

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JULY 22, 2015 - 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.

1. PROVISIONS OF 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 published in The Record and The Star Ledger on January 9, 2015, 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.

2. ROLL CALL

The following persons were present:

- Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr.
- Councilpersons David Barad, Alissa Latner, Robert Di Dio, Thomas Hennessey,
Arthur Dolson and Victoria Amitai
- Borough Administrator, Jonathan DeJoseph
- Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
- Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
- Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
- OEM Coordinator, Lt. James Winters
- Fire Chief, Brian W. Pierro, Sr.

3. APPOINTMENTS - (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/5/15 - Requiring Council confirmation)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Planner to Implement Portions of the 2008 Master Plan	Francis J. Banisch, III Banisch Associates, Inc.	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-15
Treasurer	<u>VACANT</u>	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-15

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE @8:00 P.M. OR AS S-ON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD:

This Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting held 6/24/15 and was published in The Record on 6/30/15 as stated in the Municipal Clerk’s affidavit of publication. Reprint of this Ordinance was posted on the Municipal Clerk’s Bulletin Board in accordance with statutory requirements and copies have been made available to the general public.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015:1194, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER REGARDING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS”

Mayor Glidden opened the meeting to the public. No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Glidden closed the meeting to the public.

Motion approving adoption of Ordinance No. 2015:1194 was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilman Di Dio and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey, Dolson and Amitai.

5a. VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion approving the Consent Agenda minus Item Nos. 6, 10 and 18 was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilman Di Dio and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey, Dolson and Amitai.

RESOLUTIONS

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO SERVE AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR AN UNEXPIRED 3-YEAR TERM (BETANCOURT) TO 12/31/16 (3. M.L. 7/1/15) (Carried from RM 7/8/15/Resolution received from Administrator 7/13/15)

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR 2014 ANNUAL AUDIT (Received from Temporary CFO 7/16/15)

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8. RESOLUTION ENDORSING 2016 BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR SPECTRUM FOR LIVING GROUP HOMES INC. FOR SPECTRUM'S NORTHERN VALLEY RESPITE AND SOCIALIZATION PROGRAM IN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER (This Resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite the expenditure of the CDBG Funds) (3. M.L. 7/9/15)

For disclosure purposes, Borough Attorney advised that he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Spectrum for Living.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 1 APPROVING 2015-2016 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS
- ~~10.~~ RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THIRD QUARTER 2015 AND REMAINING RECONCILED BILLING FROM THE TAX RECORDS FOR THE 2015/2016 TAX YEAR FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 211 ALPINE DRIVE, BLOCK 2212, LOT 7 ASSESSED TO JOHN H. WESTALL DUE TO FULL DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR EFFECTIVE 7/2/15 (Received from Tax Collector 7/10/15) This item will be carried to the RM 8/12/15
11. RESOLUTION AWARDING LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND TOWER SPACE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY TO VERIZON, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND REVISED EXCEPTIONS; AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE LEASE AND/OR OTHER DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE AWARD OF THIS LEASE; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE LEASE AND/OR OTHER DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE AWARD OF THIS LEASE (Received from Borough Attorney 7/16/15)

Borough Administrator advised that the annual revenue to the Borough would be \$36,000.

12. RESOLUTION SETTING FEE OF \$855.00 FOR SEWER SERVICE TO ALPINE PROPERTIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 (Received from Administrator 7/16/15)
13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO RELEASE AND RETURN REMAINING ESCROW FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47.11 TO FRANK & JOAN MARZOCCA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 1402, LOT 13, 39 PRIMROSE LANE, DUE TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER THAT THE REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLOSTER CODE CHAPTER 108, ARTICLE II, ZERO INCREASE IN STORM-WATER RUNOFF (Received from Deputy Treasurer 7/15/15)
14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO RELEASE AND RETURN REMAINING ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT LEGAL/ENGINEERING ESCROW FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$637.00 TO APPLICANT: FRANK & JOAN MARZOCCA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 1402, LOT 13, 39 PRIMROSE LANE, FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF SERVICES RENDERED (Received from Deputy Treasurer 7/15/15)
15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM VENDORS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AS FOLLOWS: (Received from Administrator 7/16/15): Item #1: Commodity/Service: Scott SCBA air packs, Qty. 6; Amount: \$6,295.50 each; Total: \$37,773.00; Item #2: Commodity/Service: Scott Facepiece, Qty. 10; Amount: \$318.60 each; Total: \$3,186.00; Vendor: AAA Emergency Supply Co Inc., 635 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603; State Contract # A-80961; Contract period 04/01/2012-3/31/2016
16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO GO OUT TO BID FOR AN AMBULANCE FOR THE CLOSTER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (Received from Administrator 7/16/15)
17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE TO PROVIDE THIRD PARTY ELECTRIC SERVICE (BEGINNING 1/1/15) AND THIRD PARTY NATURAL GAS (BEGINNING 11/1/15), # 65MCESCCPS, RFP# MRESC-13/14-15 contract valid until 12-31/2015 (Received from Administrator 7/16/15)
- ~~18.~~ RESOLUTION AWARDING THIRD PARTY ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER TO DIRECT ENERGY WAS AWARDED BY THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE # 65MCESCCPS, RFP# MRESC-13/14-15 CONTRACT VALID UNTIL 12-31/2015 (Received from Administrator 7/16/15) This item will be carried to the RM 8/12/15
19. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RAIL SAFETY MEASURES IN BERGEN COUNTY (Received from Borough Attorney 7/17/15)

