

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 9:05 p.m.

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 Annual Notice of Meetings which was published in The Record and The Star Ledger on January 10, 2020, was posted on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board 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

The following were present:

Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr.
Councilpersons Scott Devlin, Dolores Witko, Joseph Yammarino, Jannie Chung
and Victoria Amitai
Borough Administrator, Edward Hynes
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Chief of Police, Jack McTigue
Sgt. James Buccola
Sgt. Vincent Sarubbi

The following were not present:

Councilwoman Alissa Latner

3. MAYORAL PRESENTATION(S)

4. PRESENTATION(S)

5. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/2/20):

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
*Planning Board				
Alternate No. 2	<u>Angela Ferullo</u>	<u>Conway Wong</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-21

6a. VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion approving the Consent Agenda was made by Councilwoman Witko seconded by Councilwoman Chung and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Devlin, Witko, Yammarino, Chung and Amitai.

RESOLUTIONS

- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO ISSUE A REFUND CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,974.66 TO WELLS FARGO FOR BLOCK 1316 LOT 8, 199 CRESCENT STREET DUE TO TAX OVERPAYMENT IN FOURTH QUARTER 2019 TAX ACCOUNT (Received from Tax Collector 1/15/20)
- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER REGARDING POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCESS TO REAL TIME VIDEO FEED OF SECURITY CAMERAS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 (Received from Borough Attorney 1/21/20)
- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO PREPARE REVISIONS TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650.00 PER PROPOSAL DATED 11/21/19 (Received from Borough Attorney 1/21/20)
- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,491.51 FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #19-00007 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 39 CHESTNUT AVENUE, BLOCK 1703, LOT 9, FOR LIEN SOLD AT THE MUNICIPAL TAX SALE HELD ON 6/26/19 FOR 2018 DELINQUENT TAXES **AND** A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,500.00 FOR RETURN OF PREMIUM PAID AT TAX SALE TO ROTHMAN REALTY CORP. PROFIT SHARING FOR SAID CERTIFICATE (Received from Tax Collector 1/22/19)

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11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR, CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER AND PBA LOCAL 233 DATED JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 (Received from Borough Attorney 1/23/20) extolled his accolades – leave it in the consent agenda.
12. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF I.W.S. TRANSFER SYSTEMS OF NJ, INC. TO PROVIDE SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION SERVICES INCLUDING THE TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION, AND DELIVERY AND PAYMENT FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER (for a 3 year term with an option to extend the contract for two consecutive 1 year terms) Received from Borough Attorney 1/24/20
13. RESOLUTION RE SUPPORT FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE (3a. M.L. 1/16/20)

MOTIONS

14. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES (Distributed 1/16/20) ABSTENTION: AMITAI
 - a. REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 15, 2020
15. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING **SALARIED** APPOINTMENTS NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 1/2/20:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Municipal Court				
Sound Recording Clerk	<u>Monica Chalarca</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-20

16. MOTION APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING **BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS** NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 1/2/20 – RESOLUTIONS TO BE PREPARED BY BOROUGH ATTORNEY

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Financial Advisory Services*	<u>Daniel C. Mariniello</u> <u>NW Financial Group, LLC</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-20
Risk Management Consultant*	<u>Richard M. Keating</u> <u>Trinity Brokerage, Inc.</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-20

17. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING **NON-SALARIED** APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 1/2/20:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Board of Ethics				
Member	<u>Joann Hildenbrand</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-24
Member	<u>John Hernandez</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-24
Food and Assistance Board				
Member	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-21
Member	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-21
Historic Preservation Commission				
Alternate No. 2	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-21
Improvement Commission				
Member	<u>Janet Morrow</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-21
Alternate No. 1	<u>Chang Seol Kim</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-21

18. REPORTS
(None received at time of preparation of this Agenda)
- 6b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
19. 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)

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Mayor Glidden opened the meeting to the public. No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Glidden closed the meeting to the public.

20. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:30 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Chung, seconded by Councilwoman Witko and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
February 6, 2020 for approval at the
Regular Meeting to be held
February 12, 2020

Loretta Castano, RMC
Borough Clerk

Prepared by Carol A. Kroepke
utilizing recording and Borough Clerk's
notes

Approved at the Regular Meeting held February 12, 2020
Consent Agenda Item No. 19a

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER RESOLUTION
REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, there exists a tax overpayment in Fourth Quarter 2019 tax account for which the mortgage service has requested a refund,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is desirous to clear the overpayment of record,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that the Deputy Treasurer is herewith authorized to issue a refund check to **Wells Fargo** for the following account:

Block 1316 Lot 8 199 Crescent Street \$2, 974.66

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner					X	
Councilwoman Witko	X		X			
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilman Chung		X	X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			

Adopted: January 29, 2020

ATTEST:

Loretta Castano
Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:

John C. Glidden, Jr.
John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER REGARDING POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCESS TO REAL TIME VIDEO FEED OF SECURITY CAMERAS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter is responsible for the general health, safety and wellbeing of its residents; and

WHEREAS, school safety has become a heightened concern nationally; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education has installed a computerized security camera system which in part, provides real time video feeds through each installed camera along with current availability to access video recordings; and

WHEREAS, any crimes committed and contained on such security cameras would under the law necessarily involve the Closter Police Department (“CPD”); and

WHEREAS, Police Department access to such recordings may become essential in investigating any criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must be cognizant of privacy concerns and legal restrictions as to the ability of the CPD to access recorded video, in as much as its contents may be considered “education records” within the meaning of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC §-1232g and/or “student records” within the meaning of the New Jersey Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and Borough are in agreement that the CPD’s ability to access live video feed should be sufficiently detailed in a written agreement as it has in the past.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a renewal agreement with the Closter Board of Education up and through June 30, 2020, subject to the attached Rider being agreed to between the parties. The Clerk will forward the agreement to the Borough’s Chief of Police and Emergency Management Coordinator.


COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner					X	
Councilwoman Witko	X		X			
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			

Adopted: January 29, 2020

ATTEST:


Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:


John C. Glidden, Jr. Mayor

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Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

ATTACHMENT

RIDER TO AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND
THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

Wherever the terms of this Rider shall conflict with the attached Agreement, the provisions of this Rider shall prevail.

1. All terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be consistent with the laws of the State of New Jersey including N.J.S.A 18A:41 et al. and P.L. 2017, Chapter 119.
2. In the event of any actual active shooting or any other school security threat where the CPD or any other Law Enforcement Support Agency actions are captured on security video, they will immediately become the property of the CPD and shall not be duplicated by any member of the Board of Education during the pendency of an investigation, as it becomes evidence of a crime investigation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto caused this Rider to be signed by their proper corporate officers and caused their proper corporate seals to be hereunto affixed the day and year noted below.

WITNESS:

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Florp Villanueva, Jr.
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

BY: _____
Gregg Lambert,
Board President

DATED: _____, 2020

WITNESS:

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

Loretta Castano
Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

BY: John C. Glidden, Jr.
John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

DATED: January 31, 2020

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO PREPARE REVISIONS TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650.00

WHEREAS, at the public meeting held January 15, 2020, the Mayor and Council discussed the various "COAH" ordinances revision Chapter 200 of the code which included revisions to various overlay zones within the Borough as well as a new zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer indicated there was a need to revise the zoning map of the Borough of Closter to incorporate the newly created zone district as well as overlay zones; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that it was in the best interest of the Borough to bring its zoning map in compliance with the recently enacted COAH ordinances and to authorize the Borough Engineer to perform such duties necessary to complete those revisions at a cost not to exceed \$650.00; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that the Borough Engineer is authorized to revise the zoning map of the Borough of Closter in accordance with the recently adopted COAH ordinances for an amount not to exceed \$650.00.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS


I, Joseph Luppino, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to NJSA 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that funds are available to the Borough of Closter, Account number T-12-56-286-000-005 for the calendar year 2020.


Dated:


Joseph Luppino, CEO

COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner					X	
Councilwoman Witko	X		X			
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			

Adopted: January 29, 2020

ATTEST:

Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:

John C. Glidden, Jr. Mayor

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Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

*Admin
Attorney
Engineer*

*13. Mail List
11/21/19*



BOSWELL ENGINEERING

ENGINEERS ■ SURVEYORS ■ PLANNERS ■ SCIENTISTS

330 Phillips Avenue • P.O. Box 3152 • South Hackensack, N.J. 07606-1722 • (201) 641-0770 • Fax (201) 641-1831

Copy to Carolene Ruster

November 21, 2019

The Honorable Mayor and Council
Borough of Closter
295 Closter Dock Road
Closter, NJ 07624

Attention: Edward H. Hynes, Borough Administrator

Re: Zoning Map Revisions
Borough of Closter
Bergen County, New Jersey
Our File No. PR-19-9538 (CL-1370)

Dear Mayor Glidden and Members of the Council:

This letter shall serve as our proposal for revisions to the Zoning Map of the Borough of Closter. As the Council may be aware, the Borough has passed various "COAH" Ordinances, which revised Chapter 200 of the Code to include revisions to various overlay zones within the Borough as well as a new Zoning District. As such, the Zoning Map of Closter should be revised to incorporate the newly created Zoning District as well as the overlay zones

The following is an outline of the scope of work and the estimated fee for our design and construction inspection services.

Scope of Work/Services

The scope of work for the Zoning Map Revisions includes revising the Zoning Map of the Borough of Closter to aforementioned zones and overlay zones in accordance with the recently adopted "COAH" ordinances.

Fee Proposal

Boswell will perform the services outlined in this proposal for an estimated fee not to exceed \$650.00. Included in this fee is providing the new Zoning Map to the various Borough Departments for their use and information.

The Honorable Mayor and Council
November 21, 2019
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Items Not Included in the Engineering Fee

The following items are not anticipated to be required and are therefore excluded:

1. Additional Zoning Map or other map revisions not enumerated herein.

Additional work above and beyond what is outlined in the proposal will only be performed as authorized by the Borough of Closter.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal. We look forward to providing the Borough of Closter with our engineering services and to the successful completion of this project. Should you have any questions or require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

BOSWELL ENGINEERING

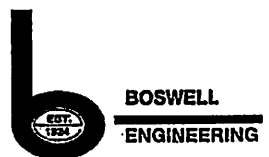


Nick DeNicola, P.E.
Borough Engineer

ND/amg

cc: Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk
Mayor John Glidden, Jr.

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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER**

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on the 26th day of June 2019, a lien was sold on **Block 1703; Lot 9** also known as **39 Chestnut Avenue** in Closter, NJ for 2018 delinquent taxes, and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #19-00007 was sold to Rothman Realty Corp. Profit Sharing,

WHEREAS, the Mortgage Company has affected redemption of said property, TSC #19-00007, in the amount of \$31,491.51 on January 22, 2020,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the **Deputy Treasurer** is authorized to issue a check in the amount of **\$31,491.51** for redemption and a check in the amount of **\$65,500.00** for return of Premium Paid at Tax Sale to **Rothman Realty Corp. Profit Sharing** for said certificate.

