

CLOSTER MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Regular Meeting at Borough Hall on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. Mayor Heymann called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Heymann invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mayor Heymann declared that the meeting was being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. ROLL CALL

The following persons were present:

Mayor Sophie Heymann  
Councilpersons John C. Glidden, Jr., Thomas Hennessey, John Kashwick,  
David Barad, Victoria Roti Amitai (7:32 p.m.)  
Acting Administrator/Treasurer, John DiStefano  
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan  
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano  
Assistant to Borough Clerk, Cynthia Meyer  
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola  
Chief of Police, David Berrian  
Former Councilwoman Linda Albelli

The following persons were absent:

Councilwoman Cynthia Tutoli

4. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER, PER N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (a)  
(Subject to 5-minute limit per General Rule No. 10)

Mayor Heymann opened the meeting to the public for any matter.

Linda Albelli, 353 High Street, questioned how the construction on the building next door was permitted noting that there was a controversy and non-compliance in the past. She explained that Mr. Rosenblum had raised many issues; and now they are putting on an addition that is more than half the size of the building.

Mayor Heymann agreed and informed that it was passed over a year ago by the Planning Board and suggested that Ms. Albelli direct her concerns to the Planning Board. In response to Ms. Albelli, Mayor Heymann noted that Councilwoman Amitai was opposed to this. Ms. Albelli expressed her concern that currently, she is going through difficulties regarding the construction of a 6-foot fence at her home; and she acknowledged what the residents have to go through. When they wanted to put up a garage, she learned that the residents have to do a site plan for the trees that will be removed in their own yard. In regards to the expense that residents have to go through, she questioned what is being done to the residents of Closter. In response to Mayor Heymann, Ms. Albelli noted that this Council was responsible for the Tree Ordinance and added that the Building Department was under the jurisdiction of the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Heymann informed that the Tree Ordinance did not call for a Site Plan, but rather the Site Plan needed to be ordered for other changes; and the trees had to be marked as a result. Ms. Albelli explained that they had to include all of the trees on the Site Plan; this was at a significant expense, not to mention the permit fee or the fees that are needed to take down the trees. She expressed further concern about what is being done to the residents of the town. She voiced her opinion that it is frightening that a citizen of this country could buy an assault weapon online, but they cannot cut a tree down on property, for which they pay extremely high taxes. Mayor Heymann explained that trees can be taken down, but you are limited to a number. In response to Mayor Heymann, Ms. Albelli affirmed that she did not participate in the discussions of the Ordinance. Mayor Heymann added that the Tree Ordinance was meant to protect the entire community and the individual factors are not that prohibitive; she noted that Ms. Albelli may have been in a bind if she was trying to do something else, explaining that one does not need a Site Plan to cut trees down. Trees can be cut down if you get by the Building Department within the limits of the Ordinance.

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Ms. Albelli informed that upon visiting the Building Department, she was told that she needed to provide the Site Plan on the trees that would be taken down. Councilman Hennessey noted that it doesn't seem it should be a requirement to have a Site Plan just to show the trees. Ms. Albelli affirmed that this is what was required. In response to Councilman Glidden, she further explained that they wanted to take down trees in the yard and needed to provide a Site Plan of the trees; they had to include all of the trees and mark the ones to be taken down. She also informed that Mr. Cywinski will come to her house, inspect the trees that she wishes to take down and give her approval/disapproval. Mayor Heymann explained that Ms. Albelli was referring to something that was part of a larger project; the Tree Ordinance states she can take as many trees down without further ado by informing the Building Department. She added that Ms. Albelli must be taking down more than three trees; Ms. Albelli confirmed this; Mayor Heymann added that "more than three trees" is discussed in the Tree Ordinance to protect the greenery in Closter.

Ms. Albelli informed she had an arborist come in and inspect the trees, as she has trees that are dead and diseased. They tried to follow the law; she explained her understanding why people get so frustrated with the town when they are trying to deal with various departments. Ms. Albelli noted that people say that one party wants too much government; and voiced concern that this is too much government and too many restrictions. She hoped that before the Council passes any more Ordinances, they would have the residents in mind because the costs are astronomical. Mayor Heymann explained that the Ordinances are to limit the problems residents may have. The Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment are aware of the stresses on the residents, and are trying to avoid them. A great number of laws that are in effect are part of State regulations that cannot be controlled. Ms. Albelli informed that this Ordinance was not a part of the State regulations.

