

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 22, 2017 - 7:30 P.M

Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 8:30 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 included in the Annual Notice of Meetings which was published in The Record and The Star Ledger on January 9, 2017, 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, Joseph Yammarino, Jannie Chung
and Victoria Amitai
Borough Administrator, Arthur Braun Dolson
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Luppino
Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine

The following persons were absent:

Councilman Robert Di Dio

3. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE FOLLOWING BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Environmental Commission				
Member/Shade Tree Liaison	<u>Brian Stabile</u> (Elected to Council)	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	3 Years Unexp. (Stabile)	31-Dec-17
Associate Member	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u> (Dep. 3/6/17)	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year Unexp. (Goldberg)	31-Dec-17
Planning Board				
Class II/Rep. Gov't of Closter	<u>Gary Montroy</u> (Resigned)	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year Unexp. (Montroy)	31-Dec-17
Alternate No. 2	<u>Ansar Batool</u> (Moved to Class IV RM 3/8/17)	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years Unexp. (Batool)	31-Dec-17
Shade Tree Commission				
Member/Environmental Commission Liaison	<u>Brian Stabile</u> (Elected to Council)	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-21

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

This Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting held 2/22/17, and was published in The Record issue of 2/28/17, as stated in the Municipal Clerk's affidavit of publication. Reprint of this Ordinance was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board in accordance with statutory requirements, and copies have been made available to the general public.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017:1222, "CALENDAR YEAR 2017 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)"

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

Motion adopting Ordinance No. 2017:1222 was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilman Yammarino and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Yammarino, Chung and Amitai.

5. INTRODUCTION OF THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND RELATED RESOLUTIONS
PUBLIC HEARING – 4/26/16 @8:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE
HEARD (Received from Auditor 3/16/17)

Borough Administrator said the 2017 Municipal Budget levies total taxes at a 1.89% increase over the previous year and 61% of the available Surplus this year leaving over \$800,000 in Surplus. Funding has been made available for road improvements and acquisitions. This is no longer an austerity budget but one that is prudently conservative and this would take the Borough through the year in very good health. He noted that the Borough is under the Tax Levy CAP by \$121,000 and under the spending CAP by \$89,000. He thanked all the members of the Borough for being conservative and realistic.

Chief Financial Officer noted that the taxes for the municipal portion of the tax rate on a home assessed at \$675,000 would increase by \$59 for the whole year and the School and County portion would be added.

Councilman Barad thanked the Borough Administrator for getting the Budget through as early as possible and for this attention and responsibility. Borough Administrator noted that as Finance Chairman for many years as an elected official, it was a lot better to be both the Administrator and having the experience as the Finance Chairman.

Mayor Glidden noted that the 1.89% increase was a great testament to what the Borough Administrator and Council has done. Borough Administrator noted that a notice has not been received relative to the local school portion but has been projected by publicity on same.

In answer to Councilwoman Chung relative to the Closter Green Team, Borough Administrator said that same is for the Environmental Commission which shares knowledge with their counterparts in the County.

Motion introducing the 2017 Municipal Budget was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Yammarino, Chung and Amitai.

6a. VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion approving the Consent Agenda minus Item No. 14 was made by Councilwoman Amitai, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilman Barad, Latner, Yammarino, Chung and Amitai.

RESOLUTIONS

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO ISSUE REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,733.25 TO CORELOGIC FOR 1st QUARTER 2017 DUE TO OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 1719, LOT 15, 15 FOURTH STREET (Received from Tax Collector's Office 3/3/17)
8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO RELEASE AND RETURN \$387.44 TO APPLICANT: LANAGAN ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL, 989 LENOX DRIVE SUITE 124, LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ 08648 FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF POLICE TRAFFIC DIRECTOR SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL FINANCE NOTICE 2000-14 (Received from Chief of Police 3/10/17)
9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF ACCRUED VACATION AND SICK DAYS TO LEONARD SINOWITZ DUE TO RETIREMENT FROM POSITION OF ZONING OFFICER, EFFECTIVE 3/31/17 (Received from Assistant Chief Financial Officer 3/10/17)
10. MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NJ DEP AND THE BOROUGH FOR THE LUSTRON HOUSE (Received from Borough Attorney 3/10/17)
11. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PURSUING ACTION TO PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE BOROUGH'S NATURE CENTER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,700.00 TO THE NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY (Received from Borough Attorney 3/10/17)
12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO RELEASE AND RETURN \$331.82 TO APPLICANT: CORBEL COMMUNICATIONS, 875 EAST 145TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10455 FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF POLICE TRAFFIC DIRECTOR SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL FINANCE NOTICE 2000-14 (Received from Chief of Police 3/13/17)

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13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO RELEASE AND RETURN \$497.74 TO APPLICANT: DIAMOND ENGINEER & DEVELOPER, P.O. BOX 748, ALPINE, NJ 07620 FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF POLICE TRAFFIC DIRECTOR SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL FINANCE NOTICE 2000-14 (Received from Chief of Police 3/15/17)
14. ~~RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,000.00 (Received from Deputy Treasurer 3/16/17) *REQUIRING 2/3 MAJORITY - TO BE VOTED UPON SEPARATELY!!~~
15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO RELEASE AND RETURN ESCROW FEES DUE TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS AS REQUIRED BY CLOSTER CODE CH. 167, SOIL MOVEMENT, FOR THE FIVE (5) LISTED PROPERTIES (Received from Deputy Treasurer 3/16/17)
16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN ELECTRICIAN TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER (Received from Borough Attorney 3/16/17)
17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A SERVICE CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE WORK IN THE RECYCLING CENTER OF THE DPW YARD (Received from Borough Attorney 3/16/17)
18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO RELEASE AND RETURN \$221.79 TO APPLICANT: DI CLEMENTE CONTRACTORS, 1515 10TH STREET, FORT LEE, NJ 07024 FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF POLICE TRAFFIC DIRECTOR SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL FINANCE NOTICE 2000-14 (Received from Chief of Police 3/17/17)
19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A CLEANING SERVICE CONTRACT FOR CLOSTER BOROUGH HALL AND PARK BATHROOMS AT SCHAUBLE FIELD, RUCKMAN FIELD, MOLLICONE FIELD AND MEMORIAL FIELD (Received from Borough Attorney 3/17/17)
- 19a. RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO REDUCE LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING BURDENS AND PROVIDE DEFINED RULES AND RELIEF IN PROVIDING THEREOF (Received from Mayor 3/17/17@3:37 p.m.)
- 19b. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR VERVALEN STREET, SECTION 2 (Received from Borough Attorney 3/22/17)

