

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES - THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2014 - 7:30 P.M

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Reorganization Meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2014. Mayor Heymann called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Heymann invited all to join in the 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 Early Meetings which was sent to The Record and The Star Ledger for publication on December 20, 2013, 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.

3. OPENING REMARKS

4. ROLL CALL

Those present were as follows:

Mayor Sophie Heymann
Councilpersons John C. Glidden, Jr., Alissa Latner, John Kashwick, David Barad,
Arthur Dolson and Victoria Amitai
Borough Administrator, Richard Sheola
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Borough Auditor, Liz Schick
Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine
Superintendent of Public Works, William Dahle, III
Deputy Borough Clerk, Arlene Corvelli

Mayor Heymann welcomed two new Police Officers, Justin Krapels and Daniel Hargrave who have just completed the Police Academy. Councilman Glidden introduced the new officers who would be starting their 12 weeks of field training and extended his congratulations.

5. INVOCATION

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE:

a. COUNCIL-ELECT – Mayor Heymann informed that the Oaths of Office would be administered to Councilwoman-Elect Victoria Roti Amitai and Councilman-Elect John C. Glidden, Jr. She called upon Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi, who would be administering the Oaths of Office. Assemblywoman Schepisi said it was her honor to swear in Councilwoman Amitai and Councilman Glidden, who have been fantastic Councilpersons in Closter.

1) VICTORIA ROTI AMITAI – Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Victoria Roti Amitai.

2) JOHN C. GLIDDEN, JR. – Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi administered the Oath of Office to Councilman John C. Glidden, Jr.

7. MAYOR HEYMANN

a. DECLARE COUNCIL ORGANIZED FOR 2014 -Mayor Heymann declared the Council of the Borough of Closter organized for 2014.

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8. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to accept the appointments was made by Councilman Kashwick, seconded by Councilman Glidden and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Administrator	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Administrative Secretary	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Affirmative Action Officer	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Animal Control Officer	<u>B.C. Animal Shelter</u>	<u>B.C. Animal Shelter</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Appraiser - Commercial & Residential Properties - Subject to Borough Fee Schedule	<u>Louis S. Izenberg, MAI, SRA Izenberg Appraisal Associates</u>	<u>Louis S. Izenberg, MAI, SRA Izenberg Appraisal Associates</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Appropriate Authority	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Assessor Clerical Assistant	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u> <u>Edward T. Rogan</u> <u>Edward Rogan & Associates, LLC</u>	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u> <u>Edward T. Rogan</u> <u>Edward Rogan & Associates, LLC</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Attorney	<u>Gary J. Vinci</u> <u>Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP</u>	<u>Gary J. Vinci</u> <u>Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Bergen Municipal Coalition	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Board of Ethics				
Member (R)	<u>David Hollender</u>	<u>David Hollender</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-18
Board of Health				
Member	<u>Andrew Baron, DDS</u>	<u>Andrew Baron, DDS</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-17
Member	<u>Donald Winters</u>	<u>Ansar Batool</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-17
Member	<u>Judith Griffin</u>	<u>Jay Pontrelli</u>	4 Years 4 Years Unexp.	31-Dec-17
Member	<u>Mary Neusch, RN</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	(Neusch)	31-Dec-14
Alternate No. 2	<u>Roberta Murphy</u> <u>M. Robert DeCotiis</u> <u>DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole</u> <u>(Reps) Doug Doyle/Bill Mayer</u>	<u>No Appointment</u> <u>M. Robert DeCotiis</u> <u>DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole</u> <u>(Rep) Bill Mayer</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Bond Counsel			1 Year	31-Dec-14
Assistant to Borough Clerk	<u>Carol Kroepke</u>	<u>Carol Kroepke</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Deputy Borough Clerk	<u>Arlene Corvelli</u>	<u>Arlene Corvelli</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Chief Municipal Finance Officer	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-17
COAH Coordinator	<u>Dorothy Woods</u> <u>Michael G. Hakim</u> <u>Hakim Associates</u>	<u>Dorothy Woods</u> <u>Michael G. Hakim</u> <u>Hakim Associates</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
COAH Planner			1 Year	31-Dec-14
Construction/Building Department				
P/T Code Enforcement Official	<u>James Whitney</u>	<u>James Whitney</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
P/T Code Enforcement Official	<u>Youngmin Woo</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Building /Technical Inspector	<u>Giuseppe LaMastra</u>	<u>Giuseppe LaMastra</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Technical Assistant	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14