(Interest through 01/31/2020)


Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner					X	
Councilwoman Witko	X		X			
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			

ADOPTED: January 29, 2020

ATTEST:


Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:


John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR, CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER AND PBA LOCAL 233
DATED JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (“Contract”) between the Borough of Closter and PBA Local 233 expired on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, due to the need for a new contract effective January 1, 2020, the parties engaged in negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the parties agreed to terms which have to be memorialized in a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) dated January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the CBA and has found same to be in order; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that it is necessary to execute said Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Closter that the Mayor, the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and the Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Contract, a copy of which shall be kept on file in the Borough Clerk’s Office.

COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner					X	
Councilwoman Witko	X		X			
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			


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ATTEST:



Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:



John C. Glidden, Jr. Mayor

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Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF I.W.S. TRANSFER SYSTEMS OF NJ, INC. TO PROVIDE SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION SERVICES INCLUDING THE TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION, AND DELIVERY AND PAYMENT FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter advertised for bids for the providing of solid waste transfer station services including the transfer, transportation and delivery and payment for disposal of Borough solid waste (hereafter, "Solid Waste Transfer Station Services"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough advertised for the receipt of bids on January 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, I.W.S. Transfer Systems of NJ, Inc. was the sole vendor to submit a proposal in response to the bid advertisement; and

WHEREAS, I.W.S. Transfer Systems of NJ, Inc., 300 Frank W. Burr Blvd., Suite 39, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666, was the lowest responsible bidder for Solid Waste Transfer Station Services in the amount of \$80.48 total price per ton for a 3-year term, with the rate to remain constant during the 3-year term; and

WHEREAS, no errors were found in the bid submitted and the aforementioned bid was found to be formal; and

WHEREAS, it was concluded that the qualified low bid of I.W.S. Transfer Systems of NJ, Inc. should be accepted for a 3-year term, with an option by the Borough to extend the contract for two consecutive 1-year terms in the Borough's sole discretion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter that:

1. The bid of the lowest qualified bidder, I.W.S. Transfer Systems of NJ, Inc., in the amount of \$80.48 total price per ton for a 3-year term be accepted, with the rate to remain constant during the 3-year term, but subject to a CPI adjustment in years 4 and 5 if the Borough chooses to exercise its options to renew the agreement for successive 1-year terms;
2. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare a contract and any such other documents as he deems necessary to implement the award of this contract; and
3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract and any other documents the Borough Attorney deems necessary to implement the award of this contract.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner					X	
Councilwoman Witko	X		X			
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			


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ATTEST:



 Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:



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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN**

**RESOLUTION RE SUPPORT FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE**

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, guaranteeing and protecting women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, this centennial offers an opportunity to commemorate a milestone of democracy; that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the federal or state governments on account of gender; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has had a long, storied history in the suffrage movement with New Jersey women playing a crucial role in pursuing the rights of women to vote; and

WHEREAS, in 1776 women property owners were enfranchised under the New Jersey State Constitution, which was unique in the nation at the time. However, in 1807, the New Jersey Legislature eliminated the property requirement for voting rights and limited the ballot to white males; and

WHEREAS, in 1867 New Jersey residents Lucy Stone and Harry Blackwell organized the New Jersey Woman Suffrage Association (NJWSA), devoted to gaining women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS, in 1909 New Jersey's first open air suffrage rallies were held in Orange and Newark, led by Dr. Emma O. Gantz and Martha Klatshchken with NJWSA collecting 5,000 signatures for a petition in support of the federal amendment guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, although the 1912 state referendum on woman's suffrage was soundly defeated in the New Jersey Legislature a corner was turned for the New Jersey suffrage movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1913 an automobile rally led by "General" Rosalie Jones traveled through New Jersey on the way to Washington, D.C., in a Suffrage Parade of over 8,000 marchers with many New Jersey women including event organizer Alice Paul; and

WHEREAS, in 1915 a second suffrage constitutional referendum was pursued in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts with active campaigns by many suffrage organizations, including the "Passing of the Torch of Liberty" via tug boats on the Hudson River from New York to New Jersey, but was defeated in all four states October 1915; and

WHEREAS, in 1917 New Jersey suffragists Allison Turnbull Hopkins, Julia Hulburt, Beatrice Reynolds Kinkead, and Minnie D. Abbott picketed in front of the White House as part of the Silent Sentinels and subsequently were arrested and imprisoned; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1919 Congress passed the 19th Amendment guaranteeing all American women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 1920, New Jersey became the 29th state to ratify the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the ratification of the 19th Amendment Margaret Laird and Jennie Van Ness were the first two women elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 1921 and in 1925 Rebecca Estelle Bourgeois Winston of Estell Manor was New Jersey's first woman mayor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment the Borough of Closter will decorate the Municipal Clerk's office in purple, one of the colors of the New Jersey Suffrage movement, for the week of February 10; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Closter supports the efforts of New Jersey's Suffrage Centennial NJ Women Vote and strongly encourages local celebrations of this historic milestone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the Governor, Secretary of State and New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner					X	
Councilwoman Witko	X		X			
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			

Adopted: January 29, 2020

ATTEST:

Loretta Castano
Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:

John C. Glidden, Jr.
John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

Sent 1/31/20

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Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

WORK SESSION NOTES – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020 - 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Work Session on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. PROVISIONS OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

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3. ROLL CALL

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Sgt. James Buccola
Sgt. Vincent Sarubbi

The following persons were not present:

Councilwoman Alissa Latner

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

a. MAIL LIST OF JANUARY 16, 2020 – Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter to provide any comments. Item No. 3a was removed by Councilwoman Chung; Item No. 3b1b was removed by Councilwoman Amitai; Item No. 3b1d was removed by Borough Attorney; Item No. 10 was removed by Councilwoman Witko.