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20. BILL RESOLUTION – JULY 22, 2015 (Received from Deputy Treasurer 7/17/15)
- 20a. AT 8:30 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD
CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC FROM THE NEXT PORTION OF
THE MEETING IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE GOVERNING BODY TO DISCUSS THE
FOLLOWING MATTER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8), “A MATTER INVOLVING
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES” (Received from Administrator 7/17/15 @2:06 p.m.)
- 20b. AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 P.M. - OMNIBUS OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION
EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE GOVERNING BODY TO DISCUSS IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION, PER N.J.S.A. 10:4-13(b)(8), A PERSONNEL MATTER (Rice Notice
e-mailed on 7/20/15)

MOTIONS

21. MOTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE 63rd ANNUAL PEARLE ROAD BLOCK PARTY TO
BE HELD ON 9/12/15, FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. AND TO SERVE BEER TO THOSE
INDIVIDUALS OVER THE AGE OF 21; RAIN DATE: 9/13/15 (6. M.L. 7/9/15)
22. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES (Distributed 7/16/15) NO ABSTENTIONS:
- a. REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 8, 2015
b. WORK SESSION HELD JULY 8, 2015
- 22-1 MOTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL
PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR FOR THE CLOSTER COACHES ASSOCIATION, P. O. BOX
143, CLOSTER, NJ 07624, TO DISPENSE MALT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON 9/7/15 FROM
12:00 NOON TO 9:00 P.M. AT CLOSTER VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, HARRINGTON
AVENUE; RAIN DATE: 9/12/15 (Completed application received 7/17/15 @2:45 P.M.)
- 22-2 MOTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL
PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR FOR CLOSTER ELKS LODGE #2304, 148 RAILROAD
AVENUE, CLOSTER, NJ 07624, TO SELL, DISPENSE AND SERVE WINE AND MALT
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON 9/19/15 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. FOR FUND RAISER
FOR WOUNDED VETERANS; RAIN DATE: 9/20/15 (Completed application received 7/20/15)
23. REPORTS
(None received at the time of preparation of this Agenda)
- 5b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
24. 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)

On behalf of the Ambulance Corps, Ross Herbert thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the resolution authorizing the Borough Administrator to go out to bid for a new ambulance.

Fire Chief Pierro referred to the invitation sent to the Mayor and Council for the presentation of the \$10,000 grant next Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Fire House. He noted that the Department gave back money from last year’s budget for gas detectors in anticipation of receiving this grant.

In answer to Northern Valley Reporter Caitlyn (Bahrenburg), Borough Attorney advised that Verizon is renting space on the existing cell tower; and Borough Administrator added it is directly behind Borough Hall.

Mayor Glidden closed the meeting to the public.

- 24a. Motion approving the following Closed Session Resolution at 8:31 p.m. was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilman Di Dio and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey, Dolson and Amitai.

OMNIBUS OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION authorizing the governing body pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to exclude the public from the next portion of the meeting in order to permit the governing body to discuss per N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(4), “A collective bargaining agreement”; N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), “Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations”; and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8), “A matter involving public officers” and that the items under discussion in the closed meeting would be disclosed to the public at the conclusion of the matters which should be within 15 weeks.

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Mayor Glidden resumed the Regular Meeting at 11:00 p.m.

25. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING Peter G. Geiger, Esq. TO SERVE AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR AN UNEXPIRED 3-YEAR TERM (BETANCOURT) TO 12/31/16 (3. M.L. 7/1/15) (Carried from RM 7/8/15/Resolution received from Administrator 7/13/15)

Borough Attorney advised he would check with the Judge on the start date. Borough Clerk explained she would provide an Oath of Office to the newly appointed Judge with the Resolution of Appointment.

Motion of approval was made by made by Councilman Di Dio, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey, Dolson and Amitai.

26. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 11:01 p.m. was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
July 30, 2015 for approval at the
Regular Meeting to be held
August 12, 2015

Loretta Castano, RMC
Borough Clerk

Prepared by Carol A. Kroepke, RMC
utilizing recording and Borough Clerk's
notes

Approved at the Regular Meeting held August 12, 2015
Consent Agenda Item No. 15a.

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WORK SESSION NOTES – JULY 22, 2015 - 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Work Session on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Glidden invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PROVISIONS OF 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, which was published in The Record and the Star Ledger on January 9, 2015, was posted on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board and has remained continuously 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. ROLL CALL

The following persons were present:

Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr.

Councilpersons David Barad, Alissa Latner, Robert Di Dio,

Thomas Hennessey, Arthur Dolson and Victoria Amitai (7:40 p.m.)

Borough Administrator, Jonathan M. DeJoseph

Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan

Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano

Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola

OEM Coordinator, Lt. James Winters

Fire Chief, Brian W. Pierro, Sr.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

a. MAIL LIST OF JULY 9, 2015 - Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments. No one wished to remove any items for discussion.

b. MAIL LIST OF JULY 16, 2015 - Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments. No one wished to remove any

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING
(Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of July 22, 2015)

Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to remove any item for discussion. Borough Engineer referred to Item No. 12; Borough Attorney referred to Item Nos. 6 and 10 and requested they be removed from the Consent Agenda; Borough Administrator removed Item No. 18; Borough Clerk requested addition of the following Addendum Items to the Consent Agenda: Resolution Nos. 22a and 22b and Motions 22-1 and 22-2.

- 6.—RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO SERVE AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR AN UNEXPIRED 3-YEAR TERM (BETANCOURT) TO 12/31/16 (3. M.L. 7/1/15) (Carried from RM 7/8/15/Resolution received from Administrator 7/13/15)

The Borough Attorney noted this item will be discussed in Closed Session.

- 10.—RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THIRD QUARTER 2015 AND REMAINING RECONCILED BILLING FROM THE TAX RECORDS FOR THE 2015/2016 TAX YEAR FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 211 ALPINE DRIVE, BLOCK 2212, LOT 7 ASSESSED TO JOHN H. WESTALL DUE TO FULL DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR EFFECTIVE 7/2/15 (Received from Tax Collector 7/10/15)

Borough Attorney explained this was a request on which they received confirmation that a Closter resident has been deemed by the Veteran's Administration Board to be 100% disabled. He said what is on here tonight is mandated, meaning if the VA finds an individual or wounded veteran to be 100% disabled, they are exempted from taxes, which is mandatory. This Resolution would be effective going forward from 8/1/15 until the end of the year as the resident has paid first and second quarter taxes. The papers from the VA state they determined he was deemed to be 100% disabled as of 2/19/15 but that paperwork did not actually leave the VA until June and was received by the Borough in July. The discretionary part is the Veteran has requested that the Mayor and Council consider having the effective date be the actual date he was deemed to be disabled. In terms of precedent, the Borough has had several of these over the past few years. In one case, the veteran hadn't brought it to the Borough's attention for a number of years and the Council opted not to give that veteran retroactive effect because they had not brought it up. The most recent request went back two quarters but we did not go back a year. He reminded this is simply precedent and does not bind the governing body either way; the only requirement by State law is that it be effective for this coming quarter. The Veteran has requested the Council's consideration and asked that if they were not inclined to do so, that this item be removed until the next meeting when he would be able to come speak on his own behalf.

In answer to Councilwoman Amitai, Borough Attorney explained if we were to do this per diem where we would do it up until 2/19/15, the amount would be \$6,100; if we just do the past quarter, it would be approximately \$4,100 and if we deny the retroactive request, it would just be going forward. He explained that it is a very long process to be deemed 100% disabled by the VA and that 2/19/15 is the date that was granted for this Vietnam War veteran. Mr. Rogan does not know the circumstances but for whatever reason this veteran did not apply or follow through until recently although he could have filed 10 years ago for the exemption. Mayor Glidden asked for a clarification of past precedent; and the Borough Attorney explained one was denied because it requested relief for multiple years; and the last two granted were for 2 quarters prior only as the Council's purview was not to go back to previous years.

