

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021 - 7:30 P.M

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m. and read the following statement:

**DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS, THIS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CLOSTER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE HELD BOTH TELEPHONICALLY and VIA ZOOM VIDEO.**

You may join Zoom meeting including video by accessing the information posted in the **Borough Calendar** on the Borough website by visiting [www.closterboro.com](http://www.closterboro.com) and clicking the link on the left sidebar for **Calendars and Notice of Meetings** and click on the corresponding date.

**To join via Telephone Audio Only:**

**TOLL FREE: +1 646-558-8656; MEETING ID: 864 2063 3673; PASSWORD: 8675309**

If Executive session is required, the Council will retire to a closed session at the conclusion of the Regular Meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 and follow the procedures provided in this statute.

1. 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 2021 Mayor and Council Meetings which was published in The Record on January 15, 2021 and The Star Ledger on January 18, 2021, was posted on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board and on the Borough website, and has remained posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of the notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

2. ROLL CALL

The following persons were present:

Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr.  
Councilwoman Alissa Latner  
Councilwoman Jannie Chung  
Borough Administrator, Edward Hynes  
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan  
Borough Clerk, Arlene Marie Gray  
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola  
Chief of Police, Jack McTigue  
IT Coordinator, Kevin Whitney

The following persons participated via telephone:

Councilpersons Scott Devlin, Dolores Witko, Joseph Yammarino and Victoria Amitai  
Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Luppino  
Recreation Director, Jim Oettinger

3. SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS: The swearing in of Police Officers took place during the Work Session.

- a. JAE LEE
- b. ANTHONY LOFARO

4. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
<b>*Environmental Commission</b>				
^^Alternate No. 1	<u>Krishna Rege</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years Unexp.(Abrams)	31-Dec-21
^^Alternate No. 2	<u>Modi Feibish</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	2 Years Unexp. (Feibish)	31-Dec-22
Associate Member	<u>Ethel Abrams</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-21
Associate Member	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u> Historic Preservation Liaison	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-21

4. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Continued

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
<b>*Shade Tree Commission</b>				
Member / Shade Tree Liaison	<u>Nancy Pergament</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	5 Years Unexp. (Pergament)	31-Dec-21

^^ One Must be a Shade Tree Commission Member/Liaison  
 ^^ One must be a Historic Preservation Commission Member/Liaison

ORDINANCES

5. ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE @ 8 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD:

The following Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting held 3/24/21, and was published in The Record issue of 3/31/21, as stated in the printer’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. 2021:1278, “CALENDAR YEAR 2021 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 public hearing. No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Glidden closed the public hearing.

Motion approving Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021:1278 was made by Councilman Yammarino, seconded by Councilwoman Witko and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Devlin, Latner, Witko, Yammarino, Chung and Amitai.

6a. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion approving the Consent Agenda was made by Councilwoman Latner, seconded by Councilwoman Chung and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Devlin, Latner, Witko, Yammarino, Chung and Amitai.

RESOLUTIONS

- 7. RESOLUTION HIRING TEMPORARY WORKER/LABORER - DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS 2021 TEMPORARY SANITATION (Joseph Skiba - effective May 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 at the rate of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed 37.5 hours per week) Received from Administrator’s Office 4/9/21
- 8. RESOLUTION APPROVING RECREATION COMMISSION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES (Received from Borough Attorney 4/9/21)
- 9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING CERTAIN RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 67 OF THE CLOSTER CODE (Received from Borough Attorney 4/9/21)
- 10. RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING APPROVAL OF 2021 MEMORIAL DAY HOSTING OF WOUNDED WARRIOR’S AMPUTEE SOFTBALL GAME (Received from Borough Attorney 4/9/21)
- 11. RESOLUTION APPROVING CHILDREN’S BUSINESS FAIR HOSTED BY ACTON ACADEMY OF BERGEN COUNTY (Received from Borough Attorney 4/21/21)
- 12. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-3522 CREATING LOCAL PART OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) Received from Borough Attorney 4/21/21
- 12a. RESOLUTION AMENDING AND AFFIRMING RENEWAL OF 2020-2021 LIQUOR LICENSES
- 12b. RESOLUTION AMENDING AND AFFIRMING RENEWAL OF 2020-2021 LIQUOR LICENSES – B.P.O.E. #2304 (Abstention: Yammarino)

MOTIONS

- 13. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING *NON-SALARIED* APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS NOT MADE AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 1/4/21:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
<b>Board of Ethics</b>			5 Years	
Member	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-24
<b>Food and Assistance Board</b>			2 Years	
Member	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-21
<b>Historic Preservation Commission</b>			2 Years	
Alternate No. 2	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-21

14. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING **SALARIED** APPOINTMENTS:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Deputy Treasurer	<u>Dorothy Woods</u> <i>Retired 4/1/21</i>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year Unexp. (Woods)	31-Dec-21
Employee Benefits Clerk	<u>Dorothy Woods</u> <i>Retired 4/1/21</i>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year Unexp. (Woods)	31-Dec-21
Finance Clerk - COAH	<u>Dorothy Woods</u> <i>Retired 4/1/21</i>	<u>NO APPOINTMENT</u>	1 Year Unexp. (Woods)	31-Dec-21

15. REPORTS  
 (None received at the time of preparation of this Agenda)

6b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

ETR – request by Rabbi Yosi for event rescheduled to 4/30 4:30-7:30 old Trautwein property. Temple previously used for holy days. No structures or tent this time. But consuming food and fire pit. He said need to remind him to get requests earlier and with more detail. Kevin tried to go back and forth to get what they were asking for. Private event for members only – Chief was notified. Chief satisfied no traffic issues. ETR wants to discuss. Friday 4/3, no structure, no tents, but picnic tables or fire pit. If Council not opposed. AL asked that going forward everything done the right way going forward.

