the County. Joe said that they would be right out to help. They brought their crane truck out and after several hours of working together they lifted it out and dragged it to the street and they said that they would come

back tomorrow with the other truck and load it and take it away for us. The water company then went in and fixed the main and the people all had water by about five o'clock in the afternoon. We had trees on Brookside in the brook that they came, a couple of weeks ago, with the crane and they took them out for us. So like I said, I always hear a lot of stuff about County government, but I will tell you what, in Union County they help us out a lot. That is what I care about, that they are there to help us. You know it is funny, they never send us a bill. We also replicate and do things for them, and they know that we never ask for anything. So we have a real good relationship going on and that is why I think that this brining thing will work.

The other thing Brian is that I am going to talk to Joe and Al while you are here. I got a letter today from a gentleman up on Kathryn Street requesting a "No Truck" sign, like the one that is on my street. I took a look at it tonight, it was by the Clark Nursing Home, the sign is like this (demonstration of size), I didn't even know it was there. I am just one of these people, I don't know, when I drive I kind of look straight ahead on the road, I am not wondering who is doing what. Number one, "No Truck" signs are usually, and tell me if I am wrong, for big trucks.

Mr. Laezza: Right.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Delivery trucks.

Mr. Triarsi: Do you mean prohibiting trucks on a street?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right.

Mr. Triarsi: Prohibiting traveling or prohibiting parking?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Traveling through. No we all know that we put a million signs up in this town. People that drive say that we don't need a "Watch Children" sign, people that drive like morons ignore the sign, but if you feel good that it is in front of your home, we will make you feel good, and that is being honest. He wants us to put up a "No Truck" sign. Well, we are not going to have tanker trucks going down the road, trucks delivering stone and soil do not go down those roads unless they are making a delivery to someone's home, which allows them to do that. Even your local landscapers or contractors, or whatever, they still have a right to go down those streets to get to another street. Am I correct?

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: The other thing Council, which you have to worry about, so we put a "No Trucks" sign on Kathryn Street and let's say we had a police car sitting there all day going (inaudible) well whose street are they going on?

Mr. Laezza: The next one over.

Mayor Bonaccorso: So now we are getting a call from Gertrude, from Harrison, from Stanton, from Bartell. I mean Brian, put the sign up for the guy, we have the signs I believe, but it is the point that....you know, look, Featherbed Lane is a busy street, people speed down it. Yesterday,

I was home, I was telling the Chief, they had a picnic at the Deutscher Club, motorcycles. I was sitting on my porch enjoying the music, it was good, I went into my kitchen and my house starts to shake. I thought what the heck, I thought that something was blowing up. Four motorcycles, I mean I wasn't happy, I got calls from neighbors, and I called the police desk telling them to just tell those guys to slow down. I mean I understand that they are driving away and they are loud but I am getting calls from neighbors now. The point is what do you do? What do you do? I am going to call the guy or definitely write him a letter and talk to him but Katheryn Street is a cut through street whether you like it or not. If we do something, you are putting the traffic on the other streets, is that fair to those people? I don't know how long he has been living there, he said that he went to high school with me but I don't remember the guy.

Council President Toal: Do you have the guy's name and contact number?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes I do.

Council President Toal: I am just going to go on the public on this one. For ten years we have been working on the issue of Katheryn Street.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right.

Council President Toal: I just talked to you the other day about the issue with the road, which we have to get emergency appropriation for next year. The road is getting worst. The street goes back to 1938. I am not going to do a whole history on Katheryn Street here but it goes back to 38'. You have narrow streets there.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right.

Council President Toal: You have homeowners there that don't only have one or two cars; they have four to five cars. You have a gentleman that went out and bought a motorhome. He took his cars that were in the driveway and now put them out in front of his house and he has large vehicles. The entrance way going up the center of Katheryn Street is very narrow, and then you have older trees that go along that entire street, trees that are huge. So you have a very old street with the roadbed dissolving and a lot of people trying to cut through to get to Washington, Stanton and Harrison.

Mayor Bonaccorso: That point is though Brian, sometimes in life it is what it is, it is what it is Joe. I mean like I said there are many days that I sit on my patio or porch and listen to the Deutscher Club and it is nice, I don't care...yesterday was a pain listening to those motorcycles. So am I here today saying, look, I don't want any motorcycles or signs on my street? Sometimes it is what it is. It is like the guy that buys the house on Georgia Street and then complains about the train. Well the train has been there forever, what do you want me to do for you?

Councilwoman Soyka: They knew that when they bought the house.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right. But they got a savings because it is on the railroad track and they are happy for getting that split level twenty thousand dollars cheaper than it would be two blocks in. What do you want me to do?

Councilwoman Soyka: Getting back to the sign, Valley Road has a “No Truck Allowed” sign at Ross Street and I believe it is Broadway.

Mr. Laezza: Heavy trucks.

Councilwoman Soyka: Yes, there is a weight limit on it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right.

Councilwoman Soyka: Is this what he is talking about?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Marie, I don’t think that it is weight that he is worried about because you are not getting those big Sonoco Trucks.

Councilwoman Soyka: What does he mean vans?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Landscaping trucks.

Councilwoman Soyka: If someone is moving and they need a moving van it is temporary.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Like I said if I am going to Bill’s house with my truck, and he is on Charles Street next to Gertrude, right by Katheryn. So now I have to make a choice, am I going to drive down Katheryn? I am going to drive down Bartell to get to Gertrude, either way I have to get to Gertrude. So if I am at that end I am going to jump on Katheryn, if I am up this way I am going to jump on Bartell.

Councilman Smith: You could go down Adams Street too.

Mr. Triarsi: Mayor, it doesn’t sound like a Legislative (Committee) problem.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Joe, I am just saying with Al being here, I want to make sure that I am correct in answering this guy, and I think that I am.

Council President Toal: A couple of years ago I worked with the Administration regarding traffic, the residents wanted to have a “No Entrance, One Way Out from Washington Avenue, and you told me to go out and poll them and I walked to every door and it came out that no they don’t want to be inconvenienced, we don’t want to have to go all the way down to Madison Hill Road and back up.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I asked Brian to ask the people if they wanted to make Katheryn a one way coming out from Westfield Avenue, then I said to Brian now go and talk to the people on Washington, Harrison, Stanton, and Adams, ask them what they think about it. So we will have

three people that want it at a council meeting clapping and forty-five, fifty people screaming at us.

Council President: What happened is that I poled them and they didn't want it, they didn't want to be inconvenienced.

Councilwoman Albanese: The people on Katheryn Street, or the others?

Council President Toal: All of them. They did not want to be inconvenienced with that and they said to come up with another idea. How many other ideas did I annoy you and bother you with on this issue. I am just going to close this out because I don't want to spend too much time on this issue.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Alright, thank you.

Council President Toal: I will say one thing; no there are two trucks signs now and we will send it to traffic and find another solution.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Brian, I could put a "No Truck" sign up but it will not be enforceable because trucks are allowed to go down that road.

Council President Toal: Exactly so why put a sign up, it is too tight there to put more signage up.

Mr. Laezza: No comment.

Councilwoman Albanese: No comment.

Councilman Barr: No comment.

Councilman Mazzarella: I just want to thank John and Sal for thinking outside the box about this brine maker; it cardinally will be a win for this community. Thank you for your support on the Sanitary Sewer Ordinance.

Councilman O'Connor: No comment.

Councilman Smith: No comment.

Councilwoman Soyka: No comment.

Councilman Toal: No comment.

Township Clerk: No comment.

Chief Scherb: No comment.

Councilman Toal: No comment.