Steven Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, referred to Ms. Albelli's concerns and commended the Mayor and Council for passing a Tree Ordinance. He explained that in prior years, there were developers coming in and ripping down innumerable trees at once without any permission. He voiced his opinion that if someone really has the desire to build, they should live within the laws.

Mr. Isaacson referred to Mr. Watkins' building and questioned how much he was offering for the lack of spaces in the parking lot. He mentioned the amount of \$6,000 or \$7,000. Mayor Heymann explained they are in the process of adjusting the costs of the spaces and they need to have information from the Assessor. She added that the rate that Mr. Watkins was paying, which Mr. Isaacson noted was \$650, was before the last increase. It has been doubled since then and will be doubled more with justification. Some of the residents, including Mr. Rosenblum, made the point about not charging enough; and they are trying to remedy this.

Mr. Isaacson informed that Mr. DiStefano had promised him information for this evening, but he has not received same. He called the Land Use Office and was told that Mr. Watkins' application went before the Planning Board two year ago, at which time the spaces were worth \$650/space. Therefore, the Borough has lost \$14,000. He questioned if they could put timed parking in the parking lot, as Mr. Watkins' clients will be using Municipal parking. They needed 20 spots and only have 6; Mayor Heymann noted that this suggestion could be taken into consideration.

Mr. Isaacson asked about the signage at Ruckman Park; the fields have been closed to the public in order for the grass to recover. At the bottom of the sign, it states, "By Order of Closter Recreation and the Closter Police Department". Mr. Isaacson questioned if there was an Ordinance that prohibits people from using the field. Borough Attorney advised that there is no Ordinance currently. Mr. Isaacson questioned if the signs could come down and wished to know who erected the signs, who gave the authority to do so, how much it costs and what budget it came from. Borough Attorney informed that the Recreation Commission, under the Ordinance has the right to regulate use of the fields. Mr. Isaacson added that this means that every Open Space development that was paid with tax-payer dollars is not permitted to be used by the people because the signs are up. He added that this is a field, not a park; and they paid the money to use it.

Mayor Heymann explained that the investment is protected by keeping the fields closed when they are in danger of being abused. Currently, there is an Ordinance pending, which will make this very clear. In the meantime, it is a general provision in the Ordinance. Mr. Isaacson questioned as to the definition of "abuse" and if it considered a few people throwing a frisbee. He acknowledged that the Tenakill Field after football season is abuse, there are clear patches; he added that to stop the public from using a grass field with intended use by the public is not right. Councilman Barad recognized this problem, and noted it was an issue being dealt with in creating this Ordinance. They agree that there are times where a newly seeded field should not be walked on, or something may be sensitive to people playing football. He hoped they could set some

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reasonable parameters and keep the interest of maintaining the public places, but still give people the right to use things; he believed they should not vest authority in any one individual Commission who is not normally in charge of those sorts of things to decide whom can be on the public grounds. Dr. Barad explained that the Ordinance Committee is concerned and sympathetic to some of the issues Mr. Isaacson addressed and vowed to have an Ordinance which will address these issues.

Mr. Isaacson suggested that the other compromise is that the investment is in the infield, where the grass is; they could make the infields off-limits and leave the outfields. Dr. Barad explained that is a suggestion, but they do not want to write so much into an Ordinance that it becomes difficult to use, but rather create principles that are able to be administered in a comfortable manner. Councilman Glidden asked if Mr. Isaacson wanted to approach the Recreation Commission regarding this matter.

Tamara Segal, 296 Durie Avenue, informed she brought in the signed Amendment to the Settlement Agreement with what she termed as “awardage” for this project only to facilitate the discussion. In response to Mrs. Segal, Borough Attorney explained that the Landscape Plan would go to Lenny Sinowitz; and he would discuss this with the Mayor and Council.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. MAIL LIST - FEBRUARY 14, 2008 - Mayor Heymann reviewed the correspondence distributed on this date and asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments.

The following items were removed by the following individuals: Councilman Glidden removed Item No. 5.