MOTIONS

20. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING *SALARIED* APPOINTMENTS NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 1/3/17:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Planner to Implement Portions of the 2008 Master Plan	<u>Caroline Reiter P.P., AICP</u> <u>Christopher P. Statile, PA</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-17

21. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING *NON-SALARIED* APPOINTMENTS NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 1/3/17:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Board of Health			2 Years Unexp.	
Alternate No. 2	<u>Vacant</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	(Vacant)	31-Dec-17

22. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING *NON-SALARIED* APPOINTMENT(S):

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Historian	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u> (Dep. 3/6/17)	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year Unexp. (Goldberg)	31-Dec-17
Zoning Board of Adjustment				
Alternate No. 3	<u>Mindy Rothbaum</u> (Did not accept appointment)	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-18

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23. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES (Distributed 3/16/17) NO ABSTENTIONS

- a. REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 8, 2017
- b. WORK SESSION HELD MARCH 8, 2017

24. REPORTS

- a. FIRE CHIEF – FEBRUARY 2017 (Received 3/8/17)

6b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

14. *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,000.00 (Received from Deputy Treasurer 3/16/17) *REQUIRING 2/3 MAJORITY - TO BE VOTED UPON SEPARATELY!!

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

25. 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)

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

In answer to Councilwoman Amitai, Borough Administrator said the procedure for the DPW employee has not been finalized but it is included in the budget.

26a. Motion approving the following Closed Session resolution at 8:50 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Chung, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Yammarino, Chung 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.A.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 employees” 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 10 weeks.

27. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:30 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Latner, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
March 30, 2017 for approval at the
Regular Meeting to be held
April 12, 2017

Loretta Castano, RMC
Borough Clerk

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

Approved at the Regular Meeting held April 12, 2017
Consent Agenda Item No. 40a

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 2017:1222

WHEREAS, public notice has been given by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Closter that an Ordinance entitled:

CALENDAR YEAR 2017 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on February 22, 2017 and that further consideration of said ordinance for final passage and the hearing of all persons interested in said ordinance would be conducted at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said ordinance pass final reading and be published according to law.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad	X		X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Yammarino		X	X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			


Adopted: March 22, 2017

ATTEST:



 Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:



 John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter at the Regular Meeting held March 22, 2017.

 Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017:1222

**CALENDAR YEAR 2017 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Closter in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.0% increase in the budget of said year, amounting to \$316,021 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Closter, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this Governing Body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Closter shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.0%, amounting to \$316,021, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Borough of Closter be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Approved March 22, 2017 on Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilman Barad	X		X		
Councilwoman Latner			X		
Councilman Di Dio					X
Councilman Yammarino		X	X		
Councilwoman Chung			X		
Councilwoman Amitai			X		

ATTEST:


Loretta Castano, RMC, Borough Clerk


John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

Certified to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter at the Regular Meeting held March 22, 2017.

Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
INTRODUCTION OF 2017 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Closter, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said budget be published in The Record in the issue of March 28, 2017 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Borough Hall on April 26, 2017 at 8:00 o'clock (P.M.) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad	X		X			
Councilwoman Latner		X	X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			


Adopted: March 22, 2017

ATTEST:



 Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:



 John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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 Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER RESOLUTION
REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, there exists a tax overpayment in First Quarter 2017 tax account for which the mortgage service has requested a refund,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is desirous to clear the overpayment of record,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that the Deputy Treasurer is herewith authorized to issue a refund check to **CoreLogic** for the following:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1719	15	15 Fourth Street	\$4,733.25

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad		X	X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman DiDio					X	
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai	X		X			

Adopted: March 22, 2017

ATTEST:

Loretta Castano
Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:

John C. Glidden, Jr.
John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
BERGEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the following vendor has posted escrow with the Borough of Closter for Police Traffic Director Services in compliance with Local Finance Notice 2000-14; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, having been satisfied that all payments to the Police Officers for said services have been accounted for as well as a 25% Administrative Fee retained by the Borough, recommends release of all remaining funds to:


<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lanagan Engineering & Environmental 989 Lenox Drive Suite 124 Lawrenceville NJ 08648	\$ 387.44

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that the Deputy Treasurer is and hereby authorized to return the remaining escrows to the above named vendor.

COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai	×	×				
Councilman Barad		×				
Councilwoman Chung		×				
Councilman Di Dio					×	
Councilwoman Latner		×				
Councilman Yammarino		×				

Adopted: March 22, 2017

ATTEST:



Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:



John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF ACCRUED VACATION AND SICK DAYS TO
ZONING OFFICER UPON RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Leonard Sinowitz, has informed the Borough that he will be retiring from employment in his position as Zoning Officer effective March 31, 2017.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Borough ordinance, upon retirement, Mr. Sinowitz is entitled to payment for a portion of his unused sick days, vacation days and accrued time; and

WHEREAS, the total payment has been calculated to equal \$ **31,675.25** (See Attachment A); and **the** Finance Office has confirmed the gross amount due with Mr. Sinowitz, and

WHEREAS, it has been agreed between the parties that the amount due shall be paid in full. A gross amount shall be paid on April 15, 2017 in the amount of \$ **31,675.25**.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey that the aforementioned payments are hereby authorized.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Joseph Luppino, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:-9140.1, et seq. and N.J.A.C 5:30-5.4, that the funds, which are required for said retirement, are available to the Borough in account T-13-56-000-094-000.

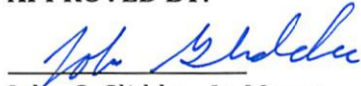
Dated: March 22, 2017


Joseph Luppino, Chief Finance Officer

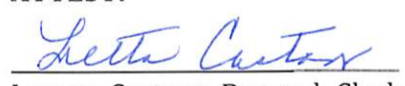
COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Barad		X	X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai	X		X			

Adopted: March 22, 2017

APPROVED BY:


John C. Glidden, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:


Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

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Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

Re: calculation of pending retirement package

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 10/11/17
 4.11.17

Employee:

Leonard Sinowitz		
Year	Month	Day
1997	Sept	24
2017		
20		

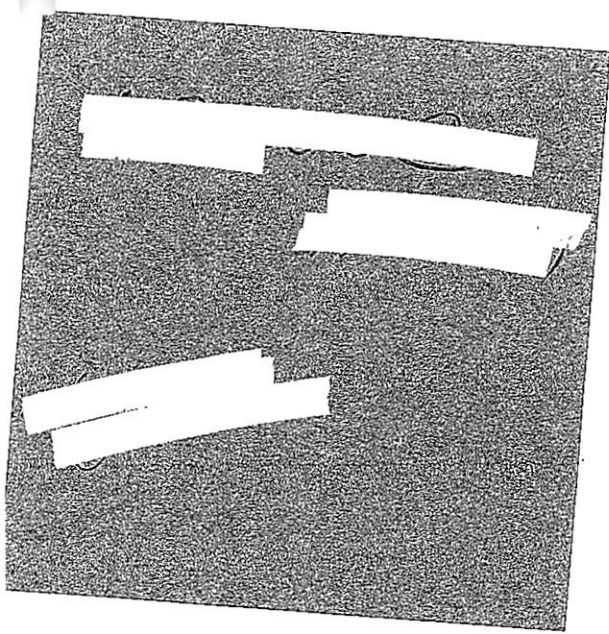
Date of Hire:

Date of Retirement:

Total Years of Service:

1	Sick days accrued:	180	payable at 50%	90
2	Vacation days:			
2,a	two days each year 1-15 years:	15		30
2,b	three days each year greater than 15:	5		15
3				
4				
5	Current hourly rate:	\$ 29.87		
6	Current time and one half rate:			
7	Current daily rate:	\$ 199.23		
8	Total payable days:	135	x daily rate	\$ 199.23
9	Unused Vacation Hours	160	hours:	\$ 26,896.05
10				4,779.20
11				0.00
				0.00
Total retirement package compensation:				\$ 31,675.25

Calculations must be confirmed by Finance Office



**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NJ DEP AND THE BOROUGH FOR
THE LUSTRON HOUSE**

WHEREAS, at the public meeting held on March 8, 2017, the Governing Body discussed a grant agreement between the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) and the Borough in the amount of \$24,999.90 for the Lustron House; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body determined that it was in the best interest of the residents to authorize the execution of this agreement and any necessary documents related to this grant agreement and/or application.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement between the NJ DEP and the Borough in the amount of \$24,999.90 for the Lustron House.
2. The Mayor, Clerk and CFO are hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents related to this grant agreement and/or application.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad		X	X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai	X		X			


Adopted: March 22, 2017

ATTEST:



Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:



John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PURSUING ACTION TO PROMOTE THE
SUSTAINABILITY OF THE BOROUGH'S NATURE CENTER**

WHEREAS, at the public meeting held on March 8, 2017, representatives from the Borough's Nature Center gave a presentation about a report prepared by the New Jersey Audubon Society regarding the 136 acre forest that is part of the Nature Center; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body was informed that, due to climate change and other environmental factors, as well as due to an infestation of foreign species into the Nature Center, various portions of the property were stressed; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body was also informed that certain types of trees on the property were dying and not being replaced and that there is an excessive number of deer living on the property which are eating tree saplings prior to any new sustainable growth; and

WHEREAS, the representatives asked the Governing Body to express its support of pursuing actions to promote the sustainability of the Borough's Nature Center, including authorizing the dispersement of \$1,700 to pay the outstanding balance for the aforementioned report and future financial support which may become necessary.

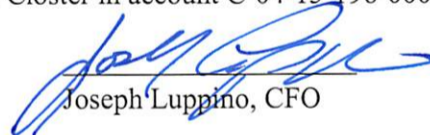
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter hereby express its support of pursuing action to promote the sustainability of the Nature Center.
2. This support includes the authorization to pay the \$1,700 outstanding balance on the aforementioned Audubon Society report (subject to the submission of the proper paperwork to the Borough's Finance office) and certain other financial support as the Nature Center and the Governing Body deem necessary to this pursuit.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Joseph Luppino, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:-9140.1, et seq. and N.J.A.C 5:30-5.4, that the funds, which are required for the Nature Center study are available to the Borough of Closter in account C-04-15-196-000-005.

