

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 - 7:30 P.M

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If Executive session is required, the Council will retire to a closed session at the conclusion of the Regular Meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 and follow the procedures provided in this statute.

1. PROVISIONS OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, was included in the Notice of 2021 Mayor and Council Meetings which was published in The Record on January 15, 2021 and The Star Ledger on January 18, 2021, was posted on the Municipal Clerk’s bulletin board and on the Borough website, and has remained posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of the notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

2. ROLL CALL

3. SWEARING IN OF ARLENE MARIE GRAY, RMC AS BOROUGH CLERK

4. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
*Environmental Commission				
Member / Shade Tree Liaison / Chair	<u>Nancy Pergament</u> <i>Resigned 1/22/21</i>	_____	3 Years Unexp. (Pergament)	31-Dec-23
Member/Historic Preservation Liaison	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u> <i>Resigned</i>	_____	3 Years Unexp. (Goldberg)	31-Dec-23
Associate Member	<u>Ethel Abrams</u>	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-21
Associate Member	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u>	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-21
*Planning Board				
Class IV Member	<u>Ann Brewster</u>	_____	4 Years Unexp. (Brewster)	31-Dec-22
*Shade Tree Commission				
Member / Shade Tree Liaison	<u>Nancy Pergament</u>	_____	5 Years Unexp. (Pergament)	31-Dec-21

ORDINANCES

5. ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE @ 8 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD:

The following Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting held 1/27/21, and was published in The Record issue of 2/2/21, as stated in the printer’s affidavit of publication. Reprint of this Ordinance was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board in accordance with statutory requirements, and copies have been made available to the general public.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2021:1277, “ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$25,000 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES TO PROVIDE FOR BODY CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY”

6a. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All items with an asterisk (*) are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one MOTION.

There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a Council Member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for Roll Call vote, in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the General Order of Business.

RESOLUTIONS

- *7. BILL LIST – FEBRUARY 24, 2021
(Received from Deputy Treasurer 2/17/21)
- *8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY TREASURER TO ISSUE A REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,120.13 TO LERETA TAX SERVICE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 1710, LOT 15, DUE TO A DUPLICATE PAYMENT FOR FIRST QUARTER 2021 (Received from Tax Collector 2/5/21)
- *9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY TREASURER TO ISSUE A REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,322.80 TO LERETA TAX SERVICE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 205, LOT 1, DUE TO A DUPLICATE PAYMENT FOR FIRST QUARTER 2021 (Received from Tax Collector’s office 2/12/21)
- *10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY TREASURER TO ISSUE A REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$20,917.51 TO CORE LOGIC FOR FOUR (4) NAMED PROPERTIES DUE TO DUPLICATE PAYMENTS FOR FIRST QUARTER 2021 (Received from Tax Collector’s office 2/12/21)
- *11. RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL FOR THE YEAR 2019: GOLDENBERG v. CLOSTER BOROUGH (Received from Borough Attorney 2/17/21)
- *12. RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL FOR THE YEARS 2019 AND 2020: IVANIUK v. CLOSTER BOROUGH (Received from Borough Attorney 2/17/21)
- *13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONSENT AND AGREEMENT AND THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF DAWN CURATOLA, CMCA, AS ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR for Calendar Year 2021 (Received from Administrator’s office 2/17/21)
- *14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT (Received from Administrator’s office 2/17/21)
- *15. RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING VOTE TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE MACBAIN HOMESTEAD AND FARM LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT (Received from Borough Attorney 2/17/21)
- *16. RESOLUTION RE MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT OF SPECTRUM FOR LIVING 2021-2022 CD APPLICATION (2. M.L. 2/4/21)

MOTIONS

- *17. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING **NON-SALARIED** APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 1/4/21:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Board of Ethics				
Member	<u>VACANT</u>	_____	5 Years Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-24
Food and Assistance Board				
Member	<u>VACANT</u>	_____	2 Years Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-21
Historic Preservation Commission				
Alternate No. 2	<u>VACANT</u>	_____	2 Years Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-21

- *18. REPORTS
(None received as of the time of preparation of this Agenda)

- 6b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
19. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY
20. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER, PER N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (a)
(Subject to 5-minute limit per By-Laws General Rule No. 11)
21. ADJOURNMENT

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

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3. ROLL CALL

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

- a. MAIL LIST OF FEBRUARY 11, 2021
- b. MAIL LIST OF FEBRUARY 18, 2021

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING
(Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of February 24, 2021)

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY – YAMMARINO (DEVLIN/WITKO)

- 1) REPORT RE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- 2) REPORT RE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- 3) LIAISON REPORTS
 - a. Historic Preservation Commission
 - b. Recreation Commission

B. PUBLIC SAFETY - LATNER (CHUNG/YAMMARINO)

- 1) REPORT RE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- 2) LIAISON REPORTS
 - a. Board of Education – NVRHS
 - b. Library Board of Trustees