Council President Toal asked for a motion to adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

ADJOURNMENT



**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
September 2, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

Also Present: Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Howard Lesnik, Acting Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

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

Dispensed

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Contract – Collection and Disposal of Leaves; Bid opening to be held September 10, 2014

Discussion: None

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

Motion: Mazzaella Second: Soyka

2. Authorizing the Health Officer to enter into the 2015 Visiting Nurse and Health Service Agreement

Discussion: None

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

Motion: O'Connor Second: Smith

3. Joining the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders in declaring September 19<sup>th</sup> POW/MIA Remembrance Day

Discussion: None

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

Motion: Entire Council Second: Entire Council

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

4. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund and/or transfer overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$4,582.71

Discussion: None

5. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply sewer account balance adjustments in the amount of \$1,035.00

Discussion: None

6. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of sewer fees in the amount of \$25.00

Discussion: None

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on the Consent Agenda.  
Motion: O'Connor Second: Albanese

#### **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 Toal opened the public portion of the meeting.

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

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

#### **MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: The Valley Road Project is done and it came out awesome, very good. Dawn Drive is done, Ayers Lane is done. On Dawn (Drive) they have to go back and do a little cosmetic work on the grass area. One guys pavers at the end of his driveway were mixed up, they put them back wrong. So basically that is all complete, finished. The Valley Road Project, I drove through there again today and the only thing left to do is to stripe the basketball court that they put up there. We took piece of it away so instead of replacing the piece we are replacing the whole thing. It was not a big difference in price and we made it right. Everything else looks really good there and it seems like it is going to work well. The Police Department will be up there for school on Tuesday and Thursday when it opens to help them with the traffic flow. I talked to the Assistance Superintendent today and I told him to send out a Honeywell Alert message to all of the parents of Valley Road School to give themselves a few extra minutes because it is a new thing. The police will be there to help, and this way they could familiarize themselves with it. The only problem that I see with this project would be possibly is if the parents dilly dally getting their kids out of the car, which seems to be the practice when I drop

my son off at Hehnly School. (The mayor demonstrates the process of drop off and picking up from Valley Road School). I told the school, "That is on you", we did the project and the only option that we had was it. We looked at several other options and none of them worked. Clauss (Road) would have been astronomical, and it just didn't work. That is literally up to the school district at this point. If they use that project right it is going to work fine and it is going to be a nice thing. Now there is plenty of parking in there, drainage and everything else. There is a piece of sidewalk when you go in the new driveway, to the right and down to where the old driveway is, you are going to see our new sidewalk then there is a piece of old sidewalk up there, that is on the Board of Education for them to fix. I was there the other day with the Director of Grounds John Pingor, and John knows what he is doing and we talked about certain drains that could be put in there. John said, "Sal, quite frankly what I would like to do is rip that out, rip out the grass between the curb and sidewalk" that area is about thirty feet, maybe. He said, "I would make that all concrete because sometimes people pull up there and let their kids out on that side, so they don't have to step on the grass or the snow, we would then clean it". I told him that it was up to him and the Board of Education, I said that we did our job, we did it right. Some of the grading and some of the draining should help that problem. Was it going to resolve it all? Probably not, that is up to them at that point, we can't keep doing everything, we did a lot.

Also, when you come off of.....to remind you because you are voting on it, when you come off of Raritan Road into Hehnly, Shadow Lane it is, as you come off of Raritan and go down there is no parking on the right hand side, we put signs up saying September through June, in the morning and in the afternoon, Monday to Fridays. We met, and I told you guys that time, we met with the Traffic Coordinating Committee and the people that live there and they were fine with it and they understood it as long as they were able to park there on weekends and in the summertime. What was happening there, and Marie you weren't here for that, I mean it is not your ward but you are here in town and you hear things, when you came off Raritan down that road people were parked along that right hand side when you make a left into Hehnly. People were crossing over the yellow line, busses and all. So we believe that it was going to be a traffic issue there, that God forbid that someone might get hit head on, I mean not that people were going fast, I mean they really weren't because there was too much traffic. So we are going to have a west side car parked over there, I told the Chief today, have them park there where that "no parking" is, it is about five houses, and put their police flashers on, not the red lights, just the flashers blinking and if the cop sees someone they point out the sign. Unfortunately sometimes people get a little nasty when they are dropping their kid off, I have seen them yell at police officers and police officers have told me that that is pretty gutsy. Those are the things that were on the hopper and it all worked out well.

Like I said I don't think that there are any issues that need to be done at Valley Road School other than, and I will check with Rich O'Connor, other than striping the basketball court, everything else looks pretty good. They seeded the area because it is way too hot and dry to sod. What we are going to see is by mid-September if we get some rain the grass grows. Then we will talk about working a credit out with the contractor because he didn't put the sod in. We will get a credit back and if we need to sod it by that point, once we get rain, then we could always tell them to go and sod the thing.

Councilwoman Soyka: What about the playground area? I have gotten a couple of calls with people telling me that the playground area was going to be shortened and obviously it had to be because of the parking.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Marie we never specifically touched the playground. Do you know where that black top is and there is a map of the United States painted on it?

Councilwoman Soyka: Yes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: They were going to put a new playground there, correct John?

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We said to them that they were already putting the cart before the horse and we said, "Whoa, wait until the project is over. We are going to be done by school, do whatever you want" So we never touched the playground, we touched two areas. One we told them that we were not going to fix right off the bat because it didn't need it was the little baseball field right off the parking lot. They had two fields that were not taken care of and I suggested to them to make one nice field, dig out that clay and put it on the other field, so that's their thing. The other thing was the basketball court, we had to reconfigure that.

Councilwoman Soyka: But that is fixed.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes we did that. The other thing was Marie; quite honestly, we had a few overzealous parents who decided that they were going to co-engineer this project.

Councilwoman Soyka: Really?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yeah. I went to a board meeting one night and I never thought that I would have to speak and well, "The Mayor is here! The Mayor is here! The Mayor is here!" and the Mayor got up and basically told them that it was not their business, it is between us and them (the Board of Education). If we dig on your property in front of your home we will do anything you want, we owe you that. They are worrying about basketball courts and we were not even done digging out the dirt at that point. One lady said that the project will not be done before October; well it got done last week as we predicted.

Councilwoman Soyka: I see it as a much needed project too late. I mean not too late really, I mean it should have been done years ago.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thirty years ago probably.

Councilwoman Soyka: It should have been done because of the safety hazard of dropping those kids off were horrendous while my kids were going there.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Well Marie we tried to address this about ten years ago when Dr. Kacalski was here and he wanted nothing to do with it, the Superintendent. He was a nice man, a very

good guy to work with but at the time he wanted nothing to do with it. So we said fine, we will stop. We had just done Hehnly because that was backing up onto Raritan Road, so we brought it down to Shadow Lane. We wanted to do Valley but they didn't want it. We were talking about it because that area in the Third Ward was getting killed with traffic in the morning.

Next year we are going to look at Kumpf, that won't be major that is a lot of moving and little bit and some line striping, because there is not a lot that you could do there either. I have had discussion with the Clark Police, they don't want left turns out of there and I believe that you have to make lefts out of there because if you don't, then don't bother and just leave it the way it is. You are still backing up from Madison Hill Road to the driveway, both lanes, and you can't get an emergency vehicle down there. My thing is to put a crossing guard there, let them go left, let them go right to Madison Hill. You have to have a crossing guard at the entrance like you do now and work with each other. Do you know what I mean? So you don't have backups. We are still arguing about that, the police and I, a friendly argument.

Councilman Mazzarella: It gets backed up pretty bad.

Mayor Bonaccorso: So we are looking at that too. Other than that everything else is underway.

The last branch pick-up will be September.

Leaf pick-up will be here. I was down in Rahway today and I saw the Public Works girl down there and she told me that all of the brine stuff is in from all of the other towns. They are going to put out the purchase order and get that going.

Enjoy the summer.

Councilwoman Albanese: No comments.

Councilman Barr: No comment.