Item No. 3a: Received 01/09/20, Dated 01/09/20, from NJS League of Municipalities re Daily Update – January 9, 2020 re: Light Up Public Spaces for Suffrage (sample Resolution attached re Support for the Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage on February 9, 1920)

Councilwoman Chung informed that Councilwoman Latner had requested she bring up several items on her behalf and asked if the Borough could do anything in a public space to light the municipality up in purple to commemorate the 19th Amendment. Mrs. Latner further requested that the sample Resolution be adopted. Borough Attorney informed it was Item No. 13 on the Agenda this evening. Borough Clerk informed she took the liberty of adding same because it supports women. Mayor Glidden suggested we speak to the DPW and some outside folks tomorrow and Borough Administrator informed he would follow up on same. Councilwoman Chung noted there is a DPW meeting tomorrow and she will bring it up there as well. Mayor Glidden voiced 100% support for this request.

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Item No. 3bId: Received 01/10/20, Dated 01/10/20, from NJS League of Municipalities re Weekly Round Up – January 10, 2020, I. State Issues; Committee Advances Bills Expanding Use of Preserved Farmlands Without Municipal Oversight (A-5384/S-5157 attached) Copy to Borough Attorney, Borough Administrator, Assessor

Borough Attorney called attention for the Council to be aware that this is an Assembly Bill that proposes to greatly expand the types of events that can occur on preserved farmlands; and it would permit festivals, car shows and weddings without any type of municipal approval. The New Jersey League of Municipalities opposes this bill because it would risk being an open permit. We have several of those types of properties in Closter. It's obviously the state's position to encourage farms and the Borough has respected the right to have those assessments; but this is going a step further. The League's position is that they're looking to expand it to be almost a commercial enterprise rather than farmland with a tax reduction. Up until now, those deductions had to meet certain criteria. If the Bill were to pass, the Borough wouldn't even get any notification of an event for purposes of traffic or neighbor notification or anything. Councilwoman Amitai voiced her support of a Resolution opposing this legislation.

At this time, Councilwoman Amitai also voiced her support for a Resolution in opposition to the bill that ends religious exemptions for vaccines. (A3818, Clarifies statutory exemptions from mandatory immunization requirements for child care center and school attendance)

The Council voiced support for putting up both Resolutions for vote; and the Borough Attorney affirmed he would prepare same for the next meeting.

Item No. 3ble: Received 01/10/20, Dated 01/10/20, from NJS League of Municipalities re Weekly Round Up – January 10, 2020, I. State Issues; Bill Requiring Electronic Review of Construction Permits Set for Vote (S-3927/A-4463 attached) Copy to Construction Official

Councilwoman Amitai voiced her concern this would be a bad thing for the Building Department. She had tried to speak to the Construction Official to obtain his opinion last week but he has been out sick. Mrs. Amitai would like to get input from the Building Department on this issue; the Mayor suggested she call Mr. Peters tomorrow and Borough Administrator said he is unsure when Mr. Peters will be returning.

Item No. 10: Received 01/14/20, Dated 01/14/20, from Chad Serpa, Senior External Relations Representative – Tunnels, Bridges & Terminals, Government & Community Relations – NJ, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, to Municipal Clerk re Important Notices: **a.** George Washington Bridge Bus Station – Saddle River Tours Bus Service Termination (Route 11C & Route 20/84); **b.** Cashless Tolling Coming to GWB-Palisades Interstate Parkway (PIP), Posted on Municipal Clerk's Bulletin Board 1/16/20

Councilwoman Witko questioned when the tolls would start on the Palisades Parkway and Councilwoman Chung explained it's still just the bridge toll and they're only eliminating the manned toll booths. Mrs. Chung noted they are also getting rid of carpool discounts because they can't do it if there's nobody physically there to verify you are in fact carpooling. In answer to Councilwoman Amitai, Mrs. Witko explained that New Jersey EZPass is not eliminating their senior discounts – only the Port Authority is; they are two separate systems.

b. MAIL LIST OF JANUARY 23, 2020 - Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter to provide any comments. Item Nos. 1 and 6 were removed by Councilman Devlin; Item No. 2aIb was removed by Councilwoman Chung.

Item No. 1: Received 01/16/20, Dated 01/16/20, from Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, Registered Municipal Accountants re Original and copy of information re scope of services to be provided to the Borough of Closter for year ending 12/31/20 including Engagement Letter re services to be provided to the Borough of Closter for year ending 12/31/20 – for signature and return to LV&H (Copy to Assistant Chief Financial Officer)

Councilman Devlin referred to previous Audit Reports and noted none of them ever included the "phantom" departmental bonuses that we pay to people who have been here a long time and retire. These are bonuses that were never written down anywhere but are considered to be liabilities on our balance sheet

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so he feels there should be a proper accounting (of those amounts) of them as a liability and the Auditor should do that during the annual report. In answer to the Mayor, he affirmed he would like to request the Auditor to include those figures that they wouldn't otherwise know about in the Audit Report. Mayor Glidden asked the Borough Administrator to follow up on same.