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6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)
 - C. PUBLIC WORKS - CHUNG (AMITAI/LATNER)
 - 1) REPORT RE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 - 2) LIAISON REPORTS
 - a. Board of Health
 - b. Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - c. Northern Valley Greenway
 - 3) Special Mayoral Assignment – Stigma Free (WS 6/27/18)
 - D. ORDINANCES - DEVLIN (WITKO/AMITAI)
 - 1) REPORT RE ORDINANCE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 - 2) LIAISON REPORTS
 - a. Environmental Commission (Voting member)
 - b. Shade Tree Commission (Voting member)
 - E. HUMAN RESOURCES – WITKO (CHUNG/LATNER)
 - 1) REPORT RE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING(S)
 - 2) LIAISON REPORTS
 - a. Board of Education – Closter Public Schools
 - b. Fire Department
 - F. LAND USE AND CONSTRUCTION - AMITAI (DEVLIN/YAMMARINO)
 - 1) REPORT RE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT MEETING(S)
 - 2) LIAISON REPORTS
 - a. Planning Board (Voting member)
 - b. Improvement Commission (Voting member)
 - c. Senior Citizens
 - G. MAYOR’S LIAISON REPORT
 - a. Ambulance Corps
 - b. Borough Engineer
 - c. Northern Valley Mayor’s Association
7. OLD BUSINESS
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER PER NJSA 10:4-12(A) (SUBJECT TO A 5-MINUTE LIMIT PER GENERAL RULE NUMBER 11) EXCEPT FOR ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AT THE REGULAR MEETING
10. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS, IF APPROPRIATE
11. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY
12. ADJOURNMENT

MAIL LIST
FEBRUARY 11, 2021

NO.	DATE REC'D	DATE	FROM	SUBJECT *COPY ATTACHED	AGENDA/ COMMITTEE/ LIAISON
1.	02/03/21	02/03/21	PSE&G – Public Service Electric and Gas (patricia.sheats@pseg.com) to lcastano@closternj.us	*New Year, New Scammer Tactics (Copy sent via email on 2/3/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Chief McTigue) Copy to Senior Citizens	Latner/Public Safety Amitai/Seniors
2.	02/05/21	02/04/21	to Bergen County Clerks, from the Lodi Municipal Clerk	*Certified copy of Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Mutual Aid Plan & Rapid Deployment Force Interlocal Service Agreement (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/5/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Chief McTigue)	Latner/Public Safety
3.	02/05/21	02/05/21	Lara Rodriguez, Clerk to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, to Bergen County Municipal Clerks	*Commissioners: Podcasts/Resolutions/Ordinances (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/5/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator)	
4.	02/05/21 02/09/21	02/05/21 02/05/21	NJ State League of Municipalities	<p>*a. NJLM Legislative Alert – February 5, 2021 re Legislation Advancing That Could Have Chilling Effect on Redevelopment & Affordable Housing (ACS A1571 & A-1576 attached) (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/5/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Borough Attorney)</p> <p>b. NJLM – Weekly Round-Up – February 5, 2021</p> <p>I. State Issues</p> <p>a. COVID-19 Update</p> <p>b. Legislation Advancing That Could Have Chilling Effect on Redevelopment & Affordable Housing (ACS A1571 & A-1576 attached)</p> <p>c. NJBPU Seeking Public Input on Utility Shutoff Moratorium and Responses to COVID-19</p> <p>d. Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order No. 219: Expands Indoor Capacity to 35%</p> <p>e. Governor Murphy Expands Outdoor Dining</p> <p>f. Bill Mandating New Requirement for Land Use Plans Signed Into Law (A-2785 attached)</p> <p>g. State Increases Funding for Small Business Lease Assistance Grant Program</p> <p>II. Federal Issues</p> <p>a. American Rescue Plan</p> <p>b. COVID-19 FEMA Cost Share Increase</p> <p>III. 2020 Annual League Conference</p> <p>a. Print Your CEU Certificates from the 2020 NJLM Virtual Conference</p>	<p>Borough Attorney</p> <p>Borough Administrator OEM Coordinator Chung/Health Latner/Public Safety Borough Attorney Amitai/Construction</p> <p>Chung/Health Latner/Public Safety Chung/Health Latner/Public Safety Borough Attorney Borough Engineer Amitai/Planning Chung/Zoning</p>