Item No. 5 - Received 02/20/08, dated 02/16/08, from Leonard R. Kaiser, Executive Director, and Bryan J. Christiansen, Chairman, Bergen County Utilities Authority c: Municipal Administrator, Construction Code Official; cc: Keith Sager, Bill Dahle; re Invitation to attend Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) Sewer Connection Fee Municipal Incentive Program Check Presentation to be held Tuesday, 3/4/08 @ 9:30 a.m. at the BCUA Administration Building, Public Meeting Room, foot of Mehrhof Road, Little Ferry, NJ (Closter rebate check amount - \$259.31).

Councilman Glidden referred to Item No. 5, noting it was March 4<sup>th</sup> not May and he volunteered to attend.

b. MAIL LIST - FEBRUARY 21, 2008 - Mayor Heymann reviewed the correspondence distributed on this date and asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments.

The following items were removed by the following individuals: Councilman Kashwick removed Item Nos. 6 and 9; Mayor Heymann removed Item No.2.

Item No. 2 - Received 02/19/08, dated 02/15/08, from Edward Cappelluti, Committee Member, Boy Scout Troop 63, Closter, cc: Glenn Parsells, Bill Brewster, Chief Berrian; re Request for permission for Closter Boy Scouts to hold a yard sale in a section of the municipal parking lot on Saturday 5/31/08, and that the fee be waived; in the event of inclement weather, use of the Senior Center is requested.

Mayor Heymann informed that the Seniors were quite upset with the Scouts last year for leaving a mess; she hoped this would not happen again. She noted that when permission is granted, they will make very strong restrictions as to how they are to leave the area.

Item No. 6 - Received 02/20/08, dated 02/16/08, from Dr. Beth Ravit; re Inquiry as to status of the 5 acre property located at the intersection of Homans Avenue and Ruckman Road (a/k/a the Flamm property) reminding that the Borough was awarded a \$500,000 Grant from Bergen County Open Space funds to support this purchase.

Item No. 9 - Received 02/21/08, dated 02/20/08, from David Scholz, Chairman, Environmental Commission; re Informing of unanimous passage of resolution on 2/19/08 requesting that the Mayor and Council proceed with all haste to acquire the property commonly known as Volunteer Park (Block 1308, Lots 3 & 4).

Councilman Kashwick wished to confirm a Closed Session to be held on these matters. Borough Attorney confirmed; and noted he had several discussions with the property owner's attorney over the past few weeks.

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6. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS ONLY  
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Steven Isaacson referred to Item No. 3 of the Mail List from 02/21/08.  
Item No. 3 - Received 02/19/08, dated 02/19/08, from David M. Watkins, Esq. to Borough Clerk; re Notice of Planning Board Public Hearing to be held 2/28/08 @ 8 p.m. re application of Hyo Sun Eor for soil moving approval for Block 2101, Lot 13, 23 Susan Drive  
 Mr. Isaacson wished for clarification on the meeting, as there is one going on now. Mayor Heymann informed it would be tomorrow, February 28, 2008.

7a. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS  
 (PROCEDURE TO BE EXPLAINED BY MAYOR HEYMANN)

Mayor Heymann reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the Council or Public wished to remove or discuss any item.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

8.\* BILL RESOLUTION - FEBRUARY 29, 2008  
TO BE PREPARED BY TREASURER

9.\* RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATURE AMEND ARBITRATION LAWS TO MANDATE GREATER EMPHASIS ON MUNICIPAL FISCAL REALITIES IN ARBITRATION AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THE DIRECT IMPACT THESE AWARDS HAVE ON THE TAXPAYING PUBLIC (Received from Mayor Heymann and discussed at the W.S. of 2/13/08)

10.\* RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR 2008 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO FUND ITS COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN; GOVERNING BODY TO MATCH 33.3% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT; 100% OF MATCH TO BE MADE UP OF IN-KIND SERVICES, IF ALLOWED BY THE GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND THE AGREEMENT)

10a.\* RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE TO ROAD STAR LIMOUSINE CORP., 26 BOGERT STREET, CLOSTER, NJ 07624, PER N.J.S.A. 48:16-17, FOR THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE: 2006 GMC YUKON XL VIN#3GKFK18Z36G227269 (Approval received from Risk Management Consultant 2/15/08)

