



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022 - 7:30 P.M

Mayor Glidden opened the meeting at 8:32, immediately following the Work Session 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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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. **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 2022 Mayor and Council Meetings which was published in The Record on December 23, 2021 and The Star Ledger on December 25, 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**

Councilwoman Amitai-present	Councilwoman Latner-present
Councilwoman Chung-present	Councilwoman Witko-absent
Councilman Devlin-present	Councilman Yammarino-present

Mayor Glidden asked for a moment of silence for Tony Lupardi, Sr., a treasured member of the community who passed away recently.

3. **ORDINANCES**

ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE @7:30 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD:

The following Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting held on July 13, 2022, and was published in The Record on July 19, 2022. Reprint of this Ordinance was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board in accordance with statutory requirements, and copies have been made available to the public.

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1300:** BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,104,500, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,049,275 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION The meeting was opened to the public and then closed. Councilman Yammarino moved to approve the Ordinance, second Councilwoman Latner.

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

- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1301:** AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$387,935.00 FROM OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PARK, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IMPROVEMENTS. The meeting was opened to the public and then closed. Councilwoman Latner moved to approve the Ordinance, second Councilman Yammarino.

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022 @7:30 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD:

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1302:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2022-1291 Councilwoman Latner moved to introduce, second Councilman Devlin.

Councilwoman Amitai-yes	Councilwoman Latner-yes
Councilwoman Chung-yes	Councilman Yammarino-yes
Councilman Devlin-abstain	

Carried.

- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1303:** SALARIES, WAGES, and COMPENSATION ORDINANCE. Councilman Yammarino moved to introduce, second Councilwoman Latner.

Councilwoman Amitai-yes	Councilwoman Latner-yes
Councilwoman Chung-yes	Councilman Yammarino-yes
Councilman Devlin-yes	

Carried.

- c. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1304:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 110-1 Concerning the Issuance of Raffle Licenses in the Borough of Closter. Councilman Yammarino moved to introduce, second Mayor Glidden.

Councilwoman Amitai-yes	Councilwoman Latner-yes
Councilwoman Chung-yes	Councilman Yammarino-yes
Councilman Devlin-yes	

Carried.

- d. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1305:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 183-44 Pertaining to Parking Schedules. Councilwoman Latner moved to introduce, second Councilman Yammarino.

Councilwoman Amitai-yes	Councilwoman Latner-yes
Councilwoman Chung-yes	Councilman Yammarino-yes
Councilman Devlin-yes	

Carried.

- e. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1306:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 181-12 of the Borough of Closter Code Pertaining to Appeals Relating to Tree Preservation and the Removal. Councilwoman Latner moved to introduce, second Councilman Devlin.

Councilwoman Amitai-yes	Councilwoman Latner-yes
Councilwoman Chung-yes	Councilman Yammarino-yes
Councilman Devlin-yes	

Carried.

4. **VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

*22-156 RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF INACTIVE/POCKET LIQUOR LICENSE SUBJECT TO 12.39 SPECIAL RULING FROM THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL-TERM 2022-2023-HASIM SUJAK

*22-157 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT PRICING SYSTEM VENDORS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-TRUCK AND ALL ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT (KENWORTH T480 4X4 CHASIS AND PALFINGER HOOKLIFT, MONROE SNOWPLOW AND MONROE VBOX SPREADER- ORDINANCE #2022-1300)

*22-158 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN OMNIA PARTNERS (COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ORGANIZATION)

*22-159 RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE CLOSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICES FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 AT THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER REMEMBRANCE PARK LOCATED ON HARRINGTON AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

*22-160 APPOINTING CONFLICT COUNSEL FOR THE CLOSTER BOARD OF ETHICS

*22-161 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF MUNICIPAL FIRE VEHICLES FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S CONVENTION IN WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

*22-162 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND CREATING THE GREEN TEAM

Councilwoman Latner moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, second Councilwoman Chung.

Councilwoman Amitai-yes

Councilwoman Latner-yes

Councilwoman Chung-yes

Councilman Yammarino-yes

Councilman Devlin-yes

Carried.

5. **VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

7. **OPEN FOR PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER)**

(Subject to 5-minute limit per By-Laws General Rule No. 11)

8. **ADJOURNMENT** Councilwoman Latner moved to adjourn, second Councilwoman Amitai. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Evans
Borough Clerk



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3. ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Amitai-present	Councilwoman Latner-present
Councilwoman Chung-present	Councilwoman Witko-absent
Councilman Devlin-present	Councilman Yammarino-present

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

- a. MAIL LIST OF JULY 15, 2022: Councilman Yammarino commented on Item #8, the new number of 988. He also pointed out that there is a Firefighter grant. The Mayor asked that he send information to his secretary. The administrator discussed the grant. Councilman Yammarino will send information about the 988 number to the Mayor’s secretary for the newsletter.
- b. MAIL LIST OF 22, 2022 Councilwoman Chung spoke in favor of allowing the firefighters to take their vehicles to their convention. Councilwoman Amitai suggested Sunday December 4 for the tree lighting. The administrator will speak to the Fire Department. If there is no objection there will be a resolution for the next meeting. Councilman Yammarino commented on #4, a letter of appreciation from a resident for how helpful Maria Passafaro in the Tax Office was. Mayor Glidden commented on #5, the surprising increase in health care premiums. Councilwoman Amitai commented on a large increase in water bills as well.

