

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 - 7:30 P.M

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 8:56 p.m. and read the following statement into the record:

DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS, THIS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CLOSTER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE HELD BOTH TELEPHONICALLY and VIA ZOOM VIDEO.

You may join Zoom meeting including video by accessing the information posted in the Borough Calendar on the Borough website by visiting www.closterboro.com and clicking the link on the left sidebar for Calendars and Notice of Meetings and click on the corresponding date.

To join via Telephone Audio Only:

TOLL FREE: +1 646-558-8656; MEETING ID: 864 2063 3673; PASSWORD: 8675309

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

The following persons were present:

Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr.
Borough Administrator, Edward Hynes
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Borough Clerk, Arlene Marie Gray
IT Coordinator, Kevin Whitney

The following persons participated via telephone:

Councilpersons Scott Devlin, Dolores Witko, Joseph Yammarino, Jannie Chung
and Victoria Amitai
OEM Coordinator, James Winters
Recreation Director, James Oettinger

The following persons were not present:

Councilwoman Alissa Latner
Chief of Police, Jack McTigue

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY (Requested by Councilman Devlin/TO BE PREPARED BY BOROUGH ATTORNEY)

Mayor Glidden announced this will be a Resolution for the Consent Agenda.

4. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
*Environmental Commission				
^^Alternate No. 1	<u>Krishna Rege</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years Unexp.(Abrams)	31-Dec-21
^^Alternate No. 2	<u>Modi Feibish</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years Unexp. (Feibish)	31-Dec-22
Associate Member	<u>Ethel Abrams</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-21

4. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Continued

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
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Associate Member	<u>Ethel Abrams</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-21
Associate Member	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u> Historic Preservation Liaison	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-21
*Shade Tree Commission				
Member / Shade Tree Liaison	<u>Nancy Pergament</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	5 Years Unexp. (Pergament)	31-Dec-21
^^ One Must be a Shade Tree Commission Member/Liaison				
^^ One must be a Historic Preservation Commission Member/Liaison				

ORDINANCES

4a. INTRODUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION 6/23/21 @ 8 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021:1281: “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 170A, SECTION 1 THROUGH 12 OF THE CODE ENTITLED “STORMWATER CONTROL””
 (Received from Borough Attorney 5/25/21)

Borough Engineer explained the County has to approve this ordinance prior to final adoption.

Motion approving Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021:1281 was made by Councilman Devlin, seconded by Councilwoman Witko and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Devlin, Witko, Yammarino, Chung and Amitai.

5a. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

RESOLUTIONS

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SCHAUBLE PARK BY HAN MOORY CHURCH FOR PICNIC (Received from Borough Attorney 5/18/21)

7. RESOLUTION RENEWING LUSTRON HOUSE CARETAKER SERVICES CONTRACT TO PERFORM BASIC MAINTENANCE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS (Michael Pisano d/b/a Key Business Associates, 44 Columbus Avenue, Closter, New Jersey 07624 effective May 1, 2021) Received from Borough Attorney 5/18/21

8. RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE NORTHERN VALLEY GREENWAY INITIATIVE AND INTERLOCAL NORTHERN VALLEY GREENWAY PLANNING COMMITTEE (Received from Borough Attorney 5/20/21)

9. RESOLUTION HIRING ASSISTANT TO THE BOROUGH CLERK (Requested by Borough Administrator 5/20/21/TO BE PREPARED) Received from Administrator’s Office 5/25/21

9a. RESOLUTION FOR PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY (Received from Borough Attorney 5/26/21)

Borough Attorney read a summary of the Resolution into the record and explains this renews our commitment to reduce gun violence and keep guns out of the wrong hands.

10. 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>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	5 Years Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-24
Food and Assistance Board				
Member	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-21
Historic Preservation Commission				
Alternate No. 2	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-21

11. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ***SALARIED*** APPOINTMENTS:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Deputy Treasurer	<u>Dorothy Woods</u> <i>Retired 4/1/21</i>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year Unexp. (Woods)	31-Dec-21
Employee Benefits Clerk	<u>Dorothy Woods</u> <i>Retired 4/1/21</i>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year Unexp. (Woods)	31-Dec-21
Finance Clerk - COAH	<u>Dorothy Woods</u> <i>Retired 4/1/21</i>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year Unexp. (Woods)	31-Dec-21

12. REPORTS

a. CHIEF OF POLICE – APRIL 2021 (Received 5/10/21)

5b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

13a. MOTION to waive \$75.00 fee for Food Permit on behalf of the Recreation Commission

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

13b. MOTION to reserve the for the Environmental Commission to hold a dedication at Buzzoni Farm Park on July 10, 2021 subject to additional information to be provided and additional Resolution to be adopted

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

13c. MOTION to continue to wear masks in Borough Buildings – Mayor Glidden recommended masks in public areas of public buildings and to restrict entrance except by appointment only through June 23, 2021

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

14. 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)

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:05 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Amitai, seconded by Councilman Yammarino and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
July 22, 2021 for approval at the
Regular Meeting to be held
July 28, 2021

Arlene Marie Gray, RMC
Borough Clerk

Prepared by Arlene Marie Gray, RMC
utilizing recording and Borough Clerk's
notes

Approved at the Regular Meeting held
Consent Agenda Item No.

