

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

SINE DIE MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022 - 7:00 P.M

**Mayor Glidden opened the meeting at 7:00 p.p. with the following announcement: DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS, THIS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CLOSTER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE HELD BOTH TELEPHONICALLY and VIA ZOOM VIDEO.**

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. 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 Sine Die and Reorganization Meetings which was published in The Record on December 25, 2021 and published in The Star-Ledger on December 25, 2021; 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 and on the Borough website.

3. ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Amitai-present  
Councilwoman Chung-present  
Councilman Devlin-present

Councilwoman Latner-present  
Councilwoman Witko-present  
Councilman Yammarino-present

Mayor Glidden explained that the Sine Die Meeting was designed to finish up the business of the prior year and that the Reorganization meeting would follow at 7:30 p.m. on the same Zoom link.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

a. MAIL LIST OF DECEMBER 30, 2021 Councilman Yammarino commented on part 9 of item 1 and asked whether anyone reviews lists of grant opportunities to see what is applicable to Closter. The Administrator said that he does review. Councilwoman Amitai commented that there were many emails from residents opposing the dispensary. The Mayor stated that that there was no additional update on that situation but felt that a decision would be made within the next week.

5a. VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

\*5. BILL RESOLUTION – DECEMBER 31, 2021

\*6. TRANSFER RESOLUTION NO. 2, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 2021 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Councilwoman Latner moved to approve the Bill Resolution, second Councilman Yammarino.

Councilwoman Amitai-yes                      Councilwoman Latner-yes  
Councilwoman Chung-yes                      Councilwoman Witko-yes  
Councilman Devlin-yes                      Councilman Yammarino-yes  
Carried.

MOTIONS (None received at time of preparation of this Agenda)

5b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA No items were removed.

Councilman Devlin asked whether a 2/3 majority included the Mayor's vote and was told it was 2/3 of the Council.

6. REPORTS

(None received at time of preparation of this Agenda)

7. 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) Daphna asked the Mayor and Council to pass a mask mandate for indoors. Mayor Glidden thanked her for her comment and noted that the Administrator closed the Borough Hall to the public as of tomorrow. The OEM Coordinator stated that the mask mandates will be discussed tomorrow.

Steve Isaacson felt that a Zoom availability should continue and perhaps a YouTube channel be created. Also, he has looked at the agendas for about 20 years. He stated that he did not feel enough information was provided to the public before the meeting. An item was discussed. Mr. Isaacson asked for links to items to be discussed. The Mayor stated that the resolutions are attached at the end of the posted agenda.

Tom Colwell stated that the turnout for Ed Rogan was amazing. He said that his example was a good one to follow.

Nathan Amitai stated service held for him in the spring and that something significant in Closter would be named for him.

Frieda Topalian spoke in favor of a mask mandate at least through this wave. Discussion about the legality of passing a town-wide mandate. The Mayor asked the Council for a sense of their feelings for a mask mandate. Discussion, There seemed to be a consensus, with comments and concerns.

Daphna asked for update on the COVID numbers. The Mayor asked her to send him an email tomorrow. Discussion.

Limor asked for an update on the dispensary situation. She was reminded that the Mayor felt that a decision would be made in the next week.

8. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY
9. ADJOURNMENT Councilwoman Latner moved to adjourn to the Reorganization meeting, second Councilwoman Witko. All in favor. The Sine Die meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

2022 REORGANIZATION MEETING TO FOLLOW AT 7:30 P.M.