

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Ordinance No. 24 - 06

Adopted April 15, 2024

Introduced: March 18, 2024 Public Hearing: April 15, 2024

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND A NEW AUTOMOBILE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,730,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Section 1. The Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional furnishings and a new automobile vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Township, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the down payment and the State grant appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Township.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the State grant hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the 2024 Capital Road and Parking Lot Improvement Program (including roadway and parking lot construction, reconstruction and resurfacing, and the undertaking of the following, where necessary: repair of the storm drainage system, reconstruction of curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons and the making of landscaping improvements) at the following locations in the Township (entire lengths, unless otherwise noted):

- Bartell Field parking lot (construction)
- Bradley Road (curb reconstruction at various locations)
- Cromwell Court
- Kent Place
- Largo Lane
- Partridge Run (cul-de-sac)
- Ritter Place
- Russell Court
- Municipal Building parking lot and driveways

Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads and parking lots being improved or constructed are or will be of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 677,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 32,240
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 644,760
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Improvement of Valley Road (Section 1), including roadway reconstruction and resurfacing, and the undertaking of the following, where necessary: repair of the storm drainage system, reconstruction of curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons and the making of landscaping improvements. It is hereby determined and stated that said road being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 578,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 346,690
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 11,020
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 220,290
Period of Usefulness	10 years

C. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle (with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) in excess of 15,000 pounds), including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of a dump truck with plow and spreader for the use of the Department of Public Works.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 275,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 13,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 261,900
Period of Usefulness	10 years

D. Acquisition of new additional furnishings consisting of furniture for use at the Clark Public Library.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 100,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,180
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 94,820
Period of Usefulness	5 years

E. Renovation of bathrooms and other interior improvements at the Recreation Wing of the Municipal Building. It is hereby determined and stated that said public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 100,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,770
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 95,230
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$1,730,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 346,690
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 66,310
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$1,317,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$175,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The sum of \$346,690 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement of Valley Road (Section 1) set forth in Section 4.B hereof.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$66,310, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$66,310 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,317,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,317,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Director of Revenue and Finance who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 10 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$1,317,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Union, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the

payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 15. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 16. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Effective Date: May 9, 2024

ATTEST:


EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC
 Township Clerk

APPROVED:


STEVEN M. HUND
 Council Vice President


SALVATORE BONACCORSO
 Mayor

Ord24/3-18 24-06 Multipurpose Bond Ord \$1,730,000

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		Albanese						✓
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