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Construction/Building Department (cont'd)				
Technical Assistant Code Enforcement Official (Trees)	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
	<u>Bill Fuchs</u>	<u>Bill Fuchs</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Deputy Treasurer	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
DPW				
Superintendent of Public Works	<u>William Dahle III</u>	<u>William Dahle III</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Emergency Management				
Deputy Coordinator	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Committee	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Employee Benefits Clerk	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
	<u>Stephen T. Boswell</u>	<u>Stephen T. Boswell</u>		
	<u>Boswell McClave Engineering</u> (Rep) Nick DeNicola	<u>Boswell McClave Engineering</u> (Rep) Nick DeNicola	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Engineer				
*Environmental Commission				
Alternate No. 1	<u>Ethel Abrams</u>	<u>Ethel Abrams</u>	2 Years 2 Years	31-Dec-15
Alternate No. 2	(Vacant)	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u> (Historic Preservation Member)	Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-14
Associate Member/ Historic Preservation	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Associate Member	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Associate Member	<u>Jaewook Jun</u>	<u>Jaewook Jun</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Financial Assistant Part-Time	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u>	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Fire Prevention				
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Alphonso Young, Jr</u>	<u>Alphonso Young, Jr</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Brian Pierro</u>	<u>Brian Pierro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Food and Assistance Board				
Member	<u>Annette Vasiloff</u>	<u>Annette Vasiloff</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Member	<u>Katie McDermott</u>	<u>Katie McDermott</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>Suzanne Lerant</u>	<u>Suzanne Lerant</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Health Officer	<u>Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission/Sam Yanovich</u>	<u>Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission/Sam Yanovich</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14

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Historians				
	<u>Orlando Tobia</u>	<u>Orlando Tobia</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
	<u>William Cahill</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Historic Preservation Commission				
Member (Class A)	<u>Tim Adriance</u>	<u>Tim Adriance</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-17
Alternate No. 2	<u>Francesca Machiavelli</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Improvement Commission				
Member (Historic Preservation)	<u>(Irene Stella resigned)</u>	<u>Kurt Haiman</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Member	<u>Andrew Albaum</u>	<u>Andrew Albaum</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Member	<u>Iris S. Barad</u>	<u>Iris S. Barad</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Member	<u>Ophelia MacBain</u>	<u>Ophelia MacBain</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Member	<u>Maria Kim</u>	<u>Maria Kim</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Member	<u>(Vacant)</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Alternate No. 1	<u>(Vacant)</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Alternate No. 2	<u>(Vacant)</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years Unexp. (Slutzky)	31-Dec-14
Information Technology Coordinator				
	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Joint Insurance Fund				
Safety Delegate	<u>William Dahle III</u>	<u>William Dahle III</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Safety Alternate	<u>Tony Lupardi</u>	<u>Tony Lupardi</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Safety Committee	<u>Dr. David Barad</u>	<u>Dr. David Barad</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Safety Committee	<u>Chris Pesce</u>	<u>Brian Pierro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Risk Management Consultant				
	<u>Glenn Parsells Parsells Agency Inc.</u>	<u>Glenn Parsells Parsells Agency Inc.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Land Use Coordinator				
Planning Board	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Zoning Board of Adjustment	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Library				
Trustee	<u>Mary Ellen Altendorfer</u>	<u>Mary Ellen Altendorfer</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-18
Council Representative to the Belskie Foundation	<u>Anita Douquette</u>	<u>Anita Douquette</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-16
NJ Motion Picture/TV Comm.				
	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Administrator	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Municipal Officer	<u>Chief Dennis Kaine</u>	<u>Chief Dennis Kaine</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14