MOTIONS

11.\* APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:  
 a. WORK SESSION NOTES OF JANUARY 23, 2008 (Distributed 2/14/08) NO ABSTENTIONS  
 b. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2008 (Distributed 2/25/08) NO ABSTENTIONS

12.\* APPOINTMENTS NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 01/02/08; Adjourned from Regular Meetings held 01/09/08, 01/23/08 and 2/13/08

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY	John DiStefano	<u>John DiStefano</u>	1 Year	12/31/08
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK	VACANT	_____	1 Year	12/31/08
CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIALS				
Code Enforcement Officer	John Lazar	_____	1 Year	12/31/08
Building and Fire Inspector	John Lazar	_____	1 Year	12/31/08

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7a. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Continued)

12.\* APPOINTMENTS NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 01/02/08; Adjourned from Regular Meetings held 01/09/08, 01/23/08 and 2/13/08 (Continued)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
DESK DISPATCHERS	Costa Katsapis	_____	1 Year	12/31/08
	Gary Nicholas	_____	1 Year	12/31/08
*ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION Associate Member	VACANT	_____	1 Year	12/31/08
HEALTH, BOARD OF Alternate No. 2	Phyllis Buonomo	_____	2 Year	12/31/09
HISTORIANS	VACANT	_____	1 Year	12/31/08
IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION Member	Maria Danziger	_____	2 Year	12/31/09
Member	Wilson Reimers	_____	2 Year	12/31/09
Alternate No. 1	Frank Rodriquez	_____	2 Year	12/31/09
Alternate No. 2	Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg	_____	Unexp. 2 Year	12/31/09
RECREATION COMMISSION Associate Member	VACANT	_____	1 Year	12/31/08
SHADE TREE COMMISSION Member	Susan Boudet	_____	Unexp. 5 Year	12/31/09

\* MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

- 13.\* MOTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE CLOSTER PTO TO CONDUCT THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES AT TENAKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 275 HIGH STREET, CLOSTER, NJ (Completed Applications have been received and appropriate fees paid)
- a. APPLICATION NO. 550 TO CONDUCT ON-PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE ON FRIDAY, 3/28/08; DRAWINGS TO BE HELD FROM 7 P.M. TO 11 P.M.
  - b. APPLICATION NO. 551 TO CONDUCT ON-PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE ON SATURDAY, 4/12/08; DRAWINGS TO BE HELD FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
  - c. APPLICATION NO. 552 TO CONDUCT OFF-PREMISE DRAW RAFFLE FOR MERCHANDISE ON SATURDAY, 4/12/08; DRAWING TO BE HELD AT 4 P.M.

REPORTS

- 14.\* ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS:
- a. CHIEF OF POLICE - JANUARY 2008 (Received 2/14/08)

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

7b. VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion approving the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilman Kashwick, and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Hennessey, Kashwick, Barad, and Amitai.

15. REVIEW AND VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed.

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

Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, informed that Haworth is going to start a Tree Farm and Closter would be benefiting from this farm. However, he believed that Closter was supposed to start its own tree farm on the MacBain Farm. He questioned if it was necessary to invest in another tree farm when they have their own. Mayor Heymann referred the issue to Councilman Kashwick; and he informed he did not know about this matter. Mr. Isaacson informed, according to his understanding, that the trees that were left over from the planting in April were going to be planted at the Farm. Mayor Heymann informed that the article caught her by surprise noting that judging from the members benefiting, it sounded like a Riverside Co-op Project and is probably a voluntary adjunct of shared services. She advised she will obtain information and be prepared. Mr. Isaacson noted that it sounded as if the project was started in Haworth and that they received money from the State and others. He suggested that Closter could do the same.

a. CONTINUED DISCUSSION RE PARKING SPACE FEE (Requested by Mayor 1/18/08)- NEVER DISCUSSED – No discussion.

Mayor Heymann recessed the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Heymann resumed the Regular Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Motion approving the following Resolution at 8:14 p.m. was made by Councilman Kashwick, seconded by Councilwoman Amitai and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Hennessey, Kashwick, Barad, and Amitai:

16b. OMNIBUS OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Council, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, to exclude the public from the next portion of the meeting in order to permit the governing body to discuss per N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(1) "A matter required by law to be held confidential," and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(5), "A matter involving the expenditure of public funds for the acquisition of real property," and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(7), "Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations," and that the items under discussion in the closed meeting will be disclosed to the public at the conclusion of the matters which should be within 8 to 12 weeks.