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING ORDINANCE NO. 2021:1281

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled:


AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 170A, SECTION 1 THROUGH 12 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "STORMWATER CONTROL"

be introduced and pass first reading and that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter does hereby fix June 23, 2021, at 8:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Borough Hall, 295 Closter Dock Road, Closter, New Jersey, as the time and place for the hearing of all persons interested therein; and where said hearing will be given thereon, in accordance with the law.

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

Adopted: May 26, 2021

ATTEST:


 Arlene Gray, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:


 John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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 Arlene Gray, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SCHAUBLE PARK BY HAN MOORY
CHURCH FOR PICNIC**

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 27, 2021, Han Moory Church, located at 221 Schraalenburgh Road, requested permission to use Schauble Park for a picnic for team building games and activities on Sunday, June 6, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (with a rain date of Sunday, June 13, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.); and

WHEREAS, Han Moory Church has provided the Borough with the required Certificate of Liability Insurance deemed acceptable to the Borough's Risk Manager as well as a Hold Harmless Agreement acceptable to the Risk Manager, agreeing to hold the Borough of Closter harmless of all liability pertaining to the picnic and use of the park; and

WHEREAS, the approval provided by the Borough's Risk Manager is contingent upon the Han Moory Church's adherence to all MEL/JIF COVID-19 guidelines;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter hereby authorizes the aforesaid use of Schauble Park by Han Moory Church for a picnic on Sunday, June 6, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (with a rain date of Sunday, June 13, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.), subject to compliance with all applicable Borough, County, State and federal COVID-19 guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Recreation Director, Chief of Police, Superintendent of Public Works and Han Moory Church for their respective use.

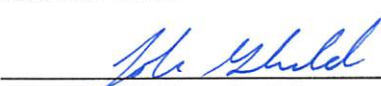
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Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner					X	
Councilwoman Witko	X		X			
Councilman Yammarino		X	X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			

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ATTEST:


Arlene Marie Gray, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:


John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

**RESOLUTION RENEWING LUSTRON HOUSE CARETAKER SERVICES
CONTRACT TO PERFORM BASIC MAINTENANCE
FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter on December 28, 2016 determined that there was a need to award a Professional Services Agreement for a Caretaker for the Lustron House to perform basic maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter engaged in a Fair and Open process and solicited proposals for these services; and

WHEREAS, the services are provided through an agreement providing for no financial consideration; and

WHEREAS, one person responded, Michael Pisano d/b/a Key Business Associates, and he submitted a timely proposal to provide the services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter entered into a Caretaker Services Contract and was provided with all appropriate insurance policies and a hold harmless agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Caretaker Services Contract has expired; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has determined it to be in the best interests of the Borough to renew the agreement, which is exempt from New Jersey’s bidding law, with Michael Pisano d/b/a Key Business Associates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that Michael Pisano d/b/a Key Business Associates, 44 Columbus Avenue, Closter, New Jersey 07624, is hereby reappointed as Caretaker-Lustron House to provide basic maintenance for a period of two (2) years, effective May 1, 2021, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Caretaker Services Contract and subject to receipt of an updated certificate of insurance and hold harmless agreement; and

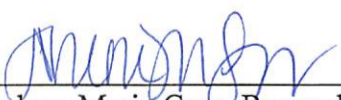
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare the renewal agreement; the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned agreement; the Clerk shall advertise the terms of the agreement as required by law and shall keep a copy of the agreement on file for public inspection.


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

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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
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**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE NORTHERN VALLEY
GREENWAY INITIATIVE AND INTERLOCAL NORTHERN VALLEY
GREENWAY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the six Northern Valley towns of Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Northvale, Norwood and Tenafly are home to approximately eight miles of a continuous and underutilized segment of the former Erie Lackawanna, now CSX Northern Branch; and

WHEREAS, in 1966 the Erie Railroad terminated its commuter passenger service, and diminished operational and maintenance responsibilities along said corridor; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of Erie Lackawanna and Penn Central into Conrail in 1976, the Northern Branch fell under the control of Conrail; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1970's, freight service to New York State was discontinued after Continental Can Company in Piermont closed; and

WHEREAS, after the breakup of Conrail in 1999 the Northern Branch was divided and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) was given the northern section; and

WHEREAS, after many studies and impact statements regarding the use of light rail north to Tenafly and Cresskill, it was decided in 2013 to have the terminus station at the Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, with necessary rail infrastructure extending just past the southern border of Tenafly; and