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Municipal Court				
Municipal Court Judge	<u>Thomas R. Betancourt</u>	<u>Thomas R. Betancourt</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-16
Prosecutor	<u>Mark Peter Fierro</u> <u>Mark P. Fierro, Esq., LLC</u> <u>Elsbeth J. Crusius</u>	<u>Mark Peter Fierro</u> <u>Mark P. Fierro, Esq., LLC</u> <u>Elsbeth J. Crusius</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Alt. Prosecutor	<u>Law Offices of</u> <u>Elsbeth J. Crusius</u> <u>Peter H. Kim</u>	<u>Law Offices of</u> <u>Elsbeth J. Crusius</u> <u>Peter H. Kim</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Public Defender	<u>Law Offices of</u> <u>Peter H. Kim, P.C.</u>	<u>Law Offices of</u> <u>Peter H. Kim, P.C.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Deputy Court Administrator	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Recording Clerk	<u>Monica Chalarca</u>	<u>Monica Chalarca</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Parking Reserve				
Councilperson	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Administrator	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Zoning Officer	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Pension Certifying Agent	<u>Maria Passafaro</u>	<u>Maria Passafaro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Borough Planner to Implement Portions of the 2008 Master Plan	<u>Francis J. Banisch, III</u> <u>Banisch Associates, Inc.</u>	<u>Francis J. Banisch, III</u> <u>Banisch Associates, Inc.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
*Planning Board				
*Class II Member/ Rep to Gov. of Closter	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Council Member - Class III	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
*Class IV Member/Chair	<u>John Lignos</u>	<u>John Lignos</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-17
*Class IV Member	<u>David Baboo</u>	<u>Paul Nyfenger</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-17
*Alternate No. 2	<u>Paul Nyfenger</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Police Matrons				
	<u>Kathleen Goldrick</u>	<u>Kathleen Goldrick</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Qualified Purchasing Agent	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Recreation Commission				
Director	<u>James Oettinger</u>	<u>James Oettinger</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Deputy Director - Field Maintenance	<u>John Kilduff</u>	<u>John Kilduff</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Assistant Director	<u>Brian Beddoe</u>	<u>Brian Beddoe</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>Richard D'Amico</u>	<u>Richard D'Amico</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-18
Member	<u>Joe Argenziano</u>	<u>Joe Argenziano</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-18
Associate Member	<u>Joseph Yammarino</u>	<u>Joseph Yammarino</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Associate Member	<u>Wendy Nigro</u>	<u>Wendy Nigro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Associate Member	<u>Nancy Reilly</u>	<u>Nancy Reilly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14

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Recreation Commission (cont'd)				
Associate Member	<u>Stephanie Nolan</u>	<u>Stephanie Nolan</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Associate Member	<u>Paul Nyfenger</u>	<u>Paul Nyfenger</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Associate Member	<u>James Thompson</u>	<u>James Thompson</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Associate Member	<u>Alfredo Freyre</u>	<u>Alfredo Freyre</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Associate Member	<u>Chris Haray</u>	<u>Chris Haray</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Associate Member	<u>Dean C. Pialtos</u>	<u>George Yako</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
School Crossing Guards				
	<u>Elizabeth Bussanich</u>	<u>Elizabeth Bussanich</u>		
	<u>Frances Fallon</u>	<u>Frances Fallon</u>		
	<u>Ivan Galinac</u>	<u>RETIRED/No Appointment</u>		
	<u>Marija Galinac</u>	<u>Marija Galinac</u>		
	<u>Louise Hettinger</u>	<u>Louise Hettinger</u>		
	<u>Jaclyn Higgins</u>	<u>Jaclyn Higgins</u>		
	<u>Donna Kelly</u>	<u>Donna Kelly</u>		
	<u>Lori Liparini</u>	<u>Lori Liparini</u>		
	<u>Janine Micera</u>	<u>Janine Micera</u>		
	<u>Vito Annunziata</u>	<u>Vito Annunziata</u>		
	<u>Cheryl Friedrich</u>	<u>Cheryl Friedrich</u>		
	<u>Donald Winters</u>	<u>Donald Winters</u>		
	<u>Russell Buchner</u>	<u>Russell Buchner</u>		
	<u>Patricia Williams</u>	<u>Patricia Williams</u>		
*Shade Tree Commission				
Member	<u>Todd Bradbury</u>	<u>Todd Bradbury</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-18
Assistant to Tax Collector/ Payroll Clerk Temporary and Part-Time Clerical	<u>Michaela Tomanova</u>	<u>Michaela Tomanova</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
(Finance)	<u>Edis Martinez</u>	<u>Edis Martinez</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
(Recreation)	<u>Gina Ferraro</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
(Police)	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Treasurer	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14
Zoning Board of Adjustment				
Member	<u>Joseph Bianco</u>	<u>Joseph Bianco</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-17
Alternate No. 2	<u>Joan Marks</u>	<u>Joan Marks</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Alternate No. 4	<u>Phillip H. Kwon</u>	<u>Phillip H. Kwon</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-15
Zoning Officer	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-14

* MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

2014 Council Committees

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Incumbent Chairperson Members</u>	<u>Chairperson Members</u>
Finance and Technology	Arthur Dolson Glidden/Kashwick	No Nomination
Human Resources	John Kashwick Dolson/Latner	No Nomination
Ordinances	David Barad Kashwick/Amitai	No Nomination
Land Use and Construction	Victoria Amitai Barad/Dolson	No Nomination
Public Safety	John Glidden Dolson/Latner	No Nomination
Public Works	Alissa Latner Amitai/Glidden	No Nomination
<u>2014 Council Liaisons</u>	<u>Incumbent Liaison</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Ambulance Corps.	David Barad Alissa Latner / David Barad	David Barad Alissa Latner / David Barad
Board of Education		
Board of Health	Arthur Dolson	Arthur Dolson
Engineer	Sophie Heymann	Sophie Heymann
*Environmental Commission	John Kashwick	John Kashwick
Fire	Alissa Latner	Alissa Latner
Historic Preservation Commission	John Kashwick	John Kashwick
*Improvement Commission	Victoria Amitai	Victoria Amitai
Library Board of Trustees	Alissa Latner	Alissa Latner
*Planning Board, Class III	Victoria Amitai	Victoria Amitai
Police	John Glidden	John Glidden
Recreation Commission	John Glidden	John Glidden
Senior Citizens	Sophie Heymann	Sophie Heymann
*Shade Tree Commission	John Kashwick	John Kashwick
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Arthur Dolson	Arthur Dolson
Council President	John Glidden	David Barad
Northern Valley Mayors Association	Sophie Heymann	Sophie Heymann

**Voting Member - Not Liaison*

2014 Mid-Year Appointments to be made in June

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Bergen County Community Development Program			1 Year	
Mayor	<u>Sophie Heymann</u>		1-Jul-13	30-Jun-14
Governing Body Rep	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>		1-Jul-13	30-Jun-14
Mayor's Alternate Governing Body Alternate	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>		1-Jul-13	30-Jun-14
Rep	<u>John Kashwick</u>		1-Jul-13	30-Jun-14
Bergen County Open Space Trust Regional Committee			1 Year	
Governing Body Rep	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>		1-Jul-13	30-Jun-14
Construction Code Official			4 Years	
	<u>Michael Sartori</u>			15-Jul-14

9. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE:

- a. AMBULANCE CORPS LINE OFFICERS
- b. FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE OFFICERS
- c. ALL APPOINTEES
- d. NEW PATROLMEN

At this time Mayor Heymann administered the Oath of Office to Zoning Officer Lenny Sinowitz. The Council and public offered a round of applause.

10a. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA (PROCEDURE TO BE EXPLAINED BY MAYOR)

RESOLUTIONS

- 11. RE WAIVING READING OF THE MINUTES
- 12. RE FIXING MEETING DATES FOR 2014
- 13. RE INTEREST RATES AND PENALTIES
- 14. RE WARRANTS
- 15. RE DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES
- 16. RE DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON BANK ACCOUNTS FOR 2014
- 17. ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2014
- 18. RE DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
- 19. ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2014
- 20. RE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:
 - a. ATTORNEY
 - b. AUDITOR
 - c. BOND COUNSEL
 - d. BOROUGH APPRAISER – COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
 - e. BOROUGH APPRAISER – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
 - f. BOROUGH ENGINEER
 - g. BOROUGH PLANNER (~~MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION~~)

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RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

