

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 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. 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

4a. 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

- *5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) CONTRIBUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CLOSTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (Received from Assistant CFO 3/25/21)

4a. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Continued)

RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

- *6. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 946 – THE STOP THE ATTACK ON LOCAL TAXPAYERS ACT (Received from Borough Attorney 3/1/21)
- *7. RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE HIRING OF REGISTRAR/LICENSING OFFICIAL/BOARD SECRETARY (from 3/1/21 to 5/1/21) Received from Borough Attorney 3/1/21
- *8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO RELEASE AND RETURN REMAINING TREE BOND ESCROW FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,950.00 TO BOTTEIERI, STEVEN AND LAUREN FOR SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 69 LEGION PLACE, BLOCK 1003, LOT 22, PER EMAIL DATED 1/26/21 FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL - TREES (Received from Deputy Treasurer 3/2/21)
- *9. RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES BY SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY (Received from Borough Attorney 3/3/21)
- *10. RESOLUTION DECLARING SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AND ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES (Requested by Councilwoman Chung 3/3/21 - Received from Borough Attorney 3/3/21)
- *11. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY REGISTRAR (Received from Borough Attorney 3/3/21)
- *12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND THE INTERBORO REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND THE LOCAL INTERBORO CONTRACT (Received from Administrator’s Office 3/4/21)

MOTIONS

- *13. 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

*14. REPORTS

- a. CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL – FEBRUARY 2021 (Received 3/3/21)

4b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

15. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY

16. 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)

17. ADJOURNMENT

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. PROVISIONS OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

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3. ROLL CALL
4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS
 - a. MAIL LIST OF FEBRUARY 25, 2021
 - b. MAIL LIST OF MARCH 4, 2021
5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING
(Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of March 10, 2021)
6. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS
 - A. BOROUGH ATTORNEY
 - 1) REPORT
 - B. BOROUGH ENGINEER
 - 1) REPORT
7. REPORTS
 - A. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR
 - 1) REPORT
 - B. BOROUGH CLERK
 - 1) REPORT

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7. REPORTS (Continued)
 - C. CHIEF OF POLICE
 - 1) REPORT
 - D. MAYOR
 - 1) REPORT
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. 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
11. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS, IF APPROPRIATE
12. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY
13. ADJOURNMENT

MAIL LIST
FEBRUARY 25, 2021

NO.	DATE REC'D	DATE	FROM	SUBJECT	*COPY ATTACHED	AGENDA/ COMMITTEE/ LIAISON
1.	02/19/21	02/13/21	Donald M. Farrell, Treasurer and Board Member, Belskie Museum of Art & Science Inc.	*Request for approval to serve wine at the monthly opening receptions during calendar year 2021 (Copy to Risk Management Consultant, Chief McTigue)		Borough Attorney
2.	02/19/21	02/19/21	Lara Rodriguez, Clerk to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, to Bergen County Municipal Clerks	*Commissioners: Podcasts/Resolutions (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/19/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator)		
3.	02/19/21	02/19/21	Kerry Kirk Pflugh, Director, Office of Local Government Assistance, NJ Department of Environmental Protection	* <u>NJDEP Weekly Update – February 19, 2021</u> a. Winter Edition of the Floodplain Communicator b. Register Now for NJDEP's 2021 Virtual HAB Summit! c. Governor Murphy Announces \$100 Million Investment in Clean Transportation Projects d. Murphy Signs Law that Requires Municipalities to Account for the Effects of Climate Change when Updating Master Plans e. NJ Residents can Now Pre-Register for the Vaccine (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/19/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Borough Attorney, Construction Office, Land Use Coordinator/Planning Board)		Borough Attorney Amitai/Planning
4.	02/22/21	02/19/21	NJ State League of Municipalities	* <u>NJLM – Weekly Round-Up – February 19, 2021</u> I. State Issues a. COVID-19 Update b. Cannabis Update (A-21/S-1, A-1897 & S-3454 attached) c. Appellate Panel Rules on Medical Cannabis Facility Permit Applications d. Bill Seeks to Remove limits on One-Day Social Affair Liquor Permits e. Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Creating 'Climate Office' and 'Council on Green Economy' f. Update on S-1 g. Governor Announces \$250 Million Transportation Investment II. Federal Issues a. House Oversight and Reform Passes Reconciliation Bill that Includes State and Local Government Aid b. Senators Menendez and Booker Discuss American Rescue Plan with Elected Officials III. 2020 Annual League Conference		Borough Administrator OEM Coordinator Chung/Health Latner/Public Safety Borough Attorney Chung/Health Latner/Public Safety Borough Attorney Chung/Health Latner/Public Safety Borough Attorney Latner/Public Safety Administrator/Budget

