

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
HELD MAY 18, 2015**

PRESENT: Mayor Raia, Council President Kurpis, Council Members: Gray, Jensen, Kerner, Schulstad, Walenczyk, Borough Administrator Shenkler, Borough CFO Mariniello, Municipal Clerk Macari, Borough Attorney Huntington

ABSENT:

PRESIDING: Mayor Raia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; Municipal Clerk Macari read the following statement:

PUBLIC NOTICE: "Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231 of the laws of 1975, has been given by posting a notice of the scheduled dates of all regular meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Saddle River on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and in the office of the Borough Clerk and by emailing a notice thereof to the Herald News and The Record on December 31, 2014, the Borough website and also via E-Notify.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

At this time, a resolution was read to go into Closed Session.

Resolution # 82-15 Offered by Council Member Kerner
Second by Council President Kurpis
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Unanimous

A motion to close the Closed Session and return to Open Session was made and seconded.

WORK SESSION:

MAYOR RAI:

Northwest Bergen Mayor's Meeting

New Jersey Conference of Mayors: Mayor Raia stated that he attended this conference in Atlantic City, April 22 to April 24, 2015. He further stated that it was a very informative meeting, addressing COAH and United Water issues effecting the Borough.

ADMINISTRATOR SHENKLER:

Shredding Day Saturday June 13th Administrator Shenkler stated that this event will take place in the Municipal Building parking lot from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Shredding will take place on the premises in a safe and secure fashion. The Green Team will obtain points for this event.

Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday May 25th 11:00 am Administrator Shenkler stated that plans are underway for this celebration and will include a parade, guest speaker and wreath presentation.

Hazard Waste Days - Moonachie, Mahwah and Paramus: These three municipalities are holding hazardous waste collection days; specific dates and locations are posted on the Borough website.

Rindlaub Park Restroom Project: Administrator Shenkler stated that the construction is underway and should be completed by the beginning of June 2015.

Streetscape Schedule: Administrator Shenkler stated that work on Phase II is expected to begin on June 1, 2015. Grant money has been received to fund this project as well as Phase III, which will improve the streetscape on from East Saddle River Road to West Saddle River Road. New curbing, lighting and sidewalks will be included.

ENGINEERING UPDATE: Borough Engineer Martin Spence was not in attendance but distributed a memo stating the following:

- **Rindlaub Fieldhouse Bathrooms:** Under construction. All demolition and new wall construction complete. Plumbing rough near complete. Anticipate completion the week after Memorial Day, (first week of June).
- **Streetscape 2: (Funded and Awarded)** A Preconstruction Meeting was held on 5/13 with the contractor. The work will start on June 1. The scope is similar to the recently completed project in front of Wandell. No road closures are anticipated.
- **Streetscape 3:** (Received recent notice for grant award) Need to create Bond Ordinance and complete design.
- **Road Resurfacing (NW Consortium):** Pre-Construction meeting was held with DL Paving, low bidder (contractor in prior years). They are starting in mid-June, 3 to 4 day project.
- **Generators:** Design and sizing for Police / Fire Complex complete and ready to go to bid. Waiting on PSEG for gas upgrade information.
- **Boroline Road Resurfacing:** NJDOT Grant received. Allendale taking the lead in preparing drawings and submittal.
- **Fox Hedge Water Main:** Completing design of entire roadway and looped system. Will be complete and ready for bid, first week of June.
- **BC Mosquito Commission:** Met on May 6th to again request services for dredging, tree removals and de-snagging. They will make crews available in the next few weeks.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Gray reported on Parks and Recreation, the Ramsey High School Jazz band will perform a free concert in the band shell at Rindlaub Park on May 27th at 7:00pm and everyone is invited to attend. The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on September 9, 2015.

The Fire Department continues to recruit new members and morale is positive.

Council Member Jensen stated that Construction activity is 20% lower than last year.

He further stated that he is still aggressively reviewing COAH and evaluating the State's requirements regarding affordable housing obligations.

