



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022 - 7:30 P.M immediately following
the Work Session.

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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**

Mayor Glidden opened the meeting at 8:45 pm with the following announcement: 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. **MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION** The Mayor made the following appointment:

OFFICE	INCUMBENT	APPOINTMENT	TERM	EXPIRATION
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION				
Current Member	Sophie Heymann	Conway Wong	Unexpired Term	12/31/2024
Planning Board Liaison				

4. **ORDINANCES** This was handled in the Work Session.

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

The following Ordinance was introduced on October 26, 2022 and was published in the Record on November 1, 2022.

a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1308: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000 FROM OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PARK, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IMPROVEMENTS**

5. **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

*22-220 BILL LIST

*22-221 REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENT

*22-222 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A NATIVITY CRECHE IN FRONT OF BOROUGH HALL FROM NOVEMBER 26, 2022 TO JANUARY 7, 2023 AND WAIVING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

*22.223 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRE OF PROBATIONARY CROSSING GUARD THOMAS BURDERI

- *22-224 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRE OF PROBATIONARY CROSSING GUARD JOHN DIRADO
- *22-225 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS
- *22-226 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF BERGEN

MOTION

Councilwoman Witko requested that Item 22-222 be voted on separately. Councilman Yammarino moved to approve the Consent Agenda (without 22-222), second Councilwoman Latner.

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

Councilwoman Witko expressed that she plans to abstain item 22-222 as she does not believe it belongs before the Borough Hall.

Councilman Yammarino moved to approve item 22-222, second Councilwoman Amitai.

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

- 6. **MINUTES** Handled at Work Session
 - a. Approval of Work Session and Regular Public Meeting of September 28, 2022
 - b. Approval of Work Session and Regular Public Meeting of October 12, 2022 (Latner Absent)

MOTION

- 7. **VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- 8. **ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY**
- 9. **OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER)**
- 10. **RESOLUTION TO EXIT REGULAR MEETING AND GO INTO CLOSED SESSION** *22-227
RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AND EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC Councilwoman Latner moved to go into Closed Session, second Councilman Yammarino. All in favor. The meeting went into Closed Session at 8:49 pm. The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:07 pm.
- 11. **ADJOURNMENT** Councilwoman Latner moved to adjourn, second Councilwoman Witko. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Evans
Borough Clerk