	02/11/21	02/11/21		<p>b. It's Not Too Late!</p> <p>IV. Also of Interest</p> <p>a. New Jersey and the Golden Globes (Copy sent via email on 2/9/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, OEM Coordinator, Board of Health Secretary/REHS, Borough Attorney, Chief McTigue, Construction Department, LUC/Planning Board, LUC/Zoning Board of Adjustment)</p> <p>c. NJLM Daily Alert – February 10, 2021</p> <p>I. Congressman Pascrell Introduces Legislation to Eliminate SALT Cap Deduction</p> <p>II. Online Opportunities for Education for Your Licenses and Elected Officials (Copy sent via email on 2/11/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Borough Attorney, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant CFO)</p>	
5.	02/08/21	02/03/21	Mark J. Semeraro, Esq., Kaufman, Semeraro & Leibman, L.L.P., Attorney for Applicant, to Municipal Clerk	*Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearing Notice scheduled to be held 2/17/21 @ 8 p.m. re the Application of Reuten Associates, Inc. for Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan Approval for a three (3) story Congregate Care Assisted Living Facility on property commonly known as 231 & 239 Herbert Avenue, Block 1501, Lots 4 and 11	Chung/Zoning
6.	02/08/21	No Date	Matthew G. Capizzi, Esq., Capizzi Law Offices, Attorney for Applicants, to Municipal Clerk	* Demarest Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearing Notice scheduled to be held 2/16/21 @ 8 p.m. re the Application of Brand and Tina Schweid for property located at 32 Pine Hill Road, Block 84.07, Lot 10	
7.	02/10/21	02/10/21	Donnett Verley (donnett.verley@pseg.com) to lcastano@closternj.us	*Energy Insights – February 2021 (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/10/21 to: Mayor and Council, Borough Administrator)	
8.	02/10/21	02/10/21	EGG@dca.nj.gov to lcastano@closternj.us	*FAST Digital Signatures (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/10/21 to: Mayor and Council, Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant CFO, Auditor)	Borough Administrator
9.	02/11/21	02/11/21	Gary S. Pettyman, Suez, to Mayor / Business Administrator / Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders	*Notice of filing of Petition of Suez Water New Jersey and Suez Water Princeton Meadows for Approval of an Increase in Rates for Water Service and Other Tariff Changes (Copy to DPW Superintendent)	Borough Administrator Chung/Public Works

MAIL LIST
FEBRUARY 18, 2021

NO.	DATE REC'D	DATE	FROM	SUBJECT	*COPY ATTACHED	AGENDA/ COMMITTEE/ LIAISON
1.	02/12/21	02/12/21	EGG@dca.nj.gov to lcastano@closternj.us		*LEAP Deadline Reminder (Copy sent via email on 2/12/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator)	
2.	02/12/21	02/12/21	Robert G. Esposito, Director, Bergen County Division of community Development, to Municipal, Nonprofit and Government Agency Partners in Community Development, to Municipal Clerk		*FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION: Important Funding Updates from the Bergen County Division of Community Development (BCDCD) (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/12/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Leslie Weatherly)	Administrator/Grants
3.	02/12/21	02/12/21	Kerry Kirk Pflugh, Director, Office of Local Government Assistance, NJ Department of Environmental Protection		* <u>NJDEP Weekly Update – February 12, 2021</u> a. Environmental Justice Overburdened Communities (OBCs) Presentation and Upcoming Stakeholder Event b. DEP Launches Enforcement Project to Help Towns Stop Illegal Dumping c. Call for Artists: NJ Climate Resilience Public Art Projects d. Save the Date! NJDEP is hosting another Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) Summit on March 8th e. NJEDA to Bring Back Nearly 70% Discounts on PPE Beginning February 16 f. Upcoming Townhall on Addressing COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Link to Pre-Register for COVID-19 Vaccine g. Invitation to Register: EPA Regions 1, 2, and 3 Regional Wetland Program Development Grants Training Workshop (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/12/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator)	
4.	02/12/21	02/12/21	Michael F. Cerra, Executive Director, NJ State League of Municipalities, to lcastano@closternj.us		*Executive Order 229, Indoor sports and parents (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/12/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator)	
5.	02/16/21	02/12/21	EGG@dca.nj.gov to lcastano@closternj.us		*CY 2021 Budget Workbook – Office 365 Cloud-Based Technology (Copy sent via email on 2/16/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant CFO)	Administrator/Budget

6.	02/16/21	02/12/21	NJ State League of Municipalities	<p>*NJLM – Weekly Round-Up – February 12, 2021</p> <p>I. State Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. COVID-19 Update b. Legislative Alert: Help Stop Legislation with Potential Chilling Effect on Redevelopment & Affordable Housing c. Amended Shared Service Bill S-1 Advances d. Governor Murphy Signs Senate Bill 3220 Into Law e. DEP Project Aims to Help Municipalities Stop Illegal Dumping f. Division of Pensions Extends Call Center Hour & Offers Virtual Consultations g. Governor Murphy Announces Paycheck Protection Loan Program <p>II. Federal Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Call to Action: Support Congressman Pascrell’s Legislation to Eliminate Cap on SALT Deduction b. House Oversight and Reform Committee Holds Reconciliation Hearing Aid on State and Local Government Aid <p>III. Also of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit Program b. LEAP Challenge Grant Deadline Approaching <p>(Copy sent via email on 2/16/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator)</p>	Borough Administrator OEM Coordinator Chung/Health Latner/Public Safety Borough Attorney
7.	02/17/21	02/16/21	Robert G. Esposito, Director, Bergen County Division of community Development, to Municipal, Nonprofit and Government Agency Partners in Community Development, to Municipal Clerk	<p>*OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION: COVID-19 CDBG Application Period Two to Begin Next Monday, February 22nd (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/17/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Leslie Weatherly)</p>	Administrator/Grants
8.	02/17/21	02/17/21	NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP@public.govdelivery.com) to boroclerk@closternj.us	<p>*Floodplain Communicator – Winter 2021 (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/17/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Borough Engineer, Construction Office)</p>	