Council Member Kerner reported that the Finance Committee has been very busy and she discussed the budget in detail at this time. The Mayor commended CFO Mariniello and Administrator Shenkler for meeting individually with each department in order to review and determine their budget requirements for 2015.

Council Member Kerner explained the Pillows for Soldiers project and stated that this will be an activity at the Memorial Day Celebration on May 25, 2015.

Council Member Walencyk met with the Personnel Committee and they discussed job descriptions for each employee.

Council Member Schulstad reported that the Board of Education met on April 28, 2015 and passed their budget. They also went to bid for the HVAC system and received five sealed bids which will be reviewed prior to awarding the bid.

Council Member Schulstad gave an overview of the DPW report. He further stated that the Borough will be entering into a rental agreement with Cintas Company for work uniforms for the DPW as well as carpet runners for various municipal buildings and this resolution is part of the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Kurpis stated that the Landmarks Commission reviewed an application to renovate the Ackerman House; Architect Gus Morpurgo gave an extensive presentation on the proposed renovation and a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted to the owner.

Council Member Kurpis gave an update on the Bishop House and would like approval from the Mayor and Council to obtain an engineering report. Additionally, plans were discussed regarding the completion of the interior of the Saddle River Museum; the Landmarks Commission wants to insure that, once completed it is utilized to the fullest as it is a great representation of Saddle River's rich history.

Council Member Kurpis reported on the Board of Health; he reviewed the monthly report in detail at this time. The Flu clinic is scheduled for October 21st.

BOROUGH CLERK:

Borough Clerk Macari stated that the Primary Election will be held on June 2, 2015. May 26, 2015 is the last day to apply for a Vote by Mail Ballot by mail and June 1, 2015 is the last day to apply in person at the County Clerk's Office in Hackensack, NJ for a vote by mail ballot for the June 2, 2015 Primary by 3:00pm.

AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

ORDINANCE NO. 15-910-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, A NEW FIRE ENGINE AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,916,764 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.

Resolution# 83-15 Introduced by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council Member Gray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 15-906-M

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE EAST ALLENDALE ROAD CORRIDOR (PHASE II) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$175,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AND FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Resolution# 84-15 Introduced by Council Member Schulstad
Seconded by Council Member Kerner

Motion to Open to the Public Offered by Council President Kurpis
Seconded by Council Walencyk
Voice Vote: All AYES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Marilyn Goldfisher, 124 West Saddle River Road stated that she is concerned that this project will increase the lighting in the downtown area of Saddle River.

Motion to Close to the Public Offered by Council President Kurpis
Seconded by Council Member Walencyk
Voice Vote: All AYES

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 15-908-C Fire Department

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 25,
FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER**

Resolution# 85-15 Introduced by Council Member Gray
Seconded by Council Member Kerner

Motion to Open to the Public Offered by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council Gray
Voice Vote: All AYES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard.

Gloria Blumenthal, 136 Cortland Drive asked about the water lines and the water pressure in the Saddle River Grand. Mayor Raia stated that the volume is adequate for the Saddle River Grand but work is ongoing and should be completed in 2016.

Motion to Close to the Public Offered by Council Member Gray
Seconded by Council President Kurpis
Voice Vote: All AYES

Council Member Schulstad stated that much time has been spent on this ordinance and asked Council Member Gray to briefly explain this ordinance, which he did at this time.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 15-909-M

**BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$2,600,000
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH
OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE
A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

Resolution# 86-15 Introduced by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council President Kurpis

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard

Motion to Open to the Public Offered by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council President Kurpis
Voice Vote: All AYES

Council Member Schulstad asked CFO Mariniello for clarification on the \$2,600,000 in this ordinance; this was explained in detail at this time.

Motion to Close to the Public Offered by Council President Kurpis
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
Voice Vote: All AYES

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RESOLUTION ADOPTING STIPEND PLAN FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution #87-15 Offered by Council Member Gray
Seconded by Council Member Kerner

Council Member Gray stated that the prior stipend program for the fire department was on the honor system and was very difficult to manage. During the re-structuring process of the fire department, it was determined that this plan had to be modified in order to insure that there was ample coverage at all times. The new program encourages participation and response time continues to increase.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDED

Motion to Open to the Public by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council President Kurpis
Voice Vote: All AYES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard.