Item No. 6: Received 01/21/20, Dated 01/14/20, from Patrick Ryan, Supervisor, NJDEP Division of Land Use Regulation to The Stop and Shop Supermarket Company, LLC, c/o Jeff Morgan; c: Municipal Clerk, Construction Official, Agent re Authorization for Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation – 5 Year Extension (for Former A&P Shopping Center), Applicant: The Stop and Shop Supermarket Company, LLC, Closter, NJ; Block(s) and Lot(s):Block 1006, Lots 25 & 26; File No.: 0207-06-0001.2; Activity Number: FWW190001 (Copy to Board of Health, Construction Official, Environmental Commission, DPW Superintendent)

Councilman Devlin asked the Borough Engineer for clarification of this request. Mr. DeNicola explained the area is contaminated; and a renewed permit is required every five (5) years; so, this is the request to apply for that extension of that permit which has been ongoing for 20 or more years.

Item No. 2a1b: Received 01/17/20, Dated 01/17/20, from NJS League of Municipalities re Weekly Round Up – January 17, 2020, I. State Issues; Lame Duck Round-Up (Copy to Chief McTigue, Board of Health, Construction Official, Environmental Commission); Marijuana Legalization Headed to the Ballot

Councilwoman Chung informed Councilwoman Latner wanted to know if there were any ideas how to inform the public that this question would be on the ballot this November. Mayor Glidden said he has a note to have it put on the website and put it in his newsletter. Councilwoman Amitai said once that is circulated, the information can be posted to social media. Mayor Glidden thanked her for bringing this up because he felt that, as a Borough, we owe it to our citizens to let them know it will be on the ballot . He said he will take a position on it, which will be announced at the proper time. He urged the Council to take a position on same at some point. Borough Administrator reminded the Sample Ballot will have that information printed on it. Borough Attorney confirmed that we passed a Resolution on the matter previously.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING
(Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of January 29, 2020)

Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda. Item No. 11 was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate vote by Mayor Glidden. Councilman Devlin referred to Item No. 12; Mayor Glidden referred to Item Nos. 15 and 16.

- *11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR, CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER AND PBA LOCAL 233 DATED JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 (Received from Borough Attorney 1/23/20)

Mayor Glidden requested that this resolution be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately. No objections were expressed by Council members.

- *12. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF I.W.S. TRANSFER SYSTEMS OF NJ, INC. TO PROVIDE SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION SERVICES INCLUDING THE TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION, AND DELIVERY AND PAYMENT FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER (for a 3 year term with an option to extend the contract for two consecutive 1 year terms) Received from Borough Attorney 1/24/20

In answer to Councilman Devlin, Borough Attorney said the cost was going up from \$78 to \$80 and a separate Host Community Agreement would be done.

- *15. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING **SALARIED** APPOINTMENTS NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 1/2/20:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Municipal Court				
Sound Recording Clerk	<u>Monica Chalarca</u>	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-20

Mayor Glidden noted that the Sound Recording Clerk had resigned; and it had not been determined if the position would be elevated from Recording Clerk to Violations Clerk. Borough Administrator said this matter would be brought before the Human Resources Committee.

- *16. MOTION APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING **BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS** NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 1/2/20 – RESOLUTIONS TO BE PREPARED BY BOROUGH ATTORNEY

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Financial Advisory Services*	<u>Daniel C. Mariniello</u> <u>NW Financial Group, LLC</u>	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-20
Risk Management Consultant*	<u>Richard M. Keating</u> <u>Trinity Brokerage, Inc.</u>	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-20

Mayor Glidden said that we must go out to bid again for the Financial Advisory Services noting that NW Financial was the advisor last year; and for some reason, they failed to submit. Relative to the Risk Management Consultant, we had a meeting with our firm from last year; and it was decided to seek additional RFPs.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 1) REPORT RE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Councilman Yammarino reported the Finance Committee has been meeting with the Borough Administrator and Finance Department Head and CFO with all of the Department Heads to review all of the Budget requests. Once they have gone through all of the Departments, they will move on to the Boards and Commissions.
- 2) REPORT RE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETINGS – No report.
- 3) LIAISON REPORTS – Councilman Yammarino reported on the following:
 - a. Historic Preservation Commission is preparing their Budgets and Open Space request.
 - b. Recreation Commission – He was saddened to report that Recreation Commission Member, Steven Potterton passed away this morning after a brave fight against cancer per an email from Jim Oettinger. He read aloud from Mr. Oettinger’s note and said Mr. Potterton’s dedication to the youth of Closter is unmatched. Mayor Glidden expressed this is a true loss; and asked for the information to be forwarded to him as he would like to present a Proclamation to the Potterton family.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY - LATNER (CHUNG/YAMMARINO)

- 1) REPORT RE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Councilwoman Chung informed she had a statement on behalf of Councilwoman Latner and read same into the record expressing her sadness that she was unable to attend the meeting this evening. She thanked everyone involved in the contract negotiations.
- 2) LIAISON REPORTS – Councilwoman Chung reported on the following:
 - a. Board of Education – NVRHS – In the fall NVD was awarded highest level of future readiness and they received a Silver District Distinction Award. It is reserved for districts that have demonstrated a commitment to providing students with technology-rich environments that are meaningful

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and prepare them to be engaged in successful members of an ever-evolving digital society and workforce. NVRHS is one of four (4) districts in the entire state that has achieved this designation. She commended Mr. Miller and the NVD Stanjay Theater Company for competition team for winning an impressive thirteen (13) awards at the Governor’s Awards. Congratulations were also extended to the Northern Valley Winter Guard on their first place performance at the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network’s preview show at West Milford High School. This was the guard’s first public competition performance; and they are looking forward to many more throughout the season.

b. Library Board of Trustees – Mrs. Latner wanted all to be aware that the monthly Board meetings have been switched to the third Tuesday of the month because there were too many conflicts on Wednesdays; and this will take effect in February. Mayor Glidden asked Mrs. Chung to forward him the e-mail so he can include the information in his newsletter and on the website.