March 22, 2017



Joseph Luppino, CFO

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad		X	X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai	X		X			

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk


John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
BERGEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, having been satisfied that all payments to the Police Officers for said services have been accounted for as well as a 25% Administrative Fee retained by the Borough, recommends release of all remaining funds to:


<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Corbel Communications 875 East 145th Street Bronx NY 10455	\$ 331.82

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that the Deputy Treasurer is and hereby authorized to return the remaining escrows to the above named vendor.

COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai	✗		✗			
Councilman Barad		✗	✗			
Councilwoman Chung			✗			
Councilman Di Dio					✗	
Councilwoman Latner			✗			
Councilman Yammarino			✗			

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<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Diamond Engineer & Developer P.O. Box 748 Alpine NJ 07620	\$ 497.74

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that the Deputy Treasurer is and hereby authorized to return the remaining escrows to the above named vendor.

COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai	×		×			
Councilman Barad		×	×			
Councilwoman Chung			×			
Councilman Di Dio					×	
Councilwoman Latner			×			
Councilman Yammarino			×			

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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Emergency Temporary Appropriation**

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2017 temporary budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2017 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$ and,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Closter (not less than two-thirds of all members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-20 that emergency temporary appropriations be made and that said emergency temporary appropriations shall be provided for in full in the 2017 municipal budget so adopted:

Code Enforcement/Property Main – Salary & Wages	7,300.00
Group Insurance	202,000.00
Unemployment Compensation – SUI	8,500.00
Social Security System - Contribution	35,000.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	<u>6,200.00</u>
	\$259,000.00


Councilperson	Motion	Second	Y e s	N o	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad			X			
Councilwoman Latner		X	X			
Councilman DiDio					X	
Councilman Yammarino	X		X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			

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ATTEST:



Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk



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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
BERGEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, Bergen County, that the Borough Engineer, having been satisfied that required improvements were satisfactorily completes in accordance with the requirements of Closter Code, Chapter 167, Soil Movement, for the following:


<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
608	9	53 Tallon Terrace	M8 LLC	\$13.29
704	22	49 Robinhood Ave	LG Beta I, LLC	\$100.29
805	49	63 Closter Dock Rd	Javier Gomez	\$98.96
2101	4	382 Ruckman Rd	Conway Wong	\$7.96
1318	4	48 Perry St	Bem Systems, Inc	\$7.96

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that the Deputy Treasurer is hereby authorized to release and return the remaining escrow funds to the applicants

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Amitai	X		X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Barad		X	X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			

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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN ELECTRICIAN TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined there is a need for an Electrician to provide as-needed services for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the amount for such services is not to exceed \$36,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, this amount is below the bid threshold required under New Jersey’s local public contract law; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is committed to using a fair and open process in awarding all such agreements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter as follows:


1. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare the RFP for an Electrician to provide as-needed services for the Borough for an amount not to exceed \$36,000 annually.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for same on the Borough’s website.
3. The Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Borough Collector.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad		X	X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai	X		X			


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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A SERVICE CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE WORK IN THE RECYCLING CENTER OF THE DPW YARD

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined there is a need for a service contract for concrete work in the Borough’s Recycling Center of the DPW Yard; and

WHEREAS, the amount for such services is not to exceed \$38,950 annually; and

WHEREAS, this amount is below the bid threshold required under New Jersey’s local public contract law; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is committed to using a fair and open process in awarding all such agreements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter as follows:


1. The Borough Attorney, with the assistance of the Borough Administrator, is hereby authorized to prepare the RFP for service contract for concrete work in the Borough’s Recycling Center of the DPW Yard for an amount not to exceed \$38,950 annually.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for same on the Borough’s website.
3. The Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Borough Administrator and Collector.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad		X	X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai	X		X			


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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
BERGEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION**

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WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, having been satisfied that all payments to the Police Officers for said services have been accounted for as well as a 25% Administrative Fee retained by the Borough, recommends release of all remaining funds to:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Di Clemente Contractors 1515 10th Street Fort Lee NJ 07024	\$ 221.79


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that the Deputy Treasurer is and hereby authorized to return the remaining escrows to the above named vendor.

COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai	✕		✕			
Councilman Barad		✕	✕			
Councilwoman Chung			✕			
Councilman Di Dio					✕	
Councilwoman Latner			✕			
Councilman Yammarino			✕			


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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A CLEANING SERVICE CONTRACT FOR CLOSTER BOROUGH HALL AND PARK BATHROOMS AT SCHAUBLE FIELD, RUCKMAN FIELD, MOLLICONE FIELD AND MEMORIAL FIELD

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined there is a need for a cleaning service contract for Borough Hall and for the Bathrooms at Schauble Field, Ruckman Field, Mollicone Field and Memorial Field; and

WHEREAS, the amount for such services is not to exceed \$35,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, this amount is below the bid threshold required under New Jersey’s local public contract law; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is committed to using a fair and open process in awarding all such agreements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter as follows:

1. The Borough Attorney, with the assistance of the Borough Administrator, is hereby authorized to prepare the aforementioned RFP for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 annually.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for same on the Borough’s website.
3. The Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Borough Administrator and Collector.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad		X	X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai	X		X			


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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO REDUCE LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING BURDENS AND PROVIDE DEFINED RULES AND RELIEF IN PROVIDING THEREOF

WHEREAS, municipalities do not have the resources to provide court mandated housing to comply with the Mount Laurel doctrine without proper funding; and

WHEREAS, lawsuits increase housing four-fold through court mandates and without an affirmative defense municipalities can do nothing to stop growth and sprawl, costing millions of dollars outside of local budgets; and