Motion to Close the Hearing to the Public by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
Voice Vote: All AYES

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ADOPTION OF 2015 MUNICIPAL CURRENT FUND & CAPITAL BUDGETS AMENDED

Resolution # 88-15 Offered by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council President Kurpis

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CHANGE IN TITLE, TEXT OR AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO NJS 40A: 4-85

CFO Mariniello stated that this request was made by the State.

Resolution #89-15 was Offered by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council President Kurpis

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

CFO Mariniello thanked the Finance Committee for their diligent work on the 2015 Budget process.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 90-15 Offered by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council President Kurpis

Council Member Kerner asked that bills related to the 66 East Allendale, LLC litigation be pulled for further review and consideration. Mayor Raia stated that the Borough has a contract with Lowenstein and Sandler and Council Member Kerner stated that she would like both the Finance Committee and the Litigation Committee to review these legal bills. Council Member Gray discussed litigation management, stating that a flat fee agreement is a better arrangement. To date, the Borough has paid Lowenstein & Sandler approximately \$500,000 and an additional sum of approximately \$200,000 is currently due. Mayor Raia asked Saddle River Planning Board Attorney Tom DiBiasi to address this negotiation and he did so in detail at this time. Approximately \$750,000 has been budgeted and the bills to date total approximately \$720,000; Mayor Raia cautioned that an appeal should also be factored into this issue. The bill list was voted on as originally presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Kurpis, Gray, Jensen, Kerner, Walenczyk
NAY: Schulstad

RESOLUTIONS

All matters listed hereunder are considered routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any Council Member may request that an item be removed for separate consideration. Considering approval of minutes, a yes vote will indicate a vote in favor of approval of the minutes of each meeting at which the Council Member was present and abstention with respect to the minutes of meetings at which such Council Member was not present.

Resolution Offered by Council President Kurpis
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

Administrator Shenkler explained the Consent Agenda items at this time.

Attorney Huntington explained R# 95-15, authorizing the limitation of municipal debt service. Mayor Raia stated that Saddle River has adequate funds in surplus to pay down debt even with the funds that are necessary to complete the water line installation on Fox Hedge, which he stated must be a priority.

Council Member Kerner stated that this resolution specifically states that there is an additional \$500,000 to be added for the water line installation. She further stated that the Borough Attorney previously reviewed this resolution and deemed it acceptable.

Borough Auditor Tim Vrabel stated that he did not feel that it makes sense to link paying down debt and the installation of the water lines. He further stated that the only opportunity to pay down debt is by July 30, 2015 and if the water line project is delayed, it could be problematic. Mayor Raia reiterated that he does not feel linking these two things is in the best interest of the Borough's fiscal wellbeing.

Council Member Schulstad stated that this resolution will insure that the work will get done on Fox Hedge. Council Member Jensen stated that Fox Hedge Road is in very poor condition and must be dealt with but setting a schedule that would limit the paving process to take place before the winter is inefficient. He further stated that one section can be done in the summer and the work could be completed the following spring.

Attorney Huntington suggested amending the language in resolution #95-15 and outlined this at this time. The Mayor and Council were in agreement that this resolution will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Ferne Lambert, 119 West Saddle River Road stated that she did not feel it was necessary for discussions of this nature to take an inordinate amount of time to conclude.

Frank Merlino, 4 Quail Ridge stated that the Borough has the money and the water line installation should be completed in order to insure public safety.

Ed Holiat, 85 East Saddle River Road stated that all of the residents in the Borough want hydrants and the Mayor and Council must address this with a concise plan moving forward. Mayor Raia stated that the Borough Engineer, Martin Spence has been working on this plan since the inception of the project.