	02/22/21	02/22/21		<p>a. Print Your CEU Certificates from the 2020 NJLM Virtual Conference</p> <p>b. It's Not Too Late!</p> <p>IV. Also of Interest</p> <p>a. Briefing for Stakeholders Involved in Emergency Management (Copy sent via email on 2/22/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, OEM Coordinator, Board of Health Secretary/REHS, Chief McTigue, Borough Attorney) Copy to Court Administrator</p> <p>b. NJLM Daily Update - February 22, 2021</p> <p>I. Legislature Preview: Week of February 22</p> <p>II. Print Your CEU Certificates from the 2020 NJLM Virtual Conference (Copy sent via email on 2/22/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Chief McTigue) Copy to Borough Attorney, Court Administrator</p> <p>c. NJLM Daily Update - February 23, 2021</p> <p>I. FY 2022 State Budget Municipal Interest</p> <p>II. NJ Attorney General Launches Marijuana Decriminalization & Cannabis Legislation Resource Page (Copy sent via email on 2/24/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Chief McTigue, Board of Health Secretary/REHS) Copy to Borough Attorney, Court Administrator</p>	OEM Coordinator Borough Attorney Chung/Health Latner/Public Safety
02/24/21	02/23/21				
5.	02/22/21	02/22/21	to Bergen County Clerks, from the Bergen County Municipal Clerks: a. Palisades Park b. Saddle Brook	*Certified copy of Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Mutual Aid Plan & Rapid Deployment Force Interlocal Service Agreement (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/22/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Chief McTigue)	Latner/Public Safety
6.	02/22/21	02/22/21	Robert G. Esposito, Director, Bergen County Division of Community Development, to Municipal, Nonprofit and Government Agency Partners in Community Development, to Municipal Clerk	*REMINDER: COVID-19 CDBG Application Period Two to Begin Next Monday, February 22 nd (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/22/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Leslie Weatherly)	Administrator/Grants
7.	02/02/21	02/05/21	Jenna Pascale, SJ Pools and Landscaping LLC & SJ Paving, to agray@closternj.us c: construction@closternj.us	*Sidewalk Waiver – 60 Anderson Avenue (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/5/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Borough Engineer, Borough Attorney)	Borough Engineer
8.	02/23/21	02/22/21	Adam L. Strobel, Trust Fund Executive Director, Bergen County Department of Parks, Division of Land Management, to Trust Fund Applicant	2021 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/23/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Leslie Weatherly, Recreation Director, Historic Preservation Commission, Environmental Commission)	Administrator/Grants Yammarino/Recreation Yammarino/HPC Devlin/Environmental

9.	02/23/21	02/23/21	Michael F. Cerra, Executive Director, NJ State League of Municipalities, to lcastano@closternj.us	*Governor's Budget Address (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/23/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant CFO)	
10.	02/25/21	02/25/21	Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue to Mayor & Council c: Sophie Heymann	*Letter to the Mayor & Council requesting consideration to include the MacBain Farm Property in the Conservation Zone or as a Passive Park (Copy sent via e-mail on 2/25/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Borough Engineer, Borough Attorney, Environmental Commission)	Borough Attorney Borough Engineer Devlin/Environmental
11.	02/24/21	02/17/21	Robert Laux, Executive Director, Bergen County Utilities Authority pc: Municipal Clerk Construction Code Official	*Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) 2020 Sewer Connection Fee Municipal Incentive Program Rebate – in the amount of \$342.90 – voucher to be completed and returned to the BCUA no later than 3/12/21 (Copy of letter AND ORIGINAL INVOICE to Administrator) Copy to DPW Superintendent	Borough Administrator Chung/Public Works
12.	02/24/21	02/23/21	John Peel, PP, PK Environmental, to Borough Clerk	*NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands (FWW) Transition Area Waiver (TAW) Application, Block 1702 Lot 8 (624 Piermont Road), Applicant/Owner: Piermont Realty, LLC (Original Map on file in Borough Clerk's Office)	Borough Engineer Amitai/Planning

MAIL LIST
MARCH 4, 2021

NO.	DATE REC'D	DATE	FROM	SUBJECT *COPY ATTACHED	AGENDA/ COMMITTEE/ LIAISON
1.	03/01/21	03/01/21	Marc N. Schrieks, Deputy Chief of Staff, James J. Tedesco, III, County Executive Office	*Governor Murphy Announces Expansion of Eligibility for New Jersey's COVID-19 Vaccination Program (Copy sent via e-mail on 3/1/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, OEM Coordinator, Board of Health Secretary/REHS)	Borough Administrator OEM Coordinator Chung/Health
2.	3/02/21	02/26/21	NJ State League of Municipalities	<p>*a. <u>NJLM – Weekly Round-Up – February 26, 2021</u></p> <p>I. State Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. COVID-19 Update b. Governor Murphy Announces Proposed FY 2022 Budget c. Cannabis Update d. Governor Murphy Takes Action on Hospital Subsidy Bill e. Your Action Needed: Full Assembly to Consider PFRS 20 and Out Legislation f. Third Party Inspection Bill Scheduled for Vote in Assembly g. Early Voting Legislation h. Legislation to Permit Nonresident Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators Advances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bill to Require Notification of Ownership Changes on Foreclosed Properties Now Law j. Effective Date of Daniel's Law Changed k. Deer Overpopulation Crisis <p>I. Department of Homeland Security Announces Funding Opportunity</p> <p>II. Federal Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. American Rescue Plan Update <p>III. 2020 Annual League Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Print Your CEU Certificates from the 2020 NJLM Virtual Conference b. It's Not Too Late! <p>IV. Also of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Women at Work Virtual Conference b. Briefing for Stakeholders Involved in Emergency Management c. Sustainable Jersey Virtual Awards Luncheon <p>(Copy sent via email on 3/2/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, OEM Coordinator, Board of Health Secretary/REHS, Chief McTigue, Construction Office, Interim Zoning Officer, Borough Attorney)</p>	<p>Borough Administrator OEM Coordinator Chung/Health Borough Administrator Yammarino/Finance Borough Attorney Chung/Health Latner/Public Safety Borough Attorney Amitai/Construction Borough Clerk Borough Attorney Amitai/Construction Devlin/Environmental</p>