20. RE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: (Continued)

- h. COAH PLANNER
- i. PROSECUTOR
- j. ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR
- k. PUBLIC DEFENDER
- l. RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
- ~~m. ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES/COUNTY OF BERGEN~~
- n. STATE MANDATED BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS COMPLIANCE
- o. PROGRAM/COUNTY OF BERGEN
- p. PUBLIC HEALTH
- q. ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING SERVICES

21. AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. BOROUGH CLERK.....\$150.00
- b. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.....\$100.00
- c. DETECTIVE BUREAU.....\$100.00
- d. POLICE DEPARTMENT.....\$150.00

22. AUTHORIZING TAX SALE OF 2013 DELINQUENT TAXES

23. RE REDEMPTION CALCULATION FEES

24. RESOLUTION CANCELING SMALL BALANCES

24a. AUTHORIZING THE BELSKIE MUSEUM TO SERVE WINE AT MONTHLY ANNUAL RECEPTIONS IN CALENDAR YEAR 2014 (4. M.L. 1/2/14) (Received from Borough Attorney 12/31/13)

Borough Clerk requested that Item No. 20m be removed inasmuch as her office has not received the required paperwork from the County; and the Borough Administrator noted that the Borough Clerk would receive the required paperwork tomorrow. Mayor Heymann removed the item from the Consent Agenda.

10b. VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion approving the Consent Agenda minus Item No. 20m was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

25. REVIEW AND VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

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

27. MAYOR HEYMANN – REMARKS

“A year ago, I ended my Sine Die comments with an excerpt from the motion picture of President Lincoln which states that Democratic governance...requires compromises. You can’t always get what you want, but we can work together...to get what we need. That is the motto for our administration. We have different opinions, but we work together to get things done. And I quoted another motion picture that was partially filmed in Closter, the Wolf of Wall Street, which was due to open last Spring. Well, it opened this past week, and that teaches us lesson number two: Everything takes longer than anticipated... a lesson we surely needed in 2013. The bathrooms that were to be ready in the Spring were not yet completed by the time water was cut off in anticipation of winter freeze; Borough Hall repairs were held up because of disappointing bid proposals; the renaissance of the shopping center, while making very welcome progress, is still waiting for the first shovel to dig into the plaza earth; generators needed to safeguard us through another storm still have not been delivered.

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But those were minor irritations in a year that did see a lot of accomplishments: Our Council went paperless, for greater efficiency and paper savings, and we installed an in-house server for our ever more voluminous e-mail. In addition to some smaller roads, we repaved Ruckman Road, and added white striped borders for safety. We sponsored some exciting events, including an entire week-end of musical offerings by the Closter Improvement Commission, twelve wonderful exhibits at our Belskie Museum, one of which, an exhibit by local doctors and dentists, whose leisure time art work easily compared to the work of full-time artists, hosted 300 visitors on its opening day. Our fire department hosted a “wet-down” in honor of our new fire engine, and a great and wet time was had by our residents and no less than eight visiting volunteer fire depts. We acquired two new police cars, elegant SUVs equipped with on-board electronic equipment that will save many hours of paperwork, and sporting brand new colors, featuring white stripes on a black body.

With the encouragement of a hard-working ad hoc committee chaired by Michael Kafer, we gained new insights into Closter’s waste disposal and recycling. Thus far, we have added an extra day each month for newspaper and cardboard collection, and we will make more improvements in 2014. Enhancing our recycling is a priority for 2014, as we focus on education as well as cost savings. The many thousands of dollars already saved through the efforts of the committee will be multiplied in 2014.

We repaired the band shell at Memorial Field, and our Closter Scouts did a wonderful job refurbishing both the indoor and the outdoor of the Closter Girl Scout Cabin at Mollicone Park. And speaking of parks, we entered into a shared service agreement with all other Northern Valley towns to provide lightning warnings at all our parks.

Most promising: Our Planning Board gave its approval to Edens, the developer of Closter Plaza, which is to be called the Closter Market Place, with Whole Foods as the anchor store.