Council Member Schulstad stated that he would like to remove Resolution #91-15 from the Consent Agenda as the prior company's contract will need to be terminated and it was not a legal contract.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Council Member Gray stated that Council Member Schulstad's prior comment is his opinion and not representative of the other Council Members or the Mayor.

A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting: 4/20/15, Special Meeting 4/27/15
Emergency Meeting (s) 4/3/15

B. Resolutions:

R# 91-15 Authorization to enter into Rental Agreement with Cintas Co

R# 92-15 Authorizing change order to contract with USA Security Services

R# 93-15 Supporting the Formation of a Stigma Free Zone

R# 94-15 Refund for overpayment of taxes to Barbara Parker

R# 95-15 Authorization to Join HGAC (Houston Galveston Area Council)

RESOLUTION LIMITING AUTHORIZATION OF MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE

Resolution #96-15 Offered by Council Member Kerner

Seconded by Council Member Schulstad

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Kerner, Jensen, Schulstad

NAYES: Gray, Kurpis, Walencyk, Mayor Raia

Motion Denied

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A LITIGATION COMMITTEE

Resolution #97-15 Offered by Council Member Schulstad
Seconded by Council Member Kerner

Council Member Schulstad stated that he does not feel that he has been adequately educated and advised about current litigation that the Borough is engaged in. He further stated that, this committee, comprised of Council Members Schulstad, Kerner and Jensen, will serve to insure that the Borough is properly managing its current and future litigation exposure and its impact on the operations of the Borough and on future taxation.

Council President Kurpis asked Attorney Huntington about the legal protocol for the formation of committees within the Borough, per the by-laws; Attorney Huntington addressed this in detail at this time. He stated that appointments are to be made by the Mayor with a concurrence of the majority of the Council.

Council Member Gray was not in agreement with creating a litigation committee and feels that the responsibility is on the entire Council to do their due diligence, when necessary, on matters of litigation as well as refer to counsel specific to the matter. He further stated that he did not feel that the Council members being appointed to this committee possess the necessary level of legal expertise.

Council Member Walencyk stated that he is opposed to this committee as well and feels it will end up costing the Borough more money in the long run. Council President Kurpis was in agreement and stated that each Council Member must be a part of the evaluation of litigation.

Council Member Kerner stated that Council Member Gray was asked to be on this committee and he declined. She further stated that this committee is imperative in order to insure that all matters associated with litigation are dealt with in a timely fashion in order to avoid any additional costs.

Council Member Jensen stated that the Council is not currently being updated adequately on legal matters.

Council Member Gray stated that he feels that the Borough Attorney should be the point of contact on all legal matters, as well as any special counsel retained for specific litigation.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court stated that it is important that anyone involved in litigation have constant communication with legal counsel to insure that they are privy to all the facts surrounding that litigation.

Michael Toomey, 52 Westerly Road stated that, as a prior Council Member for six years, when the Borough was involved in litigation, the Council worked together, obtaining periodic reviews and voting on necessary strategies. He further stated that forming a committee to deal specifically with litigation is not in the best interest of the Council as a whole.

Ferne Lambert, 119 West Saddle River Road stated that she is not in favor of a Litigation Committee.

Marilyn Goldfisher, 124 West Saddle River Road asked why a committee of this nature is necessary and suggested that the Council work together in a more harmonious fashion in order to work through issues for the good of the Borough.

Attorney Huntington clarified a prior statement regarding missing a deadline on existing litigation, stating that both sides agreed to seek an extension.

Council Member Schulstad reiterated that he does not receive pertinent documents regarding litigation in a timely manner and the Council needs to be informed in order to perform the due diligence necessary.

Council Member Gray stated that the Borough Attorney should be the point of contact and outside counsel must be aware of this. Any significant developments and evaluation of legal bills must be dealt in a timely fashion.

Mayor Raia stated that he is not in favor of a Litigation Committee; the Council as a whole should be responsible for working through the litigation process together. If monthly updates are necessary, Attorney Huntington will report to the Mayor and Council accordingly. He further stated that, if a resolution for a litigation committee is before the Council, it should authorize the Mayor to appoint a committee, to be decided upon at a later date.