WHEREAS, property taxes must be raised exponentially to pay the costs associated with court mandates and, therefore, population, further overburdening taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of unfunded court mandates has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, expected state population growth of .3 percent does not provide sufficient demand to justify court-mandated 30 percent housing supply increase; further congesting our state; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is already the most densely populated state in the country with 1,195 persons per square mile; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life and public welfare in this municipality will be reduced, negatively impacting infrastructure, water and sewer capacities; school class sizes and school services; municipal services such as volunteer and staffed ambulatory services and fire departments, police departments, public transportation and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing and rentals is not due to a lack of units, rather it stems from residents paying property taxes that are unaffordable and increasing by roughly \$700 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Jersey should relieve the burden of unfunded court mandates and provide statewide parity and predictability in regard to municipal affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly is urged to pass Assembly Bill No. 4666 imposing an end-of-year moratorium on all affordable housing litigation; and Assembly Bill No. 4667 establishing the "Affordable Housing Obligation Study Commission" to assist in finding solutions to the affordable housing crisis foisted upon municipalities by the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state and the legislature to assist municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the time has come to reasonably address affordable housing needs in New Jersey to preserve the integrity of the state and its quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter urges the state and the legislature to aid municipalities over-burdened by court-mandated affordable housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we enthusiastically must reach a solution to affordable housing in New Jersey; and be it finally

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Charles A. Richman, New Jersey Senate President Steve Sweeney, New Jersey Senate Republican Leader Thomas Kean, Jr., New Jersey Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, New Jersey Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick, our State Senator Gerald Cardinale, our Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi and Assemblyman Robert Auth, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad		X	X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai	X		X			

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Loretta Castano
Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

John C. Glidden, Jr.
John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
COUNTY OF BERGEN

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR VER VALEN STREET, SECTION 2

WHEREAS, sealed bids were requested through advertisement pursuant to New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law for the VerValen Street, Section 2 project; and

WHEREAS, eight contractors returned the sealed bid documents on March 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, American Asphalt and Milling Services, LLC, 98 Midland Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032, NJ 07110, was the lowest responsible bidder in the base bid amount of \$204,101.15; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends that the contract be awarded to the low bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid documents and found them to be in order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter as follows:

1. This award is made to American Asphalt and Milling Services, LLC, in the base bid amount of \$204,101.15, with the services to be provided in accordance with the bid package and specifications prepared by the Borough Engineer's office which were used in the bidding process and are considered part of this award.
2. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare contracts and/or other documents pursuant to the award of this contract.
3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute contracts and/or documents pursuant to the award of this contract.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Joseph Luppino, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:-9140.1, et seq. and N.J.A.C 5:30-5.4, that the funds, which are required for the **contract** are available to the Borough of Closter in account C-04-16-214-050-001.

March 22, 2017


Joseph Luppino, CFO

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Barad		X	X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman Di Dio					X	
Councilman Stabile			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai	X		X			

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

WORK SESSION NOTES – MARCH 22, 2017 - 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Work Session on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 7:32 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, was included in the Notice of Meetings which was published in The Record and the Star Ledger on January 9, 2017, 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, Joseph Yammarino, Jannie Chung and Victoria Amitai
Borough Administrator, Arthur Braun Dolson
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Luppino
Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine

The following persons were absent:

Councilman Robert Di Dio

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

a. MAIL LIST OF MARCH 9, 2017 – Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item No. 2 was removed by Councilman Barad.

Item No. 2: Received 03/06/17 Rec'd open, Dated 03/02/17 from Jacobs and Bell, Attorney for Applicant, Mauro Squicciarini, to Boro Hall re Notice of Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing #1 to be held 3/15/17 re Application for property located at Hartford Boulevard (Street), Block 1810, Lot 6 & 7 for permit for construction of single family house with driveway access along Hartford Boulevard to Piermont Road

Councilman Barad noted this pertained to the properties on Hartford Boulevard that are almost a kind of wetlands area behind Temple Emanu-El where the trails are located. He asked for an update on same. Councilwoman Chung reported the application is still in process with testimony heard from the Planner; and no decision has yet been made. The Hearing will be continued with other expert witnesses expected to testify. In answer to the Mayor, Borough Engineer explained the two properties in question were wetlands at the time of the Temple's application; and he affirmed the two issues are separate and apart as the Borough has jurisdiction over the land use and the DEP has jurisdiction over the wetlands. He said that either one could come first. It is the preference of the Applicant who, in this case, chose Board approval first. Councilwoman Chung informed once the Board has made a decision, she will report back to the Council.

b. MAIL LIST OF MARCH 16, 2017 – Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item No. 1 was removed by Councilman Barad.

CLOSTER MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION NOTES – MARCH 22, 2017 – 7:30 P.M.

Item No. 1: Received 03/09/17, Dated 03/09/17 from Gerrie D. Oliver, Secretary, Collie Club of Northern New Jersey; VP, Collie Health Foundation; VP, Ramapo Kennel Club; Delegate, New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs, to Councilman David Barad; cc: Mayor and Council re Pet Shop Ordinance

Councilman Barad synopsised the letter by saying Ms. Oliver supports responsible breeders being allowed to breed and sell; and is against the local pet store ordinance. He responded to her with information on the pending legislation in the State and informing Closter is not going to pass any ordinances at this time in light of same. Dr. Barad explained the Legislature passed two Statutes previously. One passed in 2015 requires pet store owners to keep a record of where the pets come from. If this legislation passes, it will prohibit the use of dogs or cats that come from “mills” and that is on the Governor’s desk. Dr. Barad voiced his understanding there is a lot of support within the Legislature for this; and even if the Governor vetoes it, he anticipates they would override it.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING
(Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of March 22, 2017)

Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda. Item No. 14 was removed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Borough Attorney advised he had a Resolution which he distributed to the governing body this evening for their review and approval. He asked that the Resolution Awarding Contract for Ver Valen Street, Section 2 be included on the Consent Agenda (No. 19b)

~~14.~~ *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,000.00 (Received from Deputy Treasurer 3/16/17) *REQUIRING 2/3 MAJORITY - TO BE VOTED UPON SEPARATELY!!