None of this could have taken place were it not for the outstanding staff and the fabulous volunteers that Closter nurtures and who nurture Closter. A sampling of our volunteers’ activities would include the delightful newsletter sent out by our Food Pantry committee, headed by Annette Vasiloff, the unbelievably detailed video of the building of the Belskie museum by our Lions Club, fashioned by Tony Lupardi, Sr. with the help of Paul Nyfenger. It would also include the musical productions provided by the Closter Improvement Commission and the special events each year by the members of our PTO. Our PBA, as it does every year, mounted very successful drives for coats for the homeless, and toys for ill and underprivileged children, because of the generosity of all our residents. And, of course, our recreational teams are an enormous credit to our Borough. Closter has 100+ volunteer coaches, and other parent aides supporting over one thousand team members. We have several special teams in our Challenger program for youngsters who are less able – a program recognized as special throughout the State. And, most laudable of all, parents must take a class in appropriate behavior before their children can participate in Closter sports.

Our very active food pantry sponsored a first-ever town wide garage sale. The sale was so successful that it will become a yearly endeavor.

As always, we were very careful in monitoring our expenses, and we maintained a sound financial base for Closter, while keeping our tax increase well below the cost of living. For instance, we took a number of measures to assure fiscal health for the Borough: we refinanced some bonds to lower their interest rate, and we pared down the Borough calendar to focus on the very well-read DPW calendar – thus saving some \$5000, and we contracted with a new payroll service provider, which will save another \$10,000.

So, what is the 2014 Agenda?

The overarching theme of the Mayor and Council is to keep improving the livability, as well as the commercial viability of Closter as the Hub of the Northern Valley. In addition to the previously cited park improvements, we will develop a “green” entertainment alley next to the Empty Vase with the support of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as continue to enhance the Green pocket park at the Closter Commons which was so generously developed by Ted Sollod and the Chamber of Commerce. And to assure easier shopping, we are improving our North parking lot, providing timed spaces for shoppers as well as all-day parking and overnight parking for residents and employees. We are also finalizing a new sign ordinance, which will

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simultaneously ease the requirements and increase the aesthetic values of our downtown. In the spirit of maintaining the values of our 300 year old historic community, we will acquire and restore our Lustron House and rehabilitate Village School. There are also plans to bring the historic Trautwein farm back to life with a farm-to-table restaurant and farm operation. Making Closter a pedestrian heaven is a primary goal. In 2014 we will continue to provide sidewalks to our schools, as we have for Tenakill School this past year. Our efforts will be geared to NVRHS, along Knickerbocker Road or Columbus Avenue. At the same time, to encourage easier bus commuting, we will provide parking spaces off Piermont Road at Closter Dock Road.

For me, a new year always brings new hopes, new promises. I am looking forward to this New Year, 2014, with great anticipation. This year is full of promises: With our excellent Council and our great staff, those promises will come to pass.”

28. 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)

Phyllis Hirsch, 422 High Street, asked when the elimination of garden debris pick up would be brought up; and Councilwoman Latner said it would be discussed in Committee. Mayor Heymann said when it is brought to a full Council, it would be listed on the Agenda which is posted on the web site and on the bulletin board.

Nathan Amitai, 35 Wendy Lane, thanked the Mayor and Council and the staff for the enormous amount of time spent for the benefit of the town. He questioned when the Village School would be rehabilitated; and Mayor Heymann noted that it is privately owned but it is possible that it may be developed for COAH housing and market rate housing.

Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, thanked the governing body for putting up with him this year. He cited two houses on Durie Avenue one that was damaged by Hurricane Sandy and the other east of Everett that has been vacant for months leaving the grass to be quite high. Relative to the house that was demolished by the tree, Mayor Heymann said that until the insurance is settled nothing can be done but the other house that is not properly maintained is under the purview of the Property Maintenance Officer who must issue warnings, summons and eventually charged for remediation by the Borough. She said she would follow up on the matter with the Property Maintenance Officer.

Joe Bianco, 7 MacArthur Avenue, wished all a Happy New Year and thanked the governing body for his reappointment to the Zoning Board noting that in 20 years he has never missed a meeting. He thanked his fellow Board members that have been reappointed and all the other members. He thanked Councilman Dolson who has helped out with the Board.

29. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 8:12 p.m. was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Heymann.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
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January 22, 2014

Loretta Castano, RMC
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