Councilman Mazzarella: I wanted to ask Sal a question. I have been walking around my ward, especially around Armstrong, and Hillside, and because of comments that were online that there were a few vehicle break-ins. I was telling them to please lock their car and if you see anything done hesitate to call. Do you have any updates? Did they catch anyone?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Nothing was broken into, there were doors left unlocked. One of our police officers lives up there and he left his door unlocked. That night we got hit with 22 (car break-ins) and Woodbridge got hit with about 30 something (car break-ins). A group is kind of going around. The police are investigating this, they have an idea from what I am hearing, and that is all I know. They are looking at a person as one of the people. What was taken out of the cars was basically loose change, maybe a pair of sunglasses; you know one person left an iPod or something. You know like Chief Scherb said...look they are on foot, it is quiet, it is quick, and it is in the middle of the night. There is no breaking in they just tried the doors. The other thing that we had last year one time, and I think that they caught the guy, was what they do is when it is cold everyone runs outside and starts their car and goes back inside. They drive down the street

and they see a car started they jump in and take off. Regardless of what you hear on TV, the economy is still not good out there. There are people out of work, there are junkies out there, that if they could grab \$2.00 in change from this car and \$3.00 in change from that car, a dollar here, before you know it they could go out and buy a bag of junk. So the Chief said like yeah it happened but this is something that should not happen because if people would just, as he said to me, just take their remote from their living room window if they forget and hit the button then we wouldn't have this problem. There are two detectives that are working diligently on this because they are a little upset that this happened and they want to grab this guy, or guys.

Councilman Mazarella: Thank you.

Councilman O'Connor: I wanted to say to the Mayor and Business Administrator that it was a nice job getting all the work done before school started especially since you were challenged at the meeting and it was said that you wouldn't have it done.

A quick funny story about the cars, years and years ago my mom left her car running outside of Quick Chek on a cold day, when she came outside it was gone. She called the police and they found her car at Dunkin Donuts.

(Laughter)

Mayor Bonaccorso: Like I said, look, our town is relatively safe; it has been that way forever. It doesn't matter who the Mayor or who the Council is we have always had a safe town here. In today's world things are changing and you have to be a little bit smarter about what you do. One guy saw his interior light on at 3:00am, and he called the police. The lieutenant said to me that if you get one then you get at least seven (break-ins). He said that he went home at 4:30 in the morning on my shift, called in the next morning when I woke up and they said there were like 22 (break-ins). He was stunned at that number.

Councilman Smith: Ralph put together a report on the Summer Recreation Program and the numbers for the last 9 years have gone up from 664 children up to 1082 this year that is a significant increase. There is a list of 90-100 things that he offers the kids every day. That is a tremendous program. At the end of the day they added a little bit of money which I assume goes back into the kiddie for next year or throughout the year.

Mr. Laezza: Ralph does have his own slush fund.

Councilman Smith: The pool officially closed yesterday but it is open this weekend for the first time, they are opening on Saturday and Sunday. Afterwards Ralph told the manager Kozlowski to make sure that all of the money is deposited so then you can have the final numbers. We are having a Pool Utility Meeting on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. At that point I hope to have all the numbers and then at the next Workshop Meeting I will have a recap for everybody.

Councilwoman Soyka: Nothing at this time other than Valley Road, thank you. I see it as a really good project, safely first for the children.

Mayor Bonaccorso: The first day or two more people drop off. Even if you and your neighbor car pool, you would still want to bring your child the first day to school. Some parents, I have got to say, God love them, and look, we all love our kids and we are all excited and careful over them but I mean they have to open up the back of the SUV.

Councilman O'Connor: Sal, it happens at the high school.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I know and I am thanking God that my daughter is driving this year.

Council President Toal: I did my annual Labor Day walk through the pool which was sad because Rich wasn't there, he was always there. The residents were happy with the results. The only issue was the ages of the little kids and the diaper issue. The one side of the pool was just going crazy still on that issue and that still has to be addressed by the pool committee.

Councilman Smith: We lowered it (the age).

Council President Toal: Go up, down or whatever has to be done with the pool committee.

Councilman Smith: Go down to zero.

Council President Toal: That was the only issue out of the entire season.

Mayor Bonaccorso: The problem is that if you lower it and a Tootsie Roll comes out you have to close the pool. It is true.

Council President Toal: That was the only issue that was really on people's minds.

Councilman Smith: We did lower the age to two years old, I believe. But it is mandatory that if you are not potty trained you have to wear a diaper. It is a tough thing to police because they can say that so and so is potty trained and they are really not.

Council President Toal: Again the citizens that were there were all happy, they had a good season, they enjoyed the facility. Again, that is a reflection on you both for your efforts and administrations. I am a fish out of water there, I don't go there that much, my mom did for many years. I had spoken to the Mayor about Mildred Terrace and the concerns that will be sent to traffic (Traffic Advisory Committee). I will have them look at issues over there so that the residents know that we are responding to their concerns.

Mr. Laezza: One resident on Orchard Terrace come in, he wanted a street light. I gave him my usual speech that he has to ask his neighbors to sign up if they want a street light. All the neighbors signed off so we will contract PSE&G to put a new street light up.

Township Clerk: I just want to remind everyone about September 11, 2014, at 8:45 am at James Nelson Memorial Park. Also, September 17<sup>th</sup> is the Senior BBQ.

Mayor Bonaccorso: The 911 ceremony we will start at about 9:15am or so, it is a fifteen minute ceremony.

Motion to go into private was made by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Barr

Council President directed roll call:  
Ayes: Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, Smith, Soyka, Toal  
Any Opposed: Nay

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION 14 -124

**WHEREAS** Section three (3) of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS** this public body is of the opinion that circumstances presently exist; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Council wish to discuss:

Personnel Matters – Police Department

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the subject matter of this meeting will be released when the reasons for discussion and action on it in closed session no longer exists.

Council President Toal directed roll call;  
Ayes: Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, Smith, Soyka, Toal

Time: 7:58pm Workshop Meeting Resumed: 8:09pm

Motion to resume Workshop Meeting made by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Toal directed roll call;  
Ayes: Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, Smith, Soyka, Toal

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Toal directed roll call;  
Ayes: Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, Smith, Soyka, Toal

ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
October 6, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Soyka, Toal  
Absent: Smith

Also Present: Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Howard Lesnik, Acting Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

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**PROPOSED ORDINANCE:**

1. **Proposed sign change at Brant Avenue and the Garden State Parkway Circle merge; from a Yield Sign to a Stop Sign**

Discussion:

Councilwoman Soyka: I know that they are going to change this to a "STOP" sign and at first I said you know what, it's a good idea because I have been cut off many times over there. And then I started to think about it and someone was mentioning to me about traffic backing up because it is a stop sign. I just recently have been in Westfield, clearly a number of times, and going around the circle in Westfield they have the traffic has to yield to the circle.

Council President Toal: Correct.

Councilwoman Soyka: Wouldn't that be a little bit more productive than making it a stop sign because people will stop and the traffic will back up.

Mr. Laezza: First of all Westfield is local traffic.

Councilwoman Soyka: Right this is County.

Mr. Laezza: This is County, this is the Parkway, this is the State, and this is a combination. Our Traffic Lieutenant Mike Pollock has basically reviewed this and there would be no backup because a stop is a stop. We hope that they will come to a stop; most of them have a running stop

anyway. But at least we have it, if there's somebody gets kills we will have somebody to blame for it. Basically it is a safety issue with regard to Lieutenant Pollock and that is his business.

Councilwoman Soyka: I agree.

Mr. Laezza: That's his business and we accept his business.

Councilwoman Soyka: What are the other roads like?

Councilman O'Connor: I was going to say that there is already a stop on the Valley Road side and that doesn't back up.

Councilwoman Soyka: Yes it does.

Councilman O'Connor: They have the other lane and they can go around.

Councilwoman Soyka: Those going on the Parkway have access but the ones going into the circle wait, and I speak from experience.

Can I ask one other question?

Mr. Laezza: Sure.

Councilwoman Soyka: Who is going to monitor this because obviously the property is DOT or County, I don't know, Clark?

Mr. Laezza: Clark.

Councilwoman Soyka: Clark is going to monitor?