Mr. Luppino noted that we are operating on a Temporary Budget, which is 26% of last year’s budget; and this number is larger because we have a down payment to make for workmen’s compensation payable in the first quarter of the year. Normally it would be averaged out over the course of the year.

19b. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR VER VALEN STREET, SECTION 2
(Received from Borough Attorney 3/22/17)

In answer to Councilwoman Amitai, Borough Engineer said that this is the total bid amount. The Borough has up to \$155,000 provided in a 2016 NJDOT grant. Additionally, from Edens, as part of the Developer’s Agreement, there is \$100,000 in escrow for the paving along their frontage. At this time, we are working with the gas company until June to provide the gas line for Chase so that the paving would start on or about 7/5/17. The paving work at that time would call for the least amount of impact on traffic and would be completed by the start of school. Traffic should not be constricted during paving but would depend on the contractor.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY – YAMMARINO (BARAD/DI DIO)

1) REPORT RE CLOSTER WEBSITE

2) REPORT – Councilman Yammarino reported the Finance Committee met earlier in the month and the Municipal Budget is to be introduced tonight. The Historic Preservation Commission met at the end of February and they would like to move forward with the Lustron House. They did vote to nominate the MacBain House and Farm for historic designation, which will be forwarded to the Council soon. Borough Engineer cautioned that doing so would mean they cannot alter certain features of the house once it is designated.

Mr. Yammarino reported the Recreation Commission discussed the drone issue and limiting the use but they are working on some common sense wording to use. Jim Oettinger met with the DPW Superintendent at Ruckman Field to discuss the additional lighting needed by the roller rink, so they are getting a quote for that. They have an estimate of \$60,000 and they are trying to negotiate a better price. The Summer Program is maxed out at 210 campers and they are in the process of interviewing counselors.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

B. PUBLIC SAFETY - LATNER (DI DIO/CHUNG)

1) REPORT – Councilwoman Latner wished to thank the Chief on behalf of the High School and the Northern Valley Coalition for posting information about the fashion show. Ruth Rando also wanted to extend her gratitude to the Mayor for including the Library in his last Newsletter. She reported Phase I improvements at the High School are complete and they came in under budget having been able to reduce \$1.3M. Mrs. Latner extended thanks to Mayor Glidden for judging the talent show and informed many activities are in the works for the upcoming warmer months.

Mrs. Latner reported the Chamber of Commerce Pot Luck Dinner will be held Friday, 3/31/17, at the Closter Elks Lodge. All of our local restaurants will be bringing food in; and there will be live entertainment, so she encouraged all to stop in. Mike Brown met with Jim Whitney to discuss the areas of the signs the Chamber wanted to have in town; and she provided a copy of the list to the Borough Clerk for filing and distribution (11. ML 3/23/17). She added that the Chamber is very willing to work with the Council to determine the exact areas and design of the signs to try to achieve more uniformity. In regards to the South Parking Lot, the Borough Attorney said there are several easements in place; and those only provide for access. Some of the property owners would like the Borough or someone else to reconfigure or repave the parking lot; and didn't seem too receptive to spending their own money to do so. Borough Engineer added that they are looking for reductions in their assessments as well. Mr. Rogan said it is a fiscal question the Council can consider, but we need cooperation as the Borough only owns the postage stamp behind the Red Maple. He thinks there has to be some type of incentive to offer in order to obtain cooperation because those businesses are the ones who will directly benefit from the improvement of the parking lot.

Councilwoman Latner referred to the trees on the sidewalks in the downtown district and noted a lot of the business owners are not happy the trees are there. The roots seem to pull the pavers up; and if they fix the pavers, it will be a repetitive problem. Councilwoman Latner offered the suggestion of a different type of tree where the roots go down deeper but realizes there is an expense to that. The businesses would be more amenable to fixing the pavers if they knew it would not be a recurring problem. Councilman Barad reminded there is already a contract in place to remove the grates and reset the pavers downtown in about a month or so. The Borough Administrator explained the issue is a concrete sleeve that is embedded in the ground that gets pushed up by the roots which raises the pavers and the grates. The concrete sleeves are being removed. Dr. Barad explained the advantage to having pavers is that if there is a problem like this one, they can just reset them instead of having to break into concrete and redo the whole thing. He said Mike Brown could contact him if he had any questions regarding the work to be done; and Mrs. Latner said she would inform him of same.

Mrs. Latner reported the Library will be applying for a grant to purchase a public device charging station which will tie in with the generator for emergencies. Story hour at Whole Foods has been successful once again with 25 children attending, so community outreach is going well. Don Farrell sent her a message and let her know there have been three volunteers that have contributed to the Library for the last six or so years: George and Billy Reissner from River Vale and Dr. Liz Crum from Closter. Due to their work volunteering they have been able to have successful book sales from 2011 until now and they have raised \$52,000.

At this time, Borough Engineer requested a copy of the list for the signs and Mrs. Latner said she will forward same to him.

C. PUBLIC WORKS - CHUNG (LATNER/AMITAI)

1) REPORT – Councilwoman Chung reported the DPW was busy with the snowstorm; and compliments were received regarding plowing in our town. She saw with her own eyes the difference in the quality of plowing in each town; and she felt assured the school closure on Wednesday was not due to the inability to get around Closter. Union negotiations are still pending as we have received a response; and the Borough Attorney said he will advise after the next upcoming meeting on same regarding the response to our recent proposal.