	03/02/21	03/01/21		<p>b. NJLM Daily Update – March 1, 2021</p> <p>I. Legislature Preview: Week of March 1</p> <p>II. Print Your CEU Certificates from the 2020 NJLM Virtual Conference</p> <p>III. Let Your Vendors Know About <i>NJ Municipalities</i> Magazine (Copy sent via email on 3/2/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator)</p> <p>c. NJLM Special Update – March 2, 2021 re: Guidance on Cannabis Legalization (Copy sent via email on 3/2/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Borough Attorney, Chief McTigue, Board of Health Secretary/REHS)</p>	Borough Attorney Chung/Health Latner/Public Safety
	03/02/21	03/02/21			
3.	03/02/21	02/26/21	Kerry Kirk Pflugh, Director, Office of Local Government Assistance, NJ Department of Environmental Protection	<p>*NJDEP Weekly Update – February 19, 2021</p> <p>a. Welcome Guide for New Mayors updated for all Mayors</p> <p>b. DEP Offers Over 700 Seasonal Jobs Throughout State Parks, Forests and Natural & Historic Sites</p> <p>c. Register Now for Harmful Algal Bloom Summit 3/8/21!</p> <p>d. New Green Infrastructure Rule</p> <p>e. DEP Announces New Watershed and Land Management Program</p> <p>f. New Jersey Clean Air Council Annual Public Hearing on Fugitive Dust – 4/21/21 @ 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>g. NJ Residents can Now Pre-Register for the Vaccine (Copy sent via e-mail on 3/2/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Borough Engineer)</p>	Mayor Glidden Borough Engineer
4.	03/02/21	03/02/21	Janice Kovach, President, Mayor, Clinton Town to Municipal Clerk	*Mayor’s Newline – March 2021 (Copy sent via e-mail on 3/2/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator)	
5.	03/02/21	03/02/21	EGG@dca.nj.gov to lcastano@closternj.us	*Local Finance Notice LFN 2021-05 – 2021 State Aid Certification (Copy sent via email on 3/2/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant CFO)	Borough Administrator Yammarino/Finance
6.	03/03/21	03/03/21	Councilwoman Jannie Chung, to Borough Clerk	<p>*a. Sample Resolution from Leonia Declaring Solidarity with Asian & Asian American Community (Copy sent via email on 3/3/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Borough Attorney)</p> <p>b. Resolution Declaring Solidarity with Asian & Asian American Community (Copy sent via email on 3/4/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator, Borough Attorney)</p>	RM Agenda 3/20/21
	03/04/21	03/04/21	Leonia Borough Clerk, to Bergen County Municipal Clerks		
7.	03/02/21	No Date	John Peel, PP, PK Environmental, to Borough Clerk	*Public Notice re NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands (FWW) Transition Area Waiver (TAW) Application, Block 1702 Lot 8 (624 Piermont Road), Applicant/Owner: Piermont Realty, LLC – see also 12 M.L. 2/25/21	Borough Engineer Amitai/Planning

8.	03/02/21	02/23/21	Paul Demarest, Board Coordinator, Zoning Board of Adjustment, to Eric & Eileen Smith c: Zoning Officer Borough Clerk	*Certified copy of Resolution APPROVING, in whole or in part the application of Eric & Eileen Smith for Variances for Impervious Coverage Relating to Block 2007, lot 20, 475 Ruckman Road	Chung/Zoning
9.	03/03/21	03/01/21	Everclear Pools & Spas (Illegible author) to Municipal Clerk	*Notice of Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearing scheduled to be held virtually on 3/17/21 @ 8 p.m. re the application of (illegible) for property located at 2 Johnson Court, Block 2304, Lot 17	Chung/Zoning
10.	03/03/21	03/03/21	EGG@dca.nj.gov to lcastano@closternj.us	*CY2021 Transitional Aid Application Process (Copy sent via email on 3/3/21 to: Mayor and Council, Administrator)	

ALSO DISTRUBUTED:

2020 Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund Annual Report (received 3/2/21) Mailed 3/3/21