Councilman Dolson inquired which fund this reimbursement would be coming from; and Mr. Rogan advised he did not know the answer to that as it is a budgetary question; and suggested speaking with the Tax Collector. Mr. Dolson voiced his support for fair treatment and explained that if the federal Government determined the date was 2/19/15, then he felt that was the fair start date. The general consensus of the Council was to use the effective date of 2/19/15 going forward only; and Borough Attorney advised this would be removed from the Consent Agenda and a new Resolution would be prepared for the next meeting with exact amounts for budgetary consideration. This new Resolution will have the date of the Veteran's 100% disabled determination and the actual dollar value.

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12. RESOLUTION SETTING FEE OF \$855.00 FOR SEWER SERVICE TO ALPINE PROPERTIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 (Received from Administrator 7/16/15)

Borough Engineer wished to make the Council and Administrator aware that 393 Anderson Avenue in Alpine will be added into the Borough sewers as part of a prior agreement allowing them connection. Once they connect, this residence will be included in the fee; and he voiced his understanding they will be connecting soon. In answer to the Administrator, he explained the resident will contact the Supt. of Public Works for inspection; and affirmed there have been no new connections in the past year. In answer to Mayor Glidden, Mr. DeNicola said he believes the fee schedule was established under Quentin Wiest (former Borough Administrator).

18. RESOLUTION AWARDED THIRD PARTY ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER TO DIRECT ENERGY WAS AWARDED BY THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE # 65MCECCPS, RFP# MRESC-13/14-15 CONTRACT VALID UNTIL 12-31/2015 (Received from Administrator 7/16/15)

Borough Administrator requested this item be removed prior to this evening's meeting because the Borough has so many different accounts they are still working on this.

- 20a. AT 8:30 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD
CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC FROM THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE GOVERNING BODY TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8), "A MATTER INVOLVING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES" (Received from Administrator 7/17/15 @2:06 p.m.)
- 20b. AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 P.M. - OMNIBUS OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
RESOLUTION EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE GOVERNING BODY TO DISCUSS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, PER N.J.S.A. 10:4-13(b)(8), A PERSONNEL MATTER (Rice Notice e-mailed on 7/20/15)
- 22-1 MOTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR FOR THE CLOSTER COACHES ASSOCIATION, P. O. BOX 143, CLOSTER, NJ 07624, TO DISPENSE MALT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON 9/7/15 FROM 12:00 NOON TO 9:00 P.M. AT CLOSTER VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, HARRINGTON AVENUE; RAIN DATE: 9/12/15 (Completed application received 7/17/15 @2:45 P.M.)
- 22-2 MOTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR FOR CLOSTER ELKS LODGE #2304, 148 RAILROAD AVENUE, CLOSTER, NJ 07624, TO SELL, DISPENSE AND SERVE WINE AND MALT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON 9/19/15 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. FOR FUND RAISER FOR WOUNDED VETERANS; RAIN DATE: 9/20/15 (Completed application received 7/20/15)

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY - HENNESSEY (DOLSON/DI DIO)

1) STATUS REPORT RE CLOSTER WEBSITE

2) REPORT – Councilman Hennessey reported the Finance Committee met last week and they discussed the Corrective Action Plan suggested by the Auditor and reported the Tax Collector and Administrator have remedied 6 out of the 10 items. Some of those items were from 2013/2014 and some are ongoing because they are accounting issues.

Regarding the building renovation, it is now about 95% complete and the contractor should be working on punch list items that will hopefully be completed in August. Mayor Glidden wished to personally thank Councilman Hennessey for all of the attention he has given to this renovation; and voiced his feeling that he doesn't know how it would have been completed without his help.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY - DOLSON (AMITAI/LATNER)

1) REPORT – Councilman Dolson reported, as the Liaison to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, that the letter to the attorney (Mr. Liebman) who has appeared before us on behalf of his client has been sent out; and he thanked the Borough Administrator for same. Mr. Dolson said the letter was read aloud into the record of the meeting minutes at his request so that all members would hear it in case they did not read it on the mail list. He said this issue has been very thoroughly dealt with; and he is grateful everyone has been heard and understands the true position on this matter.