Mr. Laezza: Clark monitors all of the roads whether they have County Police or State Police, it is Clark's town, it is a Clark road, it is Clark's stop sign. The County has got to give us permission to put a stop sign there. So we already have asked the County for permission. We can't introduce this Ordinance until the County gives us permission.

Councilwoman Soyka: Which is what we have.....

Mr. Laezza: We have not gotten that permission yet, we are just asking.

Township Clerk: We are still waiting for a response but we expect a response before October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Proposed Ordinance.

Mover: Toal                      Second: Mazzarella

**RESOLUTIONS:**

2.     Authorizing the submission of applications for funding for the Year 41 Community Development Block Grant Program (Required public hearing to be held October 20, 2014)

Discussion: None

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Resolution.

Mover: Barr                      Second: Toal

3.     Amending Resolution 14-91 which authorized a Cooperative Agreement with Union County to establish a legal mechanism for the County to apply for, receive and distribute federal funds through the CDBG program

Discussion:

Township Clerk: They gave us the original format for the Resolution and then they reviewed it and said that it was not adequate, so they sent all of the Clerks the corrections.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Resolution.

Mover: Barr                      Second: Toal

4.     **Council as Pool Utility:**  
         Authorizing Adoption of the Clark Community Pool Advisory Board By-Laws as amended

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: The Pool Advisory Board requested a number of changes in their Advisory Board Bylaws. Since they are an Advisory Board per say, this is how they want to hold their meetings. Councilman Smith sent them to me for review and in looking at it; it basically is how they run their meetings. It has no specific detail changes other than the type of personnel that could be on the committee. Obviously there were members of the committee that were not members of the pool. So to now be a member of the committee you have to be at least a member of the pool for three years. They set the meeting times for six times a year, they put a specific time period, they put a number of quorums, and types of committees, and how they would like their officers....it is just their committee for their purposes but you as a governing body have to accept their bylaws for their advisory committee.

Council President Toal: I spoke to Councilman Smith earlier today on this matter, he knew he was not going to be in attendance this evening and he asked that the council move this action for the benefit of the Clark Pool.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on this Resolution.

Mover: Soyka                      Second: Albanese

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

5.      Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund and/or transfer overpayment of 2013 taxes

Discussion: None

6.      Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply sewer account balance adjustments in the amount of \$286.56

Discussion: None

7.      Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of sewer fees in the amount of \$225.14

Discussion: None

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

Mover: O'Connor                      Second: 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 opened the meeting to the public

Delia Collins, 72 Georgia Street: I was addressing the Council; we have had some problems at Linden Animal Shelter again. They put it out there that they were going to close on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September so everyone was scrambling to get the animals out before that because the fate of these animals was in peril. It was a day by day situation in Linden just to let the citizens of Clark and the Council (be) aware. They could say that they want them out of there tomorrow. We have been told by the Department of Health that they will let us know when they need these animals out. I just want to stress to Mr. Laezza to let us know when this new contract may be presented to the Township. Also the Department of Health can go in there and say that they are closed and to get out, and these animals will have to go somewhere. There could be a Clark animal there, in Linden. I don't know if this is the proper place to find out. Does Linden have to abide by the Clark contract if they go to another facility before December 31<sup>st</sup>?

Mr. Laezza: We have a contract with them and the contract is still valid with them and if they close we will have the ability to take care of the animals subsequent to their closing.

Delia Collins: I am sorry; could you repeat the last part of that?

Mr. Laezza: If the Department of Health closes them, and they have not yet closed them down, we will have a facility to take care of them.

Delia Collins: You are not at liberty to say that at this point?

Mr. Laezza: It doesn't make any difference.

Delia Collins: It sure does.

Mr. Laezza: We are ready to contract in January 2015.

Delia Collins: Right, but when I was at the last Public Meeting you had said that it had to be brought before the Council at a Workshop Meeting.

Mr. Laezza: It will be when the time comes.

Delia Collins: Okay, but what I am trying to get at is say they mandate them to be closed....

Mayor Bonaccorso: Delia we are going to find the best available place that will accept the animals on that short notice.

Delia Collins: Okay.

Mayor Bonaccorso: That is all that we can do.

Delia Collins: Right. Your best may not be....

Mayor Bonaccorso: We are the ones that make that decision.

Delia Collins: Right but we have the right to input.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We will always welcome that but if they close us now..... say that we get a call tomorrow morning that they are closing by Friday and we have to get on the phone and scramble, I certainly am not going to call a Township Public Meeting to find out where the dogs and animals should go, we wouldn't have that time.

Delia Collins: Alright, that is your opinion.

Mayor Bonaccorso: It is my opinion but it is realistic.

Delia Collins: It is not realistic when you have the animals down there that were picked up by the town, hopefully there will not be any, there seems to be none from Clark down there now. I am just saying that if they were taken from Linden to a facility other than...

Mr. Laezza: Respectfully Ms. Collins, we are just as concerned about the animals as you are and we will take care of them as we deem is our responsibility.

Delia Collins: Who will have that information if it does happen?

Mr. Laezza: Probably my office.

Delia Collins: What if it is a Saturday or Sunday?

Mr. Laezza: We won't call you; we will make that decision Saturday or Sunday.

Delia Collins: I'm sorry?

Mr. Laezza: We will make that decision Saturday or Sunday. We are on call 24 hours a day.

Delia Collins: Right. The Chief will know, right?

Mr. Laezza: Somebody will know.

Delia Collins: And Nancy will know?

Mr. Laezza: Yes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Nancy is all over it, I told you that.

Delia Collins: I understand that. It is just the point that they did this to us two weeks ago, and they could do this to us tomorrow.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Delia we understand it is a little crazy situation.

Delia Collins: So if it was your pet I think that you would be concerned.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We are concerned Delia but your opinion may be different from ours.

Delia Collins: I pay my taxes too.

Council President Toal: Yes you do.

Delia Collins: So do a lot of other people in town.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We all understand that.

Council President Toal: Thank you very much Ms. Collins.

Council President Toal asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

Motion: O'Connor                      Second: Albanese

Council President Toal directed roll call: All ayes  
Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Soyka, Toal

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: Thank you Mr. President. Leaf clean-up will start on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and that will be all wards. The first week of November will be ward one and two; the second week will be three and four etc. and so on, right through the calendar. I will say to you that depending on Mother Nature and what she has in store for us we never know until it starts happening; it would be safe to say that if we start a clean-up on the 27<sup>th</sup> our target date for doing the whole town a last time would be the week of December 8<sup>th</sup>. That is if the leaves all drop, if they don't, then we continue to go around.

There will be no branches of any kind in the leaves. If we pick them, we dump them in the yard, we load them on the trailer, they go to the dump facility and they dump. If a branch pops out they load the trailer and send the entire load back to Clark. So any branches that the citizens try to put in the piles will be left on their lawns until the next branch clean-up. That is the way that it has been for a long, long time and that is the way it has to be under that mandate from our dump facility.

The Bulk Clean-up will end the last week of the month, October.

Our total focus will be on leaf collection, as it always is, for the month of November.

I was contacted by Marie a week ago or so, ten days ago, about the Rahway Park situation. The County of Union has spent some money in Rahway; they are putting a turf football field out in the center of the park. They are also putting two soccer fields down there across from Rita's and the Rahway Ice and the Rahway Hospital, they are putting that in with the City of Rahway. We had some 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward residents.....I have talked to some, and in the meantime I spoke to the Mayor of Rahway and Freeholder Al Mirabella, and both people I am still in the talking stage with. They are cooperating and trying to work with our community the best way they know how. The County owns the park, it is in the City of Rahway, and they didn't need Clark's permission to do this. I was a little surprised. I heard earlier this year that they were supposed to do it but I didn't hear when. Then all of a sudden, subsequently to Marie's phone call to me, I heard about it the same time. They are also doing a project down in Warnaco Park. I did speak to a representative, a resident representative down in the Saint Germaine area and as I explained to him that this is a done deal. They went out to bid and unfortunately they may be starting sooner rather than later. I said the best thing that we could do is hopefully talk to the County Freeholder Mirabella, who I have done a lot of work with in my tenure as Mayor, he said to me that he would be glad to work with us to try and satisfy the citizens as humanly possible. I was talking to him about berms and things of that nature and to let us know what the curfew time looks like. It sounds like it is going to be five football games a year and there could be other things there. With soccer fields right here on Westfield (Avenue) also going in I don't know if there won't be soccer. He thinks that soccer is going to be played more there also. So the thing is that they told me that they would be happy in any way, shape or form to work with the Township of Clark to try and satisfy our

residents' needs. So hopefully we will be having that conversation a lot sooner than later. The Freeholder and the Mayor said that they would be glad to get back to me and discuss it further. That is my report, thank you.