At this time, Mayor Glidden congratulated a lot of people for the signing of the PBA negotiations. He commended Sergeants Aiello and Buccola on their professionalism for representing their Department well and for keeping the Borough at heart. The Public Safety Committee worked together with everyone to get this done during the period of negotiations and he is happy we have a long contract and we are all friends. He appreciates all of the efforts everyone put in on the negotiations.

C. PUBLIC WORKS - CHUNG (AMITAI/LATNER)

1) REPORT RE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Councilwoman Chung reported the Public Works Committee will meet tomorrow so she has no report this evening.

At this time, the Mayor reported he received a call from a resident who said there is a bridge out at Mollicone Park that goes by the Girl Scouts. He called the DPW Superintendent who had it repaired and the debris that caused the problem removed within the day. The Mayor would like everyone to know that when a resident calls about an unsafe condition, that our DPW responds well.

- 2) LIAISON REPORTS – Councilwoman Chung had no report on the following items:
 - 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 – Councilman Devlin reported the Ordinance Committee is scheduled to meet on February 4th.

2) LIAISON REPORTS – Councilman Devlin reported on the following:

- a. Environmental Commission (Voting member) – They would like to redo the Commission ordinances with co-chairs because it is a large responsibility.
- b. Shade Tree Commission (Voting member) – The Emerald Ash Borer has been attacking our trees with several on the priority list; so they going to use part of their temporary Budget to take them down.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES – WITKO (CHUNG/LATNER)

1) REPORT RE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING(S) – Councilwoman Witko reported the Human Resources Committee is still working on a lot of matters.

2) LIAISON REPORTS – Councilwoman Witko reported on the following:

- a. Board of Education – Closter Public Schools – There is a Board of Education meeting scheduled for next week.
- b. Fire Department – She read the December report into the record as no hard copy was provided. In answer to Councilwoman Chung, she informed the new fire truck should be here in September or October.

F. LAND USE AND CONSTRUCTION - AMITAI (DEVLIN/YAMMARINO)

- 1) REPORT RE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT MEETING(S) – No report.
- 2) LIAISON REPORTS – Councilwoman Amitai reported on the following:
 - a. Planning Board (Voting member) – The meeting for tomorrow night has been canceled; but there will be a Work Session next Wednesday.
 - b. Improvement Commission (Voting member) – They are busy working on ideas for beautification projects as well as three different events. The Hoe Down was approved by Jim Oettinger for a Sunday afternoon in June. Another event in discussion is International Day for which they are obtaining information from each of the independent people who will be participating from 10 different cultures with a tentative date of 3/22/20 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at St. Mary’s. They are working on the tree lighting event as well, chose a Sunday in December which will be earlier than this past one; and if the numbers are the same and it is being held on a Sunday, the Chief of Police said he has no objections for it to be held in the front of Borough Hall. They have a potential new member who attended their last meeting; and are looking for one additional person to fill a vacancy.
 - c. Senior Citizens – (Mayor Emeritus) Sophie Heymann will keep us apprised of the things they need.

G. MAYOR’S LIAISON REPORT

- a. Ambulance Corps – Mayor Glidden voiced his understanding they were all invited to the Annual Dinner to be held this Saturday night at 6 p.m. and he hopes everyone can attend.
- b. Borough Engineer – The Mayor has been having discussions with the Borough Engineer regarding the Swim Club property. They met earlier this evening as to the current options for the property; and the bottom line is that it’s been going on for a while. He recalled that if we chose to use NJDEP grant funds for the cleanup, it would fund up to 75% and the Borough would only pay the remaining 25%; and we would have to pay first since it is a reimbursement grant. It appears to him that this is getting more complicated and more expensive which is no surprise to him or anyone else. He urged the Council to pay attention to this because it could be a real problem down the road. When the Swim Club ceased to exist, by a Reverter Clause in the Deed, the property came back to the Borough. Along with that came the responsibility for cleaning it up; so we have looked at four (4) options. The first option is to do nothing and fence it off and leave it there; and for insurance purposes, we will probably have to remove the old pool and fill it in. In terms of cost, this is the least costly option; but we would be responsible for various inspections and things like that for the next thirty (30) years; but we probably only have a five (5) year time horizon to choose that option. It will still cost us money; and they talk about a ten (10) year time frame when the EPA comes in and cleans it up for you and sends you the bill. We don’t want that because we’re already five years into this now; so we don’t want the EPA to come in and clean it up and send us that bill. The second option in cost order would be to cap it at a cost of around \$500,000 and leave it fenced off. The third option would be to put some kind of a ballfield on it with only one or two buildings for restrooms and changing areas; and the Recreation Commission has expressed that this would be useful for their programs. The cost to clean up the property to do this would be between \$1M - \$1.2M and then there would be the cost of building the ballfield. He reminded this option would utilize the DEP grant for 75% of the cleanup; so building a ballfield with the grant money used may overall be our best option. The last option would be to put some type of recreational facility there and there have been proposals for an indoor/outdoor pool or recreational facility at a cost of around \$2M for cleanup plus the costs of the facility. He cautioned that the higher the use of the property, the more cleanup will be required. He urged everyone to think about these options and they will continue to discuss same at future meetings so everyone can voice their options. These are only the four (4) options he got from the recent meeting; but he is open to suggestions. The Mayor said the longer we wait on this, the more serious it gets; and it will cost more.