At this time, Councilman Dolson requested to discuss a public safety issue and a personnel contract matter in Closed Session.

C. PUBLIC WORKS - LATNER (HENNESSEY/DI DIO)

1) REPORT – Councilwoman Latner reported there were no DPW Committee meetings this month in lieu of all of the other meetings they have had. She reported everything is running very smoothly. She passed around a thank you card that was sent to Bill Dahle and the DPW for assisting when a big tree was struck by lightning and fell in the backyard of Mun Young at 82 Demarest Avenue.

Mrs. Latner reminded the Library does not meet in the Summer but noted they are still having their read-a-thon and other events that go on; and said they have a newsletter with all of the information.

Councilwoman Latner reported the Interim Superintendent at Northern Valley Regional High School, Dr. Geoffrey Gordon, started on July 1st and she has met with him. One of the most important goals this school year is the meaningful referendum which does not yet have a date. She reminded 40% of the costs will be covered by State grants; and said at some point she believes they will be inviting people for a walkthrough for a better understanding of their needs. Mrs. Latner referred to articles in the media as of late regarding rebranding of the high school mascots; and informed they are not going to be changing them. They are looking to modernizing them and making them more unique because they are similar to some existing teams. In answer to the Mayor, she explained Dr. Gordon is interim for one year and had expressed at one point if they wanted him to continue after the one year he would do so. She said she believes they are still doing a search; and it was more a matter of not really finding the right candidate because there are a lot of issues involved including the salary cap for Superintendents.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

D. ORDINANCES - BARAD (HENNESSEY/AMITAI)

1) REPORT RE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Councilman Barad reported that no Ordinance Committee was held this month but on their next Agenda they will be discussing the (Borough Hall) parking issue. JoAnn Riccardi (Borough Attorney) had said she didn't think we needed to change the ordinance but maybe we could have a Resolution identifying the parking spaces with the appropriate signage.

2) REPORT – Councilman Barad referred to the Resolution on this evening's Agenda authorizing the Administrator to go out to bid for an ambulance for the Ambulance Corps; and said he has received some letters expressing concern about the Council making this capital investment. Dr. Barad explained this purchase has been on the books in the plans for about two years. In the past, the Corps had obtained ambulances other ways; and on occasion we have supported them in the past; and we are looking forward to helping them this time.

Dr. Barad reported the Shade Tree Commission received a report from the Administrator to possibly create a contract with a company that would go around and do the take-downs for the Commission; and in the case of emergencies for the town, that may or may not be shade trees. He provided us with an example of what was done in Hillsdale; and the Commission is considering this. He explained the Commission felt because it is late in the year, we will move forward with our traditional procedure and try to get some sense of this type of contract for next year.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES - DI DIO (LATNER/DOLSON)

1) REPORT RE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Councilman Di Dio reported the HR Committee met several times regarding the Municipal Court Judge vacancy. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend Peter Geiger as the number one choice. He currently presides over municipal court in Washington Township and has served in Harrington Park, Fair Lawn and Paramus. He works for UBS as the Executive Director and Deputy Director for the General Counsel. Mr. DiDio said he is very experienced and knowledgeable and would be an asset to the Borough. Mr. Geiger was invited to attend the meeting this evening to meet the Mayor and Council and he should be here about 8:15 p.m.

2) REPORT

F. LAND USE AND CONSTRUCTION – AMITAI (BARAD/DOLSON)

1) REPORT RE STATUS OF DISCUSSION IN SUBCOMMITTEE RE CHANGE IN ZONE 5 (Requested by Mayor Heymann WS 8/13/14)

2) REPORT – Councilwoman Amitai reported the Improvement Commission is discussing a few different events which she will be able to report on after their meeting next week. She said that Bill Dahle (Supt. of Public Works) wears a lot of hats and seems like he has a lot of things on his plate. She said she has seen his face a lot recently regarding some issues with her new home like a missing cap on a water connection and a trampoline in her backyard. She voiced her opinion he does a great job.

Mrs. Amitai reported the Planning Board is meeting next week; and the Building Department is getting busy vamping up with the Closter Plaza. She voiced her opinion that it was a wonderful ceremony this morning.

Mayor Glidden cited the ground breaking at Closter Plaza which was attended by the County Executive Tedesco, Senator Cardinale and former Mayor Sophie Heymann who gave a wonderful speech. The ceremony was well attended and he was impressed by the CEO of Edens.