WHEREAS, freight rail service provided by CSX has been partially and fully discontinued within the borders of the six Northern Valley Towns as evidenced by removal of track, ties, signals and at grade crossing equipment, the loss of shippers, and an increase of neglect; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Northern Valley Green Way will link up at the New York State line in the town of Orangetown with the Joseph B. Clarke Rail-Trail as a segment of the Hudson River Valley Greenway system. The Joseph B. Clarke Rail-Trail also links to the Piermont, South Nyack, and Nyack River trails, and connects Sparkill Park, The Piermont Erie Railroad Pier, Tallman State Park, Bike Route 9, and via the bike and walk path of the Mario Cuomo Bridge will enable access to New York State's extensive network of non-motorized transportation and recreational networks on the eastern side of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the corridor forms a superior connection between and among the communities to this cooperative effort, and enhances the linkage of residential communities, commercial and business sites, schools, civic, institutional and recreational lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors and Councils of the six Northern Valley Towns passed appropriate resolutions in early 2017 to authorize the Northern Valley rail-trail project and the formation of an Inter-local "GREEN WAY" Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, other Northern Valley towns' Mayors and Councils have subsequently also passed similar resolutions of support for the Northern Valley Greenway (NVG) initiative; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Transportation Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs has sponsored and funded an official Technical Planning Assistance Study that did not identify any potential fatal flaws with the project's objectives; and

WHEREAS, the NVG Planning Committee has successfully established and developed working relationships with local, county, regional and state stakeholders, acquired letters of support from numerous state and federal elected officials and established strong public support for the project; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has incorporated the Northern Valley Greenway as a visionary opportunity in the Bergen County Parks Master Plan and has been an active participant on the NVG Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, the towns of the Northern Valley, along with the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey and local organizations, have been engaged with the Northern Valley Greenway Committee in the planning and evaluation of non-motorized inter-urban transportation alternatives and trail opportunities for community development, alternative modes of transportation, public health and public recreational access and these municipal and non-profit organizations have been working cooperatively on this proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter hereby declare that it is their intention to continue to work cooperatively with the other towns of the Northern Valley and other stakeholder organizations in supporting the efforts of the Northern Valley Greenway Planning Committee to pursue reuse of the corridor as a "Green Way": to accommodate non-motorized, public access facility for recreation and transportation use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter intend to work cooperatively with the towns of the Northern Valley and other governmental, municipal and non-municipal stakeholders in the planning, design, grant-writing, and other activities necessary to advance corridor reuse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter recognize the amount of work such an undertaking involves and as such hereby restate their agreement with and continued support of the Interlocal "Northern Valley Greenway Planning Committee" ("Committee"), whose official membership consists of mayoral appointees from the six Northern Valley towns and a representative of the County of Bergen. Each of the six towns and the County of Bergen will have an equal vote on committee actions and decisions with tie votes decided by the NVG Team Leader. The Committee may invite representatives of other stakeholder organizations to join the Committee. The Committee shall meet regularly, keep records, work with other stakeholders to develop a project work plan, host meetings and public events, work with stakeholders and serve as a forum for coordinating municipal, county, state, federal and regional agency activities. The Committee will be an advisory Committee to plan and coordinate the undertaking with the Borough Council maintaining responsibility to take any necessary action, expend any money, enter into any contract or incur any liability. The Committee shall not be authorized to enter into contracts, expend money, maintain a budget, approve expenditures, or incur any liability on behalf of the Borough. With Committee approval, the NVG Team Leader may sign memorandums of understandings to further the Committee's goals for investigation purposes within the restrictions mentioned elsewhere in this paragraph; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Closter recognizes that the County of Bergen is considering passing a supporting resolution and that the other towns in the Northern Valley are considering renewing their supporting resolutions and the Borough of Closter encourages those entities to do so and is willing to enter into a memorandum of understanding with those that pass such resolutions.

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

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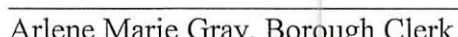
ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Arlene Marie Gray, Borough Clerk


John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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Arlene Marie Gray, Borough Clerk

NVG Greenway
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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

**RESOLUTION HIRING TEMPORARY PART-TIME
ASSISTANT TO BOROUGH CLERK**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter has determined there is a need to hire a part-time assistant on a temporary basis to assist the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Committee interviewed two (2) candidates and has recommended Jo Anna Myung be hired on a temporary part-time basis effective June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, Jo Anna Myung will be entitled to additional compensation for assisting the Borough Clerk on Primary Election Day and General Election Day in the evenings at a per meeting rate in accordance with the Borough’s Salary Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has reviewed the needs of the office and determined the hours of Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to noon and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will best meet the needs of this office; and.

WHEREAS, Governing Body of the Borough of Closter believes that the aforementioned hiring is in the best interests of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that:

Jo Anna Myung shall be hired as a temporary part-time assistant to the Borough Clerk effective June 1, 2021 until no later than December 31, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provide to the Borough Administrator and Finance Office.

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

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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

**RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Borough of Closter to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has an average of 445 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 5 deaths per 100,000 people. Alaska has the highest rate of gun deaths in the U.S. at 23.3 per 100,000; and

WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm-related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is mayors' highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 4, 2021 to recognize the 24th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and (2) the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 4th, the first Friday in June in 2021, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 4, 2021, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor John Glidden of the Borough of Closter declares the first Friday in June, June 4, 2021, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

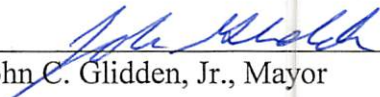
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Councilwoman Latner					X	
Councilwoman Witko	X		X			
Councilman Yammarino		X	X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
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