Borough Engineer said he would get the exact date but voiced his understanding that we are beyond the five (5) years and more likely in the seventh (7th) year and Borough Attorney affirmed same. He wanted to clarify that when the Mayor said the DEP will fund 75%, that is strictly for the cleanup of the property without improvements – any kind of improvement is 100% on the Borough. He also cautioned the HDSRF Grant Fund is available now, but it is only on a first-come, first-served basis. Hypothetically the fund could be depleted in three (3) years or they could stop funding it. He affirmed Councilwoman Amitai’s comment that it could be cleaned up and left green or capped off and left as passive parkland. In answer to Councilman Devlin, Borough Engineer affirmed there could be no recreational activities but it would be an accessible park. He said if you clean up the worst parts of it and fence off the worst part, the

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rest could be a park. He further stated as far as capital costs, that would be up to the Borough depending on what direction they want to go in with the property - for residential or actual use, it has to be cleaned up to higher standards than using it as a park or ballfield. We need to know that now in order to go forward; but all of the environmental studies are complete; and we would have to go out to bid for environmental cleanup. Mrs. Amitai raised the Improvement Commission's suggestion of a dog park or a pickle ball court. The Mayor informed he plays pickle ball and doesn't think that would be such a big thing that it couldn't be included if they decided to take the ballfield option like adding a basketball court. Councilwoman Chung informed that the Recreation Director has pickle ball on his list of things to move where the bocce court is by the Senior Center in order to make better use of the space. Mrs. Chung asked if we took the first option to do nothing and let the EPA come clean it up, how much would it cost and Mr. DeNicola said it would cost significantly more than if we were to clean it up ourselves – it is completely at the EPA's discretion and there is no grant.

Mayor Glidden voiced his support for continuing to go after the grant funds; and said at this point there needs to be a consensus of what we want to do with the property that is best and most feasible for the Borough. If we build a ballfield, there is no revenue coming in from that; and we need to keep that in mind. If we chose to build an indoor/outdoor swimming facility, we presumably would hire an outside vendor to run it or have some kind of public-private partnership. If we chose to build a Community Center, we could look at the Cresskill model which has some revenues coming in and perhaps supports itself; but there is debt service coming in. Borough Engineer said it cost approximately \$2.5M to construct that community center. The Mayor said their recreational facility is used for a variety of things. He will bring this issue up at every meeting to come to a consensus to direct our Borough Engineer how to proceed with remediation. Councilwoman Chung asked if the Swim Club was profitable when they were open; and Borough Engineer said they were not. Mayor Glidden said maybe at one time they were; but there was a long period of membership drop-off and a lot of families didn't get their bonds back from their membership. The last number of years, they were not profitable and required a lot of repair and ADA updates. Borough Attorney explained that ADA came in and required a lot of upgrades they could not afford; and that's when they came to the Borough for help, but they didn't have the membership to support it. In answer to Mrs. Amitai, Borough Engineer said a lot of homes have a pool in Closter now. Councilwoman Witko voiced her opinion that it is too remote a location for people to know about it. The Mayor agreed noting when he visited there a year ago, compared to Cresskill, this property is way off on the side. He reminded that if we put a recreational facility on the property, it has to remain Recreation and Open Space under the terms of the grant. Borough Engineer voiced his opinion that the first option to do nothing and have the EPA come in is in reality not an option. Mr. DeNicola reaffirmed he would get the date the ten (10) years would be expiring to the Council.

- c. Northern Valley Mayor's Association – Mayor Glidden had nothing new to report.

The Mayor announced there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held at Orangetheory on Saturday, February 5th at 5:30 p.m. They are starting a new operation with expanded size; so there will be a ceremony.

On another note, a woman by the name of Risa Corson came to his office to propose a restaurant day in Closter; and they spoke to Edens for starters; and he hopes they will follow through on it. Ideally, what he would like to do is make it a fundraising operation for the Borough to be donated to the Ambulance Corps or Fire Department; so he will report back on this issue.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS RE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Borough Attorney report re consultation with Borough Engineer re follow up on status of EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO BE MADE AT DWARSKILL "CULVERT" ON BLANCH AVENUE ALONG THE NORWOOD BORDER (Requested by Mayor WS 12/12/18) (8 M.L. 9/5/19 – copy of letter dated 8/28/19 from Norwood Borough Attorney to Bergen County Dept. of Planning and Engineering re culvert ownership)

Borough Administrator advised that the County denies any responsibility for the culvert but Boswell and Neglia say it is the responsibility of the County; however, as a compromise, each of us will pay one third of the cost of \$1 Million. At this point the County Engineer is opposed because it would set a bad precedent. Mr. Neglia will speak to the County Engineer but also will go directly to the County Executive because the bridge is deteriorating. Borough Engineer said it is a Borough roadway with a bridge over a stream, which the County owns. Every three years the DEP has a program to inspect bridges and should be due soon since the last inspection was done in 2016.

Relative to the Vervalen Street intersection, Borough Engineer said we have to contact the County because they have done nothing since the plans were submitted in October. Borough Attorney said he would draft a letter and send same to the Borough Engineer for review.