Councilwoman Albanese: No comment.

Councilman Barr: I just have a safety message from the fire department and I will repeat it at the Public Meeting. You are starting your furnaces now or if you have already, or you haven't, check it. You will see that through the summer the top of the furnace and especially the stack there is an awful lot of dust that builds up, take a damp cloth and go over your furnace and the stack and you will be surprised what you see on that. What builds up on there could be a fire hazard. If you have started it wait until it is off and cooled and then wipe it off.

Councilman Mazzarella: I also will be talking about this at the Public Meeting but for the people that are here I will mention that there have been some complaints from the residents about solicitors coming to their doors. They are wondering who they are and all of that, and quite frankly they are frightened. I told the residents that if they feel threatened in any way, call the police department they will come down and they will check it out, it is as simple as that. I mean don't just sit there and be frightened and not do anything. If you hear or see anything don't hesitate to call the police department they will come right down.

The other thing that I wanted to mention is John, when do you think, do you have a guess when you are going to be evaluating the roads that are going to be overlaid for the 2015? I am asking because there are a couple of roads that I would like to have you look at for an evaluation or consideration.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Send them in, put them in writing and send them in to John.

Councilman Mazzarella: Do you know when you are going to start looking at them?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Soon.

Councilman Mazzarella: Soon, okay.

Mr. Laezza: We are preparing the operating budget presently and we are preparing the capital budget for next year so I need the request in so we can make a determination as to the cost of each of those roads and what we can afford.

Councilman Mazzarella: And if they are going to be reconstruction or just overlay? Okay.

Councilman O'Connor: Every ward has got roads and you kind of spoke for everyone.

I got a call today from a resident regarding solicitors as well. People are being aware of solicitors coming around and are nervous.

Mr. Laezza: May I respond to that Council President?

Council President Toal: Yes sir.

Mr. Laezza: We are aware of it. You know as the Council that we passed an Ordinance, no soliciting from dawn till dusk (dusk till dawn). There are environmentalists that think they are above everything and they believe that they can come in at any hour. They have gotten court rulings that said that they can go until 9:00 any night no matter what our Ordinance says.

Councilman O'Connor: Freedom of speech correct?

Mr. Laezza: We talked to the attorney today and he will look at those court rulings and he will get back to us before next week to make a determination as to where we are going in relation to enforcing our Ordinance.

Councilman Mazzarella: But that shouldn't stop any of the residents if they feel threatened they should call the police.

Mr. Laezza: Anyone should always call the police.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Freedom of speech is great and we told them why don't they do it from dawn to dusk? They feel to get their message out that they don't have a problem knocking on people's door when it is dark. They made a comment that obviously we don't care about clean water. No, we care about our residents' safety first. So let's see where it goes, I have an idea but we will talk about it later.

Councilman O'Connor: I just wanted to say, John again very nice job with the Best Practices and again having the town save all the money that we are. More importantly the administration, specifically you and your department do a really nice job making sure that checks and balances are in place and to make sure that the town stays financially secure, so thank you.

Mr. Laezza: We are not perfect but we try.

Councilwoman Albanese: Is there going to be a water clean-up this fall? There have not been any announcements and I have been asked by people. When is the date?

Council President Toal: We have no date as of yet because the Environmental Chairman lost his mom so we are giving him a little bit of time.

Mr. Laezza: It is usually in the middle of October.

Council President Toal: Usually it is in the middle of October. We are just trying to get Mr. Koch back, there was a long time illness there and we just wanted to give him some space. We will have an answer for you by the Public Meeting.

Councilwoman Soyka: I would like to ask the Mayor a few questions if I may about the football field that we discussed on the phone.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right.

Councilwoman Soyka: It is my understanding that after having discussions with the Rahway Business Administrator that the parking problem will not be discussed until a later day is that correct?

Mayor Bonaccorso: I don't know that answer for sure Marie. I am only going by; as I said we are going to have other discussions. The parking issue is their issue obviously. They are going to obviously do what they want. They are talking about as we talked about some five thousand seat stadium. I spoke to a councilman in Rahway and subsequently I spoke to the Mayor. The biggest rivalry that Johnson and Rahway has ever had was 1500 people there.

Councilwoman Soyka: What it is technically is that the bleachers will hold approximately is 2500 on one side and 2500 on the other side totaling 5000 people. They said that the players will be bussed in. However, the people that come there and park..... parking in Rahway park is at a premium now if there is an event. The overflow into the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward coming up to where I live, where you were yesterday, gets really hectic because our streets are small and if you park two cars you can only get one car through, you are lucky if you do sometimes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right, I agree. I don't know Marie if they are going to go that far or if they are going to stay and pack them on the street.

Councilwoman Soyka: I don't know, I thought that you might know.

Mayor Bonaccorso: This is what we are trying to find out. The remedies, as far as things of that nature are easy and we could put them in place as we go forward. First I would like to have more of a comprehensive conversation with these people to see what they are thinking.

Councilwoman Soyka: Absolutely.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I agree with you that parking in Rahway Park is at a complete premium. To start parking cars on the lawn doesn't make sense, what if it gets wet? How far on Saint Georges Avenue? Down by the falls there, there isn't even a lot of parking; I mean that would be a pretty far hike.

Councilwoman Soyka: They do that Sal, when there are activities I have seen them.

Mayor Bonaccorso: If they have to I am sure that they can. Like I said, we can remedy those situations once we find out what way it is going. I mean irrespective of everything we wouldn't be able to do anything.....we can't put any new Ordinances up in November or December because of the change of government. It would have to be something that we address at the first of the year in anticipation of the following fall to do that. Marie, like I said to one of the residents, I mean, the unknown is usually more nerve wracking than once you know. There are a lot of things that we think may or may not happen and we have to be prepared to address them as needed. People are saying that traffic is going to pick up on Valley Road, and of course we

understand that possibly. We drive through other towns to do things in their communities. If this is the way it is going to be we will have a police officer on duty, we will handle it.

Councilwoman Soyka: I asked the Rahway Business Administrator and he told me that the Rahway Chief of Police is going to meet with the County. I asked her to include our Chief as well so that he would be up on what is going on and then he could let us know.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right now, again Marie, both entities were very kind and friendly and are willing to work with us. Freeholder Mirabella is a personal friend so I think that whenever Al told me anything his word has always been great. He said to Al that he would absolutely work with you and the Clark community to make sure that any impact is as minimal as possible. I think that it is all we can ask for. Mayor Steinman is a nice man he seems very genuine and he also said the same thing. So as we get rolling forward with that we will have our Chief speak to the.....he knows the Chief very well, the County Police and we will just keep working here. To me if you are going to put a field in there, I don't want to see a stadium; a stadium is what I think of as MetLife.

Councilwoman Soyka: That is proposed for later on.

Mayor Bonaccorso: They are going to put a field house and bathrooms in there as part of it that I do know.

Councilwoman Soyka: Where?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Near the field.

Councilwoman Soyka: It should be.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yeah, that is where you would have a field house. Johnson doesn't have a field house, we have a gym. If you look at a lot of the fields in Union County unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on where you live and what you are thinking, they are all abutting into residential neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Soyka: Oh yeah.