Mayor Heymann resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Mayor Heymann informed that Women's History Month will be celebrated Sunday, March 9, 2008, at the Women's Rights Information Center in Englewood. She is participating in this and distributed invitations for those interested in Women's Rights and Women's History Month.

17. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS OR ANY OTHER TIMELY MATTER, IF APPROPRIATE

No one wished to be heard.

18. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:31 p.m. was made by Councilman Kashwick, seconded by Councilwoman Amitai and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Heymann.

Provided to the Mayor and Council  
on March 6, 2008 for approval  
at the Regular Meeting to be held  
March 12, 2008

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Loretta Castano, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Prepared by Donelle K. Bright utilizing  
recording and Borough Clerk's notes

Approved at the Regular Meeting held 3/12/08  
Consent Agenda Item No. 18a.1B

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Mayor Heymann called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The following persons were present:

Mayor Sophie Heymann  
Councilpersons John C. Glidden Jr., Thomas Hennessey, John Kashwick,  
David Barad, Victoria Amitai  
Acting Administrator/Treasurer, John DiStefano  
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan  
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano  
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola  
Chief of Police, David Berrian

The following persons were absent:

Councilwoman Cynthia Tutoli

Mayor Heymann recognized and welcomed Irene Stella, member of the Historic Preservation Commission, and Steve Isaacson as a member of the Environmental Commission.

2. PROVISIONS OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Heymann declared that the meeting was being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY - KASHWICK (GLIDDEN/TUTOLI)

1) STATUS REPORT RE CAPITAL BUDGET/CAPITAL PLAN- There have been Finance Committee meetings the past two weeks; they met with the Recreation Commission to review their Budget requests; and this week they met with Borough Auditor, Lerch, Vinci and Higgins to review the entire Budget. As with many other municipalities this year, things are exceptionally dire. Mr. Kashwick noted that Mr. DiStefano is doing great work on the Budget; and he hoped to have it introduced in March. It will also be available on the Website for public inspection.

2) STATUS REPORT RE TRANSPORTATION (Northern Valley Transportation Group Meeting held 10/25/07/possible meeting early February) - Nothing new to report.

3) STATUS REPORT RE CLOSTER WEBSITE – They are working to have a greater presence from the Recreation Commission. They discussed the contributions they could make to the Website, including more photographs and forms. Notices are ongoing and are more current on the Website; more content is needed; he encouraged information to be submitted to himself or Mr. DiStefano.



3. COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

A. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY – KASHWICK (GLIDDEN/TUTOLI) (continued)

4) STATUS REPORT RE IN-KIND MATCH OF \$25,000 FOR  
COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT (Work to be done by DPW) RM 6/27/07

5) REPORT- Councilman Kashwick reported as follows:

a. Regarding the Historic Preservation Commission, they are doing groundwork for the possible Historic District designation later this year. The Commission has planned an exhibit to take place at the Library near October and November this year; and Jennifer Rothschild, Bobbi Bouton-Goldberg and Irene Stella are at the forefront of that effort. The Historical Society is planning to revive a Newsletter for distribution early this year.

b. The specifications for the tree planting by the Shade Tree Commission have been submitted to go out for bid. This is the \$25,000 Grant received for the trees in the Downtown area. The Commission also discussed the grates in the downtown area and recommended that they not be removed unless a test is done on the trees first. There were some safety concerns because there would be uneven pavement; and for half of the year, there would not be anything in the pots; there are currently decorative grates there. They also are in the process of finalizing their Community Forestry Plan for the next five years. Mr. Kashwick received his draft copy this evening; they will review this at the next meeting, after which it will be submitted for final approval. Tree maintenance is being completed in District 2. The non-grant related trees, the annual tree plantings, will take place in District 5 this year.

d. In reference to the Environmental Commission, the first meeting of the Sustainable Closter Initiative was held 2/02/08 and the turnout exceeded their expectations. There was standing room only for Environmental Consultant, Jeremiah Bergstrom's presentation; Captain Bill Sheehan from the Hackensack River Keeper and Lori Charkey from the Bergen Swan were guests. He thanked Beth Ravit and Adrienne Isaacoff for their work and making the meeting a success. Mr. Kashwick informed that the Third Annual Tree Planting of saplings in the public areas of the Community is taking place 4/26/08. The Commission is also in the process of designing and locating a placement for the trail blazes and signage for the Cross-Closter Trail.