In answer to Councilwoman Chung, relative to the grant writer for the bridge, Borough Attorney said a resolution was prepared for this meeting; however, the proposal did not put an amount not to exceed; therefore, for finance reasons, the resolution had to be pulled. He noted that the amount could exceed \$40,000 and only \$8,000 had been preliminarily budgeted. It has now been recommended that the resolution be revised for the next meeting to include an amount not to exceed \$15,000 plus an additional \$7,000 for their hourly rate to apply for the grants on behalf of the Borough. The resolution will be on the next agenda.

In answer to Councilwoman Chung, Borough Administrator said the Third Street lot has been completed. Mayor Glidden said a resolution is needed to decide how the program will be administered relative to process to determine who can use the lot. Borough Clerk explained the process that was used for the parking lot in Demarest. Borough Attorney explained that different options would be distributed before the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Borough Attorney referred to the signalization for the crossing at Heidenberg and noted that there has been an issue finding the signal at the crossing; and it has been suggested that a brick paver be installed around the box. A proposed plan has been submitted that has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer. It would be totally at their cost and the Borough completely indemnified. A sidewalk permit would be necessary. It was noted that there would be an issue when the leaves grow back on the tree that could impede vision.

Borough Attorney referred to the Millennium Affordable Housing Ordinance, which he said would be submitted to the Ordinance Committee next week and same has already been submitted to the Planning Board for review. The ordinance would bring portions of the industrial area up to standards with the new zoning code.

Councilwoman Chung referred to resident complaints about crossing Piermont Road by High Street that cars do not yield to pedestrians. She noted that Oradell has reflective flags that are used by pedestrians to cross the street. Councilwoman Amitai noted that on Piermont Road by the Mexican Restaurant there are poles on each side of the street with yellow lines; and suggested something similar to attract the attention of a driver. Chief McTigue said he would investigate same.

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

Brian Eifert, Harrington Park, with professional offices in Tenafly, said he is the other candidate for Risk Management Consultant noting that he had submitted an RFQ on December 2nd and he asked the status.

Mayor Glidden said we have had some issues with the service we have gotten from the outfit that has represented us for past two years; and we felt it was incumbent on us to sit down and talk to him. If he cannot satisfy us, it would be our desire to go out and RFP him again. You can resubmit your RFP. We want to get a little more of a base so that we can talk to other providers. We need an answer on a binder overnight; and the process has become complicated, so we want to take our time to make a decision. Mr. Eifert questioned if the Council has seen the RFQs and the Borough Clerk said that her office has provided the copies to the Council. In answer to Councilwoman Chung, Mr. Eifert said he has been submitting an RFQ for the past several years and reminded that he handled the town's insurance four years ago. Parsells Agency was sold to his firm and he was the Risk Manager for 2015. He said he lives in Harrington Park and he was one of the pioneer agencies when the JIF was formed. His firm was a charter agency that handled member towns; and at this time, the firm handles Alpine, River Vale, Tenafly, Allendale and Harrington Park. He noted that the firm has handled Tenafly for over 50 years, Harrington Park for 10 years and River Vale for 28 years. We have received letters of recommendation for the towns. He noted the JIF is 35 years old and he serves on the Executive Safety Committee. Our accounts are treated with the greatest urgency and noted that the Safety Incentive Program is a big part of what we do as Risk Managers. He runs the town safety meetings with the departments. He said this year all of his towns will be on the platinum level and that rewards the town with money back. He did not know why you would look at other candidates.

Mayor Glidden said we have had some issues and we are reevaluating our needs. Some things have happened with those needs noting that we have not been getting insurance certificates on time. We want to know our needs before we go out and hire somebody. We can help determine our needs by talking to people like yourself but not just yourself. That is why we would go out again. We got two last time. Mr. Eifert questioned if you have a qualified candidate, why wouldn't you take that candidate; and Mayor Glidden said how would he know if there was someone else is more qualified than you and why would you ask that question if you wanted our business. It is our choice on who we want to hire; and if you submit, you will get every consideration. The Finance Committee would look over the new RFPs but I don't want to hire someone based on one RFP. I would like to have more responses. Mr. Eifert asked if it would make sense for me to meet with you or a committee; and Mayor Glidden said that would be appropriate after we put out the RFP and if you have questions you can certainly come in to talk. Councilman Devlin questioned wouldn't this give an unfair advantage in the bidding process for public contracting to meet with people prior to an award. Mayor Glidden said the RFP process is different because it is a smaller universe of players who are available. I don't mind sitting and talking to several different types of vendors as long as I don't have to talk to fifty of them. Because of the changing needs and the problems we have had in the last six months with a lot of our insurance certificates, I want to evaluate a little more closely our needs. Mr. Eifert said we know the JIF, we have been working with them for 35 years. Mayor Glidden said you will have the opportunity to meet with us and resubmit the RFP. You will get consideration. Mr. Eifert said he did not know your current Risk Manager personally but he knows he has no experience in municipal business; so if you are having trouble getting proper service, he understands that; but we have accolades from folks we have worked with over the years and I would ask you to trust what you see in the RFP that was submitted. It is unfair that I submit an RFQ that is totally bonafide and qualified but you are looking the other way; and I don't know why you are not considering something that makes a lot of sense. Mayor Glidden said you know what I am talking about and I need a better circle of information to determine our needs and I am going to do that.

10. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS, IF APPROPRIATE

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Work Session at 9:00 p.m. was made by Councilman Yammarino, seconded by Councilwoman Chung and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

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