Mayor Bonaccorso: So it has been dealt with in other communities. We will always see what we can do to make the least impact. I told some of the residents that the best approach to do right now is....It is a done deal, they are not changing that, it is not happening. They have already gone out to bid and awarded a contract.

Councilwoman Soyka: Then how come we didn't know about this Sal?

Mayor Bonaccorso: They didn't have to tell us Marie.

Councilwoman Soyka: Rahway Park has two entrances, one from Saint Georges Avenue...

Mayor Bonaccorso: They don't have to tell us what goes on in the park....

Councilwoman Soyka: But our residents up at the park....

Mayor Bonaccorso: It is not a Planning Board issue where they had to notify anybody. It is not a Zoning Board issue where they had to notify anybody.

Councilwoman Soyka: Still what bothers me is that I read in the paper about Warnaco Park. Warnaco Park is very large, I don't know what the diameter is or the mileage is, and I also read about Oak Ridge, I read nothing at all about Rahway Park until I heard it, and then I made some calls and I called you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Marie if you remember back a couple of months ago they were looking to put the.....there was a conversation about the Union County College Soccer Team. One day I wake up and I hear that this is coming to Clark. Anyway, I called the County Manager Al Faella, he is a very nice man, and I said, "Al, we have always had a real good relationship in Clark with the County, what is going on with this soccer field?" he said, "Nothing." I said that I read all of these blurbs about it coming and he said, "Sal, we were at meeting in Cranford last night, and Cranford was talking about cutting down seven hundred trees which would really change water table blah, blah, blah, all this stuff.", and to make a long story short he said that somebody got up and asked about Oak Ridge Park and we said, "Fine, great, we (the County) will talk look at it and talk about it." So he said that, that is as far as it is. No a couple of the blogs or whatever you call them already had it as a done deal. He said that he will let us know as a host community, and I think that is key, "as a host community" what is going to go in your town and that we would have input. I had said that it was all that I could ask for. I called him about a month later about another issue, a construction issue, and he said, "Oh, by the way, nothing is happening at the park yet, nothing more to that conversation." I said, "Okay." So I don't know Marie, the only thing that I could think of is that we are not the host community, that Rahway is, that they are doing this for the City of Rahway, for their field. They did not need to go before a board to get it approved so that is why I don't think we heard anything about it.

Councilwoman Soyka: Okay.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I am at the point right now that I am certainly not going to kick dirt in anybody's face because I want to work with those entities and do the best thing for the residents in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward area.

Councilwoman Soyka: Absolutely.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I am not going to go in screaming, "Why didn't I know!" I didn't know because I didn't have to know. That is their job. That is their decision. Now that I do know it is on the table so let's talk about what we can do so the residents down there can feel pretty good about it. That is my pledge to them, I will try to do that and be in touch with these individuals. I have seen both the Mayor and the Freeholder as always being more willing to work with the community so I don't see any reason that it shouldn't happen this time. We are in there and we will work for them.

Councilwoman Soyka: Well we will see what happens with the parking because it is going to be a problem.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I agree. I am disappointed to hear that I just (inaudible) that parking would go hand in hand.

Councilwoman Soyka: I was hoping it would be. I mean if they are going to do this, do it right.

Mayor Bonaccorso: I agree. They have some little lots but not enough by any means.

Councilwoman Soyka: No, not enough.

Mayor Bonaccorso: So we will work on it and I will be on it for the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward, and anything, as a Councilwoman, I will be more than glad to share with you and vice versa.

Councilwoman Soyka: Absolutely.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Why not.

Councilwoman Soyka: Okay, thank you.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Anytime.

Council President Toal: I am just going to finish up by saying that I was doing doors on Sunday and a few of the residents on Mildred Terrace and the Madison Hill Road corners....I am sending a letter off to the Administration to have the Police Department and Traffic take another look at Mildred Terrace to see if any upgrades could be made on traffic safety, speeding cars, etc. etc. You can go down a litany on the different issues on that intersection, especially with the school and times. I am going to ask the experts to look at it and I will let the residents know that we are going to take another look at that issue and that area for safety.

Again, doing doors and saying hello to some wonderful people.

I am also going to put together another letter for Kathryn Street and Fischer Place for road reconstruction as soon as possible, especially Kathryn Street because it is a cut through street. That is on behalf of the residents who are complaining on a regular basis to me. I know that the other council members have their street and we must take care of our constituents as we are supposed to.

Township Clerk: I have nothing tonight.

Howard Lesnik: We can go into Private when the Mayor is ready.

Motion to go into private was made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor.

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Any Opposed: Nay

**EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION 14-134**

**WHEREAS** Section three (3) of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS** this public body is of the opinion that circumstances presently exist; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Council wish to discuss:

Personnel Legal Matters

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the subject matter of this meeting will be released when the reasons for discussion and action on it in closed session no longer exists.

Council President Toal directed roll call:

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

Time: 8:13pm

Workshop Meeting Resumed: 8:19pm

Motion to resume Workshop Meeting made by Councilman Barr, Seconded by Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Toal directed roll call:

Ayes: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Soyka, Toal

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Albanese, seconded by Councilman O'Connor

Council President Toal directed roll call:

Ayes: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Soyka, Toal

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.  
November 5, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

Also Present: Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Joseph Triarsi, Township Attorney; Theresa Mazzaella, Acting Township Clerk

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

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 the successor publisher to The Clark Patriot 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.

(Dispensed)

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Seeking approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the amount of \$3,874.05 for the Body Armor Grant

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: We have a grant for bullet proof vests; we are amending our budget and putting it on the expenditures side. There is no effect on property taxes.

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

Motion: Entire Council          Second: Entire Council

2. Release of the Surety Bond to Hull-Vicci Construction Corp. for work completed at Fire Station 2

Discussion:

Mr. Laezza: The construction of the Raritan Road Firehouse has been complete and we are returning the surety bond to the contractor.

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

Motion: Barr          Second: Mazzaella

3. Appointing Amalgamated General Agencies of Westfield as the Township's Risk Management Consultant and Authorizing the Mayor and/or the Business Administrator to execute an agreement for the year 2015

Discussion: None

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

Motion: O'Connor Second: Albanese

4. Authorizing the Mayor and/or Business Administrator to execute a Lease Agreement with T-Mobile for the Operation of a Wireless Telecommunications Monopole

Discussion: None

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

Motion: Soyka Second: Smith

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

5. Authorizing the Clark Special Events Committee and the Department of Recreation to conduct a Community Bonfire

Discussion: None

6. Approving the Council Meeting Calendar for 2015

Discussion: None

7. Approving the 2015 Holiday Schedule

Discussion: None

Council President Toal asked for a mover and seconded on the Consent Agenda

Mover: Barr Second: Smith

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 opens the meeting to the public

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

Council President Toal directed roll call: All ayes

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: No comment.

Mr. Laezza: No comment.

Councilwoman Albanese: No comment.

Councilman Barr: No comment.

Councilman Mazzarella: No comment.

Councilman O'Connor: No comment.

Councilman Smith: Congratulations to the candidates that won.

Councilwoman Soyka: Congratulations to everybody. It was a long day for everybody I am sure. I wish you well.

Councilman Toal: Steven (Hund), Steven, you are now councilman elect; it changes things a little bit, especially your time and scheduling. Welcome aboard and we will see you on January 1<sup>st</sup> when you are sworn in. Again,

Marie, we will talk to you about all of this in December.

Councilwoman Soyka: Of course.

Chief Scherb: No comment.

Acting Clerk Theresa Mazzarella: No comment.

Council President Toal asked for a motion to adjourn

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

ROLL CALL: All Ayes

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

ADJOURNMENT



**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
430 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK, N.J.**

**December 1, 2014**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members Albanese, Barr, Mazzaella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

Also Present: Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor; John Laezza, Business Administrator; Howard Lesnik, Acting Township Attorney; Edith Merkel, Township Clerk.