At this time, Mayor Heymann referred to Item No. 3 in Mr. Kashwick's report. She referred further to Item No. 4 of the Mail List of 2/21/08 from Janet Sharma of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County and asked for his follow-up. She also commented that even though the Budget Committee and Mr. DiStefano have been working diligently, the Governor's message came through last night and may include some damaging provisions for the Community. They may have to look at this more and may, hopefully not, postpone the Budget. Councilman Glidden commented that there was a very strong message that towns of the size of Closter will be penalized if we do not regionalize services; this is something they should take initiative on. Mayor Heymann added that the Borough will be penalized; Mr. Glidden noted that they will be more penalized and they would get more money back if they demonstrate some sort of effort to regionalize services.

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3. COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

B. PUBLIC SAFETY - GLIDDEN (HENNESSEY/TUTOLI)

1) REPORT – Councilman Glidden reported as follows:

- a. He had one matter to be discussed in Closed Session.
- b. He informed that Sergeant Bill McLoughlin was injured in a snowboarding accident in Vermont and will be out of work for an indefinite period of time. Chief Berrian added that he had no broken bones and his helmet saved him.

C. PUBLIC WORKS - HENNESSEY (AMITAI/GLIDDEN)

1) REPORT – Councilman Hennessey reported as follows:

- a. The DPW sent out a telephone message regarding the reverse 9-1-1 on 2/22/08. It said that the garbage was not going to be picked up on Monday; there was an error stating it was not until Tuesday; and this is the first time they have utilized this service.

D. ORDINANCES - BARAD (KASHWICK/AMITAI)

1) REPORT RE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 1/22/08

2) REPORT – Councilman Barad reported as follows:

- a. An Ordinance Committee meeting was held on 2/25/08; and there was a lot of talk about amendments to a few appointments, fine points to the term of appointments. They reviewed some of the recommendations made by the Board of Ethics regarding the Pay to Play Ordinance; took them under serious consideration; didn't agree with all of them; and are producing another version. They are going to discuss things and they will amend it slightly. Mayor Heymann voiced her understanding that none of the changes contemplated were substantive, so they can be amended at the time of the public hearing. Borough Clerk reminded that the Governing Body had agreed to table the Pay to Play Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2008:1003) (during the Public Hearing held at the Regular Meeting on 1/23/08) and the Ordinance died. Borough Attorney concurred that this was not voted on; and the corrections would be made.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES - TUTOLI (KASHWICK(/BARAD)

In the absence of Councilwoman Tutoli, Mayor Heymann noted no report would be provided for the following:

- 1) REPORT RE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- 2) REPORT

F. LAND USE AND CONSTRUCTION - AMITAI (BARAD/HENNESSEY)

1) REPORT – Councilwoman Amitai reported as follows:

- a. The Planning Board had Beth Lithman speak; she was responsible for Downtown Livingston and other planning communities; it was an informal talk about the potential of Closter. The Board also passed By Laws. The Subcommittee did not meet this month. Richard Price has been hired to do the Master Plan, and he will be discussing the Master Plan and answering any questions from the public at the Library on Monday, 4/07/08, at 7:30 p.m.
- b. The Closter Improvement Commission is working towards the Concert to be held on Sunday, 4/06/08, at 4:00 p.m. She encouraged attendance.

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4. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Heymann informed that the Borough's representative to the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) is our former Mayor, Fred Pitofsky, who is also in the insurance business. She added that the Borough kept him on as our Representative to the JIF; and he was elected Vice President to the JIF.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No one wished to be heard.

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

No one wished to be heard.

7. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

No one wished to be heard.

8. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS, IF APPROPRIATE

No one wished to be heard.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Work Session at 8:13 p.m. was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Heymann.

Provided to the Mayor and Council  
On March 6, 2008 for approval at  
the Regular Meeting to be held  
March 12, 2008

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Loretta Castano, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Borough Clerk's notes

Approved at the Regular Meeting held 3/12/08  
Consent Agenda Item No.18a.2B