Council Member Kerner stated that she would like access to all documents related to litigation for her review. Mayor Raia stated that the Borough Attorney will be responsible to disseminate any requested documents to all Council Members and obtain monthly updates.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Jensen, Kerner, Schulstad
NAYES: Kurpis, Gray, Walenczyk, Mayor Raia

Motion Denied

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAW FIRM FOR SPECIALIZED LEGAL SERVICES FOR COAH

Council Member Jensen briefly explained this resolution appointing the firm of Stickel, Koenig, Sullivan & Drill, LLC of Cedar Grove, NJ.

Resolution #98-15 Offered by Council Member Jensen
Seconded by Council Member Kerner

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

A motion to amend the language of the above-referenced resolution to include language to provide for superior court filings if necessary was offered by Council Member Jensen
Seconded by Council Member Gray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR A PROFESSIONAL PLANNER FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNING SERVICES (COUNSEL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING)

Mayor Raia stated that he is not in favor of retaining professionals without the majority of the Council having an opportunity to meet with them, at a mutually convenient time. Council Member Kerner stated that all Council Members were in receipt of all planner proposals as well as an interview schedule.

It was agreed that the title of this resolution will be amended to read as follows:

"RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNER SERVICES"

This resolution will be appointing the firm of Burgis Associates, Inc. Westwood, NJ

CFO Mariniello stated that he can certify the funds for this appointment and explained that it would be split between two line items in the budget.

Resolution #99-15 Offered by Council Member Jensen
Seconded by Council President Kurpis
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Council Member Gray stated that the current Borough Planner is an expert witness in the pending litigation and suggested that a separate contract be drafted for this purpose.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Health: Report given earlier.

Const. & Zoning Enforcement: Council Member Jensen gave the report for April 2015.

COAH: Report given earlier.

Environmental Committee/Wildlife Mgmt.: Council Member Schulstad gave the report for May 2015.

Fire Report: Council Member Gray gave the report for April 2015.

Police Report: Council Member Kurpis gave the report for April 2015.

EMS Report: Council Member Kerner gave the report for April 2015.

Finance Report: Report given earlier.

Landmarks Committee: Report given earlier.

Public Works: Report given earlier. Council Member Schulstad stated that a new company is going to be utilized for both Borough uniforms and floor mats, resulting in a significant cost savings. Attorney Huntington addressed the termination of the existing contract.

A motion was made by Council Member Schulstad to terminate the existing contract with US Overall, effective immediately. Seconded by Council Member Jensen. Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Parks and Recreation: Report given earlier.

Planning Board: Council Member Jensen gave the report for May 2015.

Zoning Board: Council Member Kerner gave the report for April 2015.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court stated that, Carol Tyco from Tyco Animal Control spoke with the Environmental Commission on May 4, 2015, stressing that Saddle River has a significant deer issue and culling the herd is the best option. She further stated that it was suggested that professional bow hunting organizations be hired and work on larger parcels of property with owner permission, predominantly by the river.

Marilyn Goldfisher stated that, as she lives along the river she would be happy to offer her property as a staging location for any organized bow hunt.

She further stated that the weir in the river behind Waterford Gardens should not be touched.

Mayor Raia addressed Ms. Goldfisher's prior comment about her taxes doubling since she moved to Saddle River. He stated that her assessed value has gone up significantly which is the reason why her taxes have been increased.

Edward Holiat, 85 East Saddle River Road asked why the Work Session portion of the meeting could not be held in the auditorium, as there is a seating limitation in the back room. Mayor Raia addressed this issue in detail.

Tom Fox, 16 Woodfield Lane asked about 66 East Allendale litigation and the associated costs. Mayor Raia stated that when the litigation is concluded, he will advise CFO Mariniello to get that information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Raia encouraged the Council to come up with use suggestions for both the Marker House and the Exxon property.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Elena Macari
Municipal Clerk