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

Dispensed

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.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Confirming the re-appointment of Municipal Court Judge Antonio Inacio, term of office January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017

Discussion:

Council President Toal: Ladies and gentleman, Judge Inacio grew up here in Clark, homebred and an ALJ alumni class of 77'. He is one of our friends and a friend to this community and to the State of New Jersey.

Mayor Bonaccorso: You said a lot of nice things but you forgot one thing; he is the best Municipal Judge probably in the State of New Jersey. And that has been told to me by attorneys from both sides of the political aisle.... about what a great job how he runs his courtroom with fairness. And I will say it publicly but I remember one day I was in court, years ago, and some 16-year-old took her father's car and went for a joy ride and got caught. And I will never forget how he handled that. He of course spoke to the young lady and gave her the whole law, etc. and so on, but without reprimanding her or belittling her he asked her if she had a job. She said that she did, and he gave her a fine of like back then \$150.00, this was years ago. I might have even been on council at the time. And he turned around and said to her, "so you work?" she said, "yeah I work in Burger King" He said, "fine, so you go out to the court window and set up a payment plan up for once a week, I do not want your mother and father's check. I don't care if you pay me five dollars a week; you have to pay it back". And I thought that was just something that always stuck with me on the kind of person he is. So, he's a great, great municipal judge and a great guy as you said.

Council President Toal: Absolutely, he is a friend to all.

Councilwoman Soyka: Everything that Sal said I am in total agreement with, I have known Tony Inacio a long time, he was appointed when I was on council back in the 90's. You couldn't ask for a fairer and more honest judge. He treated everybody with respect regardless of their creed, their color, whatever. And I just think that this is good.

Mayor Bonaccorso: He has been on this bench for a lot of years now and it is well deserved.

Councilwoman Soyka: I agree.

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

Mover: Entire Council Second: Entire Council

2. Action regarding the Pilgrim Pipeline upon the recommendation of the Environmental Commission

Discussion:

Council President Toal: Okay, I am going to be speaking on this now for the community. As the liaison to the Environmental Commission, and I know that the Mayor has comments after that, we will be going as the Environmental Commission up to Chatham on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December to voice our objections to this.

Township Clerk: You are going on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Toal: For the record we are going on the 8<sup>th</sup>. We are going out to voice our objections on record to the ones that are proprietor and the group that is running the open forum on behalf of the Township of Clark. There will be a proposed resolution of objection from the Township of Clark by this council and Mayor. It will be on the record for the 15<sup>th</sup> correct?

Township Clerk: Yes.

Council President Toal: We will be putting up formal public opposition to anything like this in our community and those communities that are affected by this proposal, which in my opinion is asinine. We do not want this in Clark. I will just say this, never!

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

Mover: Entire Council Second: Entire Council

3. Appointing Michael Fabijanczuk as a member of the Clark Volunteer Fire Department

Discussion: None

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

Mover: Barr Second: Mazzarella

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

4. Resolutions awarding professional services contracts through a fair and open process for 2015: RFPs will be open on December 3, 2014 at 10:00 am in Room 30

- A. Auditor
- B. Engineering Services
- C. Labor Attorney
- D. Bond Counsel
- E. Special Counsel and Director of Law

Township Clerk: Every year we send out requests for proposals for professional services. So, there will be resolutions of award hopefully for an auditor, engineering services, labor attorney, bond counsel and special counsel and director of law.

5. Appointing Special Police Officers effective January 1, 2015
6. Authorizing the Police Chief to issue Clothing Bin permits for the year 2015
7. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to apply a sewer account balance adjustment in the amount of \$12,130.83
8. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund overpayment of Sewer fees in the amount of \$173.25
9. Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund and/or transfer overpayment of 2013 and 2014 taxes

Council President Toal: Any questions on the Consent Agenda Resolutions?

Mayor Bonaccorso: I have a question for the Chief. Chief the two D.A.R.E. bins outside here, down by the tennis courts, I am getting complaints from some of the neighbors. And one of the questions was asked if there's any chance, we could move them somewhere. It has gotten better as you and I have talked about in the past, they went from four bins to two. But from time to time when they were full people will still stuff things in the bin and go. And you know I'm trying to solve the problem and I have another solution possibly but. John and I were talking the other day and he is figuring, do you think it would be well served if we put it behind your building somewhere by like the DPW fence, by the gas pumps or something like that. And even if we just maybe get a little sign made saying "we have now moved to". What do you think? Be honest, do you have room back there?

Chief Scherb: Well, the room back there will probably end up...because Jerry Fewkes has all his equipment back there. So, we could always put them back by the gas pumps, back in that area.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes, somewhere where it is visible. But the other thing I'm thinking too Al is that your whole lot has a camera.

Chief Scherb: Correct.

Mayor Bonaccorso: So, if someone did leave garbage, debris, we also would have it on camera.

Chief Scherb: Yes.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Alright maybe one day this week you and I will take a walk back there.

Chief Scherb: No problem. I mean the clothing bins every year when they do the application of renewal, they have to get a letter from the owner of the property allowing them to have it.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Right.

Chief Scherb: So, with this it would be the Township property we could advise them that they are going to have to relocate it to a different location.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Honestly, I was thinking about that if we can't find a simple place that we would slide them back. It is a grass area so we could put some stone down and then I was going to put some Leland Cypress shrubs in front of it and try to kind of box it off.

Councilman O'Connor: Shield it from the road.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Shield it from the people across the street.

Chief Scherb: Those two bins are the most active in town; people just seem to go there a lot to drop off stuff.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Again, no one is at fault. I am not saying that the people that are running the bins are doing anything wrong. But you know the neighbors are like okay and you know I'm saying well maybe if we could move it and if not, I could put some greenery in front of it; it is not a big expense or a hassle but I am also thinking this way people will stop from dropping stuff like that.

Councilman O'Connor: Well, I think one of the turning points is when someone left a handicap toilet seat there. Obviously, they couldn't fit it in the bin so they just left it next door to the bin. It stayed there for a couple of days and you know it wasn't the most appealing for people to see.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Alright we will take a look Chief this week one day and see if we can find somewhere that's visible and we can make a sign saying that the bin is now located at....and we will look at it again in six month and see where it is at.

Councilman Mazzarella: Chief do you know if they pick up once a week, or once a month?

Chief Scherb: Those bins are picked once a week, sometimes twice a week.

Councilman Mazzarella: Once a week...yeah caused I noticed a lot of times when I drop off stuff over there that there is a lot of stuff on the side. You know they just pile it up because it gets filled up pretty quickly.

Township Clerk: Mr. President before you move on, on Wednesday along with the professional services RFP's we will be opening RFPs for Animal Control Services. So, if after review, if there is a suitable organization that would also be added to the agenda for the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Toal asked for a mover and second on the Consent Agenda  
Mover: Smith                      Second: Albanese

**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 opens the meeting to the public

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

Council President Toal directed roll call:

All ayes: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Bonaccorso: At the meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>, I will be making three promotions to the rank of sergeant for the police department and one detective to the Youth Aid Bureau, and one to the Traffic Bureau. The Chief and myself and John have sat down and kind of reshuffled the deck a little bit. Because of retirements, number one, we are losing a bunch of sergeants. We will run the department with less people in the 2014 calendar year as far as rank of sergeant goes. It was working out well until one lieutenant and one sergeant went out on long term injury and that kind of fouled up the works. Not the fact that we haven't figured about sick time and things of that nature. But Lieutenant Concina got injured badly on an arrest and Sergeant Dougherty blew his knee. It was just more than a week or two or even a month for that matter. So, when we sat down to reshuffle the deck a little bit, we took into consideration that our supervisors were working a tremendous amount of overtime and God forbid something like that happens again next year; we don't want these guys being burnt out. So, we are going back to the TL we had in the past. It is adding two more sergeants' positions on the calendar, it covers another gap. So, it will be more cost efficiently and it will help out on the stress of the department. One of those people that are becoming a sergeant.... well, I will give you all three names, it is not a secret. One will be Christian Lott, two would be Bill Buczynski, three will be Brian Renda, Brian Soos will be going to the Youth Aid and Chris Tuccio will be going as a detective in Youth Aid, not a sergeant, and Chris Tuccio will be going to a detective in the Traffic Bureau. The detectives in the Traffic Bureau are detectives because they are people who investigate accidents and fatal accidents. It has been this way forever. I am sure that you might remember Marie, and you guys know that. (tape inaudible) and there is a \$1,500 stipend with that so it's not a lot of money. Billy comes out of Youth Aid then Patrolman Brian Soos will be going up there to handle the Clark's youth. And that is it, right; we don't have any new hires that night. The January meeting, we will have two new hires for January meeting and we are still out four people.