He invited everyone to the ribbon cutting ceremony for Whole Foods which will take place in approximately 18 months.

Mayor Glidden reported that he had appointed a COAH committee and there would be a meeting during the first week in August. He expressed his concern about the New Jersey courts and their handling of COAH obligations among communities like Closter. He said we cannot afford to be negligent and must do our due diligence in meeting our obligation.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Borough Engineer referred to the sidewalks on the westerly side of Columbus Avenue consisting of two lots going south from Grove Street to Durie Avenue. Borough Administrator advised that the Shade Tree Commission inspected the trees, which are Norway Maples which are problematic. If the Mayor and Council so chooses, we are asking permission to have Orange and Rockland remove the trees at no cost to the Borough; and through the road program, the trees would be replaced with another species. Borough Engineer said that the sidewalk in question would lead to the High School and same would be within the Borough right-of-way. It was the consensus of the Council that the Borough Administrator should go forward with the tree removal. Mr. DeNicola noted that as part of a road program, when you improve a roadway in front of a corner or a crosswalk, you must make sure the crosswalk or curb return is accessible to the sidewalk; and as part of the program on Demarest Avenue, approximately 30-40 ramps would have to be brought up to ADA standards.

Borough Administrator referred to the Lustron House Historic Preservation grant application, which is due in September and said that a resolution relative to same would be needed at the next meeting confirming that the Mayor and Council wish to proceed with the application.

Borough Administrator reported that he, the Borough Engineer, Mayor Glidden and Jim Oettinger met at Ruckman Park relative to lighting on the walking path; and said that the County Open Space matching grant application is due in September. He said that a resolution on same is anticipated for the next meeting; and a hearing on the use of the Open Space funds is also necessary. Mr. DeJoseph explained that same would be a complete project and would not be divided. He said that we have met with one vendor who would be providing a cost estimate; and he would provide a hard estimate to the Council. Councilwoman Amitai questioned the need for the lighting inasmuch as the budget is so tight at this time. Mayor Glidden noted that this was not a budget item, the Recreation Commission said it would be advantageous to install the lighting and most walkers agree. Borough Engineer said he would be involved during the bid document process for the electrical design. Solar lighting is low-level lighting and may not be applicable for this use. Borough Administrator noted that the vendor advised that the cost for solar would be three or four times as much in addition to not being as aesthetically pleasing.

Borough Administrator advised that paperwork for the grant to install lighting and HVAC equipment at Borough Hall as well as the Senior Center has been received and would be forwarded to the Finance Committee. \$35,000 has been included in the budget for the match. It is roughly a \$60,000 grant and it would cost the Borough approximately \$20,000.

9. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER PER NJSA 10:4-12(A)
(SUBJECT TO A 5-MINUTE LIMIT PER GENERAL RULE NUMBER 11) EXCEPT
FOR ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AT THE REGULAR MEETING

In answer to Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, Borough Attorney advised there was no negotiation with Ken’s Tree Care for the land. The Borough went out to bid on same as required by law in order to get the best price. Mr. Isaacson suggested forming a committee to negotiate with Ken’s Tree Care. Borough Attorney said the State Contract Law does not agree because they believe the best price is in an open market. The matter is a budgetary concern.

Mr. Isaacson referred to the High School referendum cost of \$50,000, which the residents are paying for. He also referred to the logos, which he noted were military patches on each one of the schools. Councilwoman Latner said a lot of it was to modernize the logo; and there was a reaction to same. She felt it was informational; and Mr. Isaacson suggested that the students should be approached to come up with something. Relative to the referendum, Councilwoman Latner expressed hope that the school board would cut back after the strong message from the public but there are things that need to be maintained that cannot be paid from capital expenses.

Mr. Isaacson said he saw the two monitoring wells that had been installed by A & P; and Borough Engineer noted that permission was given two meetings ago. Mr. Isaacson cited the bridge by the two wells that was in disrepair and Borough Administrator said he would contact the DPW Superintendent. Mr. Isaacson questioned the Audit list and the number of years we have not seen Recreation on same; and Mayor Glidden said it was a work in progress. Mr. Isaacson said he is happy that A & P is going bankrupt and selling to Stop and Shop.

10. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS, IF APPROPRIATE

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Work Session at 8:14 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Amitai, seconded by Councilman Di Dio and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
July 30, 2015 for approval at the
Regular Meeting to be held
August 12, 2015

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Consent Agenda Item No. 15b