



MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022 - 7:30 P.M

Mayor Glidden began the meeting immediately following the Work Session. 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-present
Councilman Devlin-present	Councilman Yammarino-present

3. **ORDINANCES**

ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION TO BE HELD 7:30 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD:

The following Ordinances were introduced at the Regular Meeting held on July 27, 2022, and were published in The Record on August 2, 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. The Mayor opened the meeting to the public on all five ordinances. The Attorney stated that there had to be a public hearing for each; the Mayor took each separately, opening each to the public and then the Council

a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1302: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2022-1291** Councilwoman Amitai moved to adopt the ordinance, second Councilwoman Witko.

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

Carried.

b. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1303: SALARIES, WAGES, and COMPENSATION ORDINANCE** Councilwoman Amitai moved to adopt the ordinance, second Councilwoman Latner.

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

Carried.

c. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1304: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110-1 CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER** Councilwoman Amitai moved to adopt the ordinance, second Councilwoman Latner.

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

Carried.

- d. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1305:** ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 183-44 PERTAINING TO PARKING SCHEDULES Councilwoman Amitai moved to approve the ordinances, second Councilman Yammarino.

Councilwoman Amitai-yes	Councilwoman Latner-yes
Councilwoman Chung-yes	Councilwoman Witko-yes
Councilman Devlin-yes	Councilman Yammarino-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 Amitai moved to approve the ordinance, second Councilwoman Latner.

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

*22-163 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECREATION COMMISSION’S LABOR DAY WEEKEND EVENTS AND THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEERAGES DURING CERTAIN LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 67 OF THE CODE

*22-164 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HOLDING OF A TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 4, 2022 IN THE FRONT OF BOROUGH HALL

*22-165 RESOLUTION APPOINTING 2022-2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE

*22-166 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE TO OPEN SPACE TRUST MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENT AND LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM REGIONAL COMMITTEE

*22-167 RESOLUTION AMENDING RECREATION ACTIVITY

*22-168 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW FUNDS

*22-169 BILL LIST

*22-170 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TREE BONDS

*22-171 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENTS

*22-172 SALARY RESOLUTION

*22-173 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

*22-174 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER

*22-175 RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF CLOSTER POLICE OFFICER-JAE LEE

*22-176 RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF CLOSTER POLICE OFFICER-ANTHONY LoFARO

Councilwoman Amitai asked to pull item 22-164.

Councilwoman Latner moved to approve consent agenda items 22-163 through 22-176 with the exception of 22-164, second Councilwoman Witko.

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

Carried.

Councilwoman Amitai clarified that the tree lighting would be in front of the Borough Hall and on Lewis Street. She moved to approve the clarified resolution, second Councilwoman Latner.

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

Carried.

5. **MINUTES**

a. Approval of Work Session and Regular Public Meeting of June 22, 2022, Councilwoman Amitai moved to approve the minutes, second Councilwoman Latner.

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

MOTIONS

Councilwoman Amitai moved to override the Zoning Officer’s Denial of the Rabbi’s request, (the Engineer asked whether there was any safety concern. There is not), second Mayor Glidden.

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

Councilman Yammarino moved to approve the film request to go past the usual timeframe, second Councilman Devlin.

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

Councilwoman Amitai moved to approve the fundraising signs for Joey’s Fund, second Mayor Glidden.

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

Councilman Devlin asked whether the shade tree was not allowed to water trees outside the right of way or not at all. The Attorney stated that the watering could not be done outside of the right of way. The Attorney will forward something done in another municipality.

6. **VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** see above.

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

8. **OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER**
(Subject to 5-minute limit per By-Laws General Rule No. 11)

The Mayor reminded everyone that the next meeting will be in September.

9. **ADJOURNMENT** Councilwoman Latner moved to adjourn, second Councilwoman Witko. All in favor. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Evans
Borough Clerk