Mrs. Chung reminded the PTO fundraiser, The Grand Affair, will be held this Friday at the Time Hotel in Nyack. The Green Way Committee has met since the last meeting; and the core committee is made up of two members from each town. It is still in its infancy and exploratory stages so there is not much

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

C. PUBLIC WORKS - CHUNG (LATNER/AMITAI) (Continued)

substance or anything to report at this time. They are compiling a list of the experts they need to reach out to; and once she has that information, she will report back.

D. ORDINANCES - BARAD (YAMMARINO/AMITAI)

1) REPORT RE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Councilman Barad reported the Ordinance Committee did not meet this month but noted several matters came up which he would like to discuss. He received some correspondence from several people including Councilman Yammarino in regards to snow and neighbors pushing that snow onto other people’s yards, in this case, Councilman Yammarino’s yard. He also forwarded with pictures a copy of a short ordinance from Riverdale which makes it clear it is not legal to push snow from your property onto someone else’s or onto Borough property. This will be discussed at an upcoming meeting along with how to make it enforceable. Dr. Barad reminded they passed an ordinance a couple of years ago that requires crosswalks to be kept clear. He received several comments recently both for and against it, noting in one case, the resident felt it was too much of a burden to keep up with because of the way our DPW has to plow the intersections. You end up with a pile of snow and ice several feet high and wide; and it is cumbersome to try to take care of it; and the elderly, in particular, have a difficult time with it. He received some complaints that some of the sidewalks were not cleared and they had to walk along the road in dangerous sections of the road. He feels we need to come to some sort of understanding how to enforce this and make it manageable. Dr. Barad said none of the sidewalks up and down Homans Avenue were cleared at all; and citations or warnings were issued. Our ordinance states they have to be cleared within 12 hours of a storm; and it is just not manageable. We need to put our heads together to come up with a solution. Mayor Glidden agreed with Dr. Barad and suggested they wait until the DPW Superintendent is present at the next meeting. Councilwoman Amitai reported she received a call from a resident who paid someone to have her walkways cleared only to find her neighbor did not clear their walkway and was not even cited for not doing so; and they are resentful they are out of pocket for complying with the ordinance when their neighbor did not. Dr. Barad voiced his frustration that we already have an ordinance on the books, passing another one will not fix the problem and he feels it is an enforcement issue. Mayor Glidden supported an ordinance that would make it unlawful to push snow onto another person’s property.

2) REPORT

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

1) REPORT RE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2) REPORT – Councilman Di Dio was not present this evening; therefore, no report was provided.

F. LAND USE AND CONSTRUCTION - AMITAI (BARAD/YAMMARINO)

1) REPORT – Councilwoman Amitai reported the Planning Board has not met since the last meeting but they will meet next week. The Improvement Commission and the Parking Authority will also meet next week.

In terms of the Building Department, Mrs. Amitai reported Mixology, an upscale clothing store, will be locating in part of the old Dollar Tree location. Chase Bank plans are under review in the Building Department; and there are still over 20 stores planning to open over the next year or so. Mrs. Amitai reported the Zoning Officer is retiring; and asked if a classified ad would be run for same. Borough Administrator noted that all of the resumes already received for a Construction Official have Zoning qualifications and he has sent her some recently. Mrs. Amitai thanked him for same but explained the Borough Attorney advised that is not a good idea; and the position should be separate from the Construction Official. The Mayor informed Leslie sent an invitation to all staff for a retirement luncheon for Lenny Sinowitz and wanted all to be on the lookout for it.

The Mayor reported there was a ribbon cutting ceremony this morning for Bar Method at the Plaza which was well attended and said the only problem was the big scissors are starting to dull which are causing multiple cuts in the ribbons. Mark Lupardi came over and sharpened the scissors so he’s ready for upcoming openings. Cycle Bar will be opening tomorrow morning at 9 a.m.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

F. LAND USE AND CONSTRUCTION - AMITAI (BARAD/YAMMARINO) (Continued)

Councilwoman Amitai reported an issue received from Code Enforcement that there are a lot of nylon flag signs popping up all over the Borough that do not comply with our ordinance. We really have to come to grips with how much we want to enforce because when there was a downturn in the economy, the Building Department was reluctant to put pressure on store owners. She thinks now we need to decide whether we want to enforce to the letter; and Mr. Whitney is very effective in enforcement and generous with the amount of time given to correct issues. Mayor Glidden voiced his displeasure with the flag signs saying they have gotten out of hand and we should be stringently enforcing the code. Councilwoman Latner thought a notification should be given that strict enforcement will be adhered to going forward. The Mayor said some streets have a lot of these signs on them; and he is very displeased with the way it appears. Mrs. Amitai asked the Borough Administrator to please relay to the Code Enforcement Officer that the Council would like to strictly enforce the Code in relation to the flag signs.

At this time, the recording of the meeting ceased due to a malfunction of the recording system; and other means of accessing the recorded meeting were utilized.

7. OLD BUSINESS

At this time, Borough Engineer reminded of the proposal from AMEC Foster Wheeler for Risk Assessment to risk away some of the contamination by the former swim club in the wetlands area. He said it is required to complete the Remedial Investigation Report if the Borough wants to pursue using that land. Mitigating the contamination this way will save the Borough a significant amount of money. For example, if there are 10 acres of wetlands and 8 require low level mitigation, then the end result would be below the contamination threshold required for complete remediation. The price in the proposal has not been updated since it was received by the previous Administrator on 8/3/15. Mr. DeNicola will get the price updated before the next meeting for a Resolution of approval. In answer to Councilwoman Amitai, Borough Engineer informed this is a specialized science that not everybody does; and Boswell has worked with them in the past. No objections were voiced to same; and the Mayor said a Resolution would be prepared for the next meeting (to be held 4/12/17).