5. ORDINANCES

Adoption of Ordinance

2022-1300: Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropriation of \$1,104,500.00, Providing For Various Capital Improvements In and For the Borough of Closter, In The County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,049,275 Bonds Or Notes Of The Borough For Financing Part Of The Appropriation

2022-1301: An Ordinance Appropriating A Sum Not To Exceed \$387,935.00 From Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, And Historic Preservation Trust Fund For Park, Farmland, And Historic Preservation Improvements

Introduction of Ordinance

2022-1302: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. #2022-1291

2022-1303: Salaries, Wages, and Compensation Ordinance

2022-1304: Ordinance Amending Chapter 110-1 Concerning the Issuance of Raffle Licenses in the Borough of Closter

2022-1305: Ordinance Amending Chapter 183-44 Pertaining to Parking Schedules

2022-1306: Ordinance Amending Chapter 181-12 of the Borough of Closter Code Pertaining to Appeals Relating to Tree Preservation and the Removal

6. **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING**

(Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of July 27, 2022) Councilman Devlin asked about Item #22-160 and was told that it is a confidential matter at this point.

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7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY – YAMMARINO (DEVLIN/WITKO)** A letter was received about Labor Day activities. A resolution will be on the next meeting’s agenda. The Coaches’ Association wants to change their picnic date from September 2 to September 9. The attorney said that the resolution that was already passed can be amended.
- b. **PUBLIC SAFETY - LATNER (CHUNG/YAMMARINO)** She asked if there was any update on the cutting of the trees suggested by MR. McCaffrey. There is no update.
- c. **PUBLIC WORKS - CHUNG (AMITAI/WITKO)** Residents often have to pay for their own repairs from flood damage. She suggested waiving permitting fees for this work to help them a little and show good faith. The Council felt it was a good idea. She will speak to the Building Department and then talk to the administrator about a resolution.
- d. **ORDINANCES - DEVLIN (AMITAI/LATNER)** The Shade Tree Inventory is underway. Discussion of the benefits of shade trees and the tree map. Election District #2 will be pruned.

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- e. HUMAN RESOURCES – WITKO (LATNER/YAMMARINO) Councilman Devlin gave the Fire Department report, which showed an increase in incidents and hours. Councilwoman Latner gave The Human Resources report and stated that resumes are being received for an administrative Floater.
 - f. LAND USE AND CONSTRUCTION - AMITAI (CHUNG/DEVLIN) The CIC is very busy. The International Day may not happen unless someone can come forward to shepherd it. The Welcome Committee met. The Mayor’s Committee on the arts has been active. There will be music outside Rudy’s at the end of the month (7/30 at 2:00). A volunteer is willing to paint 13 flats (or more) of native NJ wildflowers for the hockey rink at Ruckman. The Recreation Chair has approved the idea. There are two possible murals in the works. Linda Albelli is working hard to create activities for the Seniors.
 - g. MAYOR’S LIAISON REPORT Ellen Lutvak and Mike Pisano will do a pottery demonstration in front of Ma Mere on 8/4 at 5:00 pm. The Mayor has been asked to write an article about Closter and sent an email to the Council for suggestions. The Ambulance Corps has been busy.
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS Councilwoman Chung attended the insurance seminar today and learned a lot. She asked for a moment of silence, which will be done at the beginning of the regular meeting.
10. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS (5-MINUTE LIMIT) Steve Isaacson said that trees on his property that are not shade trees are showing up on the application. He suggested getting someone to cut the trees that had been discussed with John McCaffrey. He also asked why committees were eliminated from the improvement commission and followed up on his statement last meeting that fees are being paid directly to the coaches’ association. The attorney had reviewed this with the administrator and Recreation Commission. Discussion. Elise Vazquez Iscan, 45 High Street, said that there is an issue with vandalism (and was told this by employees at CMX and Target and also at the middle school). She spoke about the importance of good relations with the local businesses. The Mayor and Councilwoman Latner spoke on the issue. It may be that not all incidents are being reported. If incidents increase, the management company may be asked to supply private security (as discussed before the Plaza was built). Councilwoman Amitai felt that security was supposed to be supplied by the management committee from the beginning. The administrator said that the issues seem to be more rowdy misbehavior a lot of the time than vandalism that would involve the police. Julie Brueck (27 John Street) stated that she and her husband sent emails to everyone on July 20 and has not heard back. She explained her issue of not receiving her dog license despite being brought into court for erroneous late fees. The administrator said that the late fees needed to be paid before the license could be paid. Ms. Brueck feels that she paid the fees. The Board of Health is an autonomous body, but the Mayor said they would look into this. There have been several complaints with the pet licensing system. Councilwoman Chung said this is on the agenda for the Board of Health meeting in September. She will send Ms. Brueck a link.
11. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY
12. ADJOURNMENT Councilwoman Latner moved to end the Work Session and move to the Regular Meeting, second Councilwoman Amitai. All in favor. Work Session ended at 8:32 pm.