Councilman Mazzarella: After the hires?

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes.

Councilman Mazzarella: Wow.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We have a lot of retirements.

Councilman O'Connor: Since you are on the subject of police. I was at the festival and one of the newest officers McKeown he was high-fiving the little kids, talking to them, really trying to

establish the “police are not bad” type of environment. It was really, really nice to see. So, I wanted to publically give him props for that. So, it was a nice job he did.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Pat, I talked to Chief Scherb and we haven’t etched this in stone yet but since you are on the subject, one of the things that I want happening here when the Clark Commons opens is that I want to go to a community policing venue up there where we would have a uniformed patrol officer twice a day, one on the day shift and one on the night shift, stop, park, walk and talk, and go into every store. Say hello to the manager, ask if things are good and if they need anything. And also, because the owner of the Commons...the big thing in Clark is Westfield, all the kids go to Westfield, they all walk around Westfield. There is never any trouble, I have never heard of any trouble there. And they go to Chipoltes and Panera, Five Guys and get ice cream, they just kind of walk and hang. And that is the kind of environment that he wouldn’t mind seeing up there. That is something that I want our youth aid officer and our patrolmen to walk up and say hello to the kids. And basically, say that they are welcome to hang, pick up your papers, don’t cause any trouble and we have no reason to chase you out of here. And we will know where our kids are in our own town. And if anybody comes from other towns, like we go to other towns, our kids, they will understand that they have to respect the place and do right by it. And you know I think that it could be kind of a nice area for them. And that’s the key is to have the police officers, #1 getting to know people, seeing all of our citizens which they always do a great job anyhow, but to also talk to the kids once in a while. And I think sometimes we might be able to prevent something from happening. So, the Chief and I will work on it; that’s not until it opens but it is nice to see our guys doing that and we have so many new guys here it’s great to see them interchange and interact with the community. And a lot of the guys that we have hired through the transfer program are buying and have bought houses in the town over the last six years. So, they like working here and they want to live here and be a part of the community. You guys know that when we grew up here, we know every cop by name and they knew your father. Hopefully that will be something that the Chief and myself and John and his people can carve out and make it as a positive thing and show a nice presence in there and you know to try to deter any wise guys from trying to start anything in there.

Councilwoman Soyka: Can I ask you a question? (Mayor Bonaccorso: Sure) Years ago we used to have a federal grant to help us with getting police officers. It was kind of like a three-year thing where they would pay with a little but then we would keep the policemen.

Mayor Bonaccorso: No...you know what happened with that Marie? I don’t know if you remember back to the end but the problem with that was, is that #1 they don’t have that right now and if they are doing it, it is in urban communities more so than here. But there was a caveat if you remember that said we had to stay to our TO (table of organization), we couldn’t break that.

Councilwoman Soyka: No and that was a problem.

Mayor Bonaccorso: And we had some budgetary concerns back then. We were saying, “okay, so he is retiring in June well we won’t replace until January 1<sup>st</sup>, we will save six months with the salary”. And by that grant or sometimes it said that we had to stay one over the TO, and that was the other problem. So, like you know in some of the urban cities it is a problem....

Councilwoman Soyka: I was just curious to whether or not there was....

Mayor Bonaccorso: We haven't heard of any in a while. And like I said they have been going move towards the Homeland Security Grants and also in the urban centers, Paterson, Newark, Camden.

Councilwoman Soyka: Yeah.

Councilwoman Albanese: No comments this evening.

Councilman Barr: I just wanted to say that yesterday at the breakfast with Santa and the festivities in the evening were just super. And I got such a kick out of watching, at the breakfast, when Santa walks in and these little kids faces light up and they can't wait to talk to Santa. It was awesome.

Councilman Mazarella: Nothing.

Councilman O'Connor: My comments echo's what Councilman Barr's said.

Councilman Smith: Nothing.

Councilwoman Soyka: Nothing at this point.

Councilman Toal: Again, I had a great time yesterday. And to all of the efforts of Ralph, I know a lot of people came out. And Bill Smith was involved with decorating the cafeteria and the meeting room, great job guys. And again, you are giving something back to the community that the children will remember for tomorrow.

Township Clerk: Nothing.

Mr. Laezza: Basically, we try and get things moving towards what is going to happen in 2015, even though it is not 2015 yet. And we looked through the "Sign Ordinance" that we presently have and we noticed some problem that we had and we tightened it up a little bit and maybe added a little bit. So, what we put here is in draft form in red new proposals that we want in relationship to signs in our commercial sections area. We have moved some sections to various places in the Land Use Ordinance to better accommodate those specific names and we struck out those items that are no longer to be required to be where they are. So, I have given it to you now so that we could look at it. Basically, one of the major changes is that we have given the ability and since it is a new thing in the world, to put graphics on windows. Basically, bringing attention to the store but not making it an item like for sale, so there will be no "For Sale" signs. We also eliminated putting signs on the windows that say, "Bananas are 59 cents a pound". We think that should go away in 2015 and forward. So, there might be some concerns about in some store concerning that, probably, mainly, the ShopRite. But that is one of the things that we want to start getting rid of because in today's world there are computers, there are flyers, there are online shopping and you really don't have to put paper signs on the windows to tell what you wears are. We are trying to clean-up the town a little bit.

Councilman Mazarella: It is mostly signs and banners?

Mr. Laezza: Signs and banners, yes, and sizes of signs and the amount of space that a sign can accommodate on the building in relationship to the size of the buildings.

Councilman O'Connor: I like how you define specific words and what they mean so that there is clarity and there is no confusion.

Mr. Laezza: Correct. Right now, it's just catch is catch can and if the Construction Code Official is in good mood things get signs and get up and we don't know about it. It kind of makes it look like everybody is doing the right thing the right way.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Also, when Clark Commons comes in it is going to be classy looking buildings.

Mr. Laezza: We want to make sure that that doesn't look like the downtown area.

Mayor Bonaccorso: So that is does not look like a rummage sale.

Mr. Laezza: We hope to introduce it in January.

Mayor Bonaccorso: We can't do anything now.

Mr. Laezza: We can't do anything before the end of the year.

Township Clerk: No thank you.

Howard Lesnik: Nothing tonight.

Council President Toal: We have to go into private I believe.

Mayor Bonaccorso: Yes, we are going talk about personnel with regards to ratifying the PBA Contract.

Motion to go into private was made by Councilman O'Connor, seconded by Councilwoman Soyka

Council President Toal directed roll call: All Ayes

Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

Any Opposed: Nay

#### EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION 14-161

**WHEREAS** Section three (3) of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS** this public body is of the opinion that circumstances presently exist; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Council wish to discuss:

Personnel Matters - PBA Contract

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the subject matter of this meeting will be released when the reasons for discussion and action on it in closed session no longer exists.

Council President Toal directed roll call: All Ayes  
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

Time: 8:02 Workshop Meeting Resumed 8:20

Motion to resume Workshop Meeting made by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman O'Connor.

Council President Toal directed roll call: All Ayes  
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

Council President asked for a motion to adjourn  
A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman O'Connor, seconded Councilwoman Albanese

Council President Toal directed roll call: All Ayes  
Aye: Albanese, Barr, Mazzarella, O'Connor, Smith, Soyka, Toal

ADJOURNMENT

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