8. NEW BUSINESS

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

Nathan Amitai, 284 Piermont Road urged the Mayor and Council to pass the resolution supporting Holly Schepisi's affordable housing initiative and join quite a few neighboring towns regarding a COAH moratorium. Mayor Glidden informed he requested a resolution of support as an Addendum item for this evening's Agenda for the Council's consideration.

Mr. Amitai referred to snow removal discussions and said when he lived in New York City, they had signs for the local DPW to raise the plows which would prevent the snow from being moved to areas where it was already clean in addition to preventing damage to the equipment. Sometimes the snow gets pushed back into the driveways and some people are unable to dig themselves out but have to do so again because of it. He suggested looking into a way to avoid plowing into the driveways and the intersections without slowing down the DPW and adding expense. Mayor Glidden noted there have been three issues raised regarding snow and informed they would have further discussions when the DPW Superintendent was present.

Michael Kafer, 261 Parsells Lane, referred to earlier discussions regarding the Vervalen Street Bid award. He questioned if it was just for resurfacing or if it included repairing the storm drains. Borough Engineer informed it included bringing the storm drains up to NJDEP criteria and resetting the basins that are too

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low. It obviously includes milling and resurfacing but it also includes restriping the roadway reducing it from four lanes to three lanes. He noted the exclusion of the traffic signal. Mr. Kafer voiced his understanding this is an improvement to the surface of the roadway and rebuilding of the storm drains. Mr. DeNicola explained they will only be rebuilt if they are damaged because in discussions with DPW Superintendent, they are functioning as they are now because you never see ponding on the roadway. Unless Mr. Kafer is aware of any pipe issues, Mr. Dahle is not aware of any. Mr. Kafer said he is not aware of pipe issues but he is aware of pooling that has no longer been occurring since Edens re-engineered the parking lot. He said he drives the road occasionally, he has seen some ponding on Vervalen Street and he assumes as the DPW travels the same road, they would see what he sees. Mr. DeNicola reiterated it could be a clog issue from leaves or debris but that is not a pipe issue.

Lynn Suter, 28 Bowers Lane, said she was here this evening to follow up on a letter she had written in response to an article in *The Suburbanite* that referred to the speed bumps on Hickory Lane, and she received some responses to same. Ms. Suter wanted to follow up on her suggestion that speed bumps be put on all of the streets that requested them; and Mayor Glidden informed her that no decision has been made whether they will do speed bumps or not; but explained at the present time they will not be installed on Hickory Lane. He said they will not be doing so until there is a resolution as to whether they should be doing it throughout town. In answer to Ms. Suter, he said he can't comment on same because they have not made a decision yet. At present, it has not been proven as a justifiable expense to install speed bumps anywhere in town. The Mayor noted he has seen them in other municipalities; the opinion has been that they do not slow traffic down and they cause problems during plowing season. He voiced his opinion they are not ready to make a decision yet as to whether they want them in Closter because it has not been discussed at length as they don't have enough information. Ms. Suter referred to the article in the newspaper and the Mayor said that was written because they were considering the speed table on Hickory Lane. The reason they were considering the speed table is that a major event occurred that changed Hickory Lane which was the commercial operation that moved in. There was much discussion and many speed studies were done; but right now they are not adding the speed table; and no decision has been made as to other locations. Ms. Suter referred to the letter she wrote and said there was a major change in town when the schools were consolidated and it caused a major issue on that side of town, which included Storig Avenue. She reiterated she was present this evening to follow up on that letter she sent to the Mayor; and asked for clarification that at the present time, the Borough is not installing speed bumps anywhere; and Mayor Glidden affirmed same. Ms. Suter asked how the public will know what the Borough's status is. Mayor Glidden said if speed bumps are to be installed anywhere, it will require a Resolution of the Mayor and Council; and that is published in advance of the meeting. He said the public has the opportunity to come and comment on same before they are voted on. Ms. Suter questioned how it was possible the fellow, whose name she doesn't know, came this far in the process and got them to listen to his new inconveniences whereas she did the same thing years ago and no article was ever written about it. The Mayor said this man made several trips to the Council to complain about the issue; and after hearing him, they decided to look into it; and as he previously mentioned, several speed studies were done. He said at this point, they need to consider whether they want any speed bumps at all in the Borough. Councilwoman Amitai noted that in addition there were many residents who made complaints and requested something be done about slowing down the traffic. Ms. Suter agreed that changed the neighborhood but said nobody did anything to help them when they made complaints. The article inspired her to follow up; and according to all of the meetings she has attended, it is her understanding the Borough has an ordinance prohibiting speed bumps. Borough Attorney clarified that the State prohibits "speed bumps" and explained the Council was considering a speed "hump" which is different. Borough Engineer said it is a speed "table" which is less intrusive to traffic; and affirmed everybody was using the wrong terminology back then; but it is still not permissible by the State to have a speed bump. The State has adopted a new standard called a speed "table". Mayor Glidden explained the difference by using the Plaza parking lot as an example. Mayor Glidden voiced his own opinion and said he was not speaking for the Council that if they are going to install speed tables, they need to be researched as to where they are really needed; and it will be a very expensive process for the town. Ms. Suter voiced her support that if nobody gets one, she is fine with that; but if Hickory Lane gets one and nobody else does, she will make sure to attend every meeting to ensure they are placed where they are needed.

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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 8:28 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Chung, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council
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