Vicky 10-12 families and he sent a request a few weeks ago. He said it is private property and does he need a permit. ETR said the original request was not sent to M&C it was about fire prevention. No indication if what they wanted to do – it does require approvals as necessary. Need detailed requests. Need to have convo from zoning standpoint to how long we are going to allow temporary events continue. Potential problem with other orgs and locations in the future. ETR said they represented they have permission and VA said they agreed so long as the town gives permission. Tent was up for extended period of time – is it temp or perm – he’s not concerned about this request.

AL/VA all in favor Motion to approve request (will get language from ETR)

17. 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)

Mayor Glidden opened the meeting to the public.

Lukas Mikolov agrees with both sides. Agrees it can be loud sometimes but not usually. He and his friends try to maintain the park but he understands the noise occasionally.

In answer to VA he said yes neighboring town kids but not normally. The teenagers are from Closter.

Steve I – re the Farm question – if we are removing all of the bamboo what is the purpose of the barrier. ETR said it’s no guarantee there could still be stuff underground that can spread from stuff that can’t be seen. Are we going to only be responsible for removal of bamboo or agree to landscaping or anything. ER said they will submit a claim and it’s up to JIF whether they accept the claim.

Galita, 70 Johnson Court, will there be a dog park. VA asked Jim O to respond He said applied for open space from county – high street park turn into enclosed dog park.

18. ADJOURNMENT

AL/JC aye 9:30 p.m.

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 2021:1278

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

CALENDAR YEAR 2021 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 March 24, 2021 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;

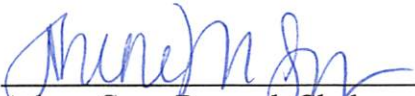
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said ordinance pass final reading and be published according to law.

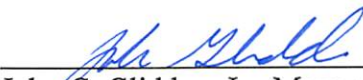
Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilwoman Witko		X	X			
Councilman Yammarino	X		X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			

Adopted: April 28, 2021

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Arlene Gray, Borough Clerk

  
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 April 28, 2021.

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Arlene Gray, Borough Clerk

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021:1278  
CALENDAR YEAR 2021 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 1.0% 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 2021 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 2.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$301,158 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 2021 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 3.5 %, amounting to \$421,621, and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Borough of Closter be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any 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.

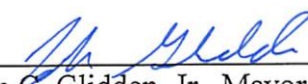
Approved April 28, 2021 on Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilman Devlin			X		
Councilwoman Latner			X		
Councilwoman Witko		X	X		
Councilman Yammarino	X		X		
Councilwoman Chung			X		
Councilwoman Amitai			X		

ATTEST:

  
Arlene M. Gray RMC, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:

  
John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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Arlene M. Gray, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**COUNTY OF BERGEN**

**RESOLUTION HIRING TEMPORARY WORKER/LABORER**  
**DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS**

**2021 TEMPORARY SANITATION**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a Temporary Sanitation worker/laborer within the Closter Department of Public Works; and,

**WHEREAS**, the following individuals meets the requirements to fill the position at the Department of Public Works; and

**Joseph Skiba      Worker/Laborer      \$20.00 per hour**


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council that Joseph Skiba is hereby appointed to the position of Temporary Sanitation worker/laborer in the Department of Public Works effective May 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 at the rate of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed 37.5 hours per week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Finance Office.


Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko			X			
Councilman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilwoman Amitai			X			

Adopted: April 28, 2021

**ATTEST:**

  
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Arlene Gray, Borough Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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Arlene Gray, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**COUNTY OF BERGEN**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING CERTAIN RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 67 OF THE CLOSTER CODE**

**WHEREAS**, via Memorandum dated March 10, 2021 from Jim Oettinger, Director, Recreation Commission, permission has been requested to conduct the Association’s Annual Barbecue and Softball Game on September 3, 2021 at Memorial Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the same Memorandum requests permission to serve beer to the coaches; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Borough Code, the Mayor and Council may, by Resolution, permit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a designated park or quasi public place in connection with specific events or series of events which have been authorized by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 67, the Borough Administrator is authorized to grant a permit allowing the possession and/or consumption of beer only between the hours of 12 noon and 10:30 p.m. in connection with said specific event(s); and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body expressly authorizes the series of events outlined in the aforementioned Memorandum from the Recreation Commission Director.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the legal consumption of beer pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 67 of the Code is hereby permitted at the Recreation Commission’s barbecue and softball games for Friday, September 3, 2021; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Administrator is authorized to issue a permit for same pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 67 of the Code.

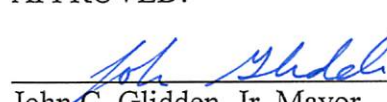
COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko			X			
Councilwoman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilman Amitai			X			

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APPROVED:

  
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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
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**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING APPROVAL OF 2021 MEMORIAL DAY  
HOSTING OF WOUNDED WARRIOR’S AMPUTEE SOFTBALL GAME**

**WHEREAS**, at the Public Meeting of the Closter Governing Body held on September 23, 2020, the governing body considered and approved the request of the Recreation Commission dated August 28, 2020, to host a Wounded Warrior Softball Game during the 2021 Memorial Day weekend (May 28 through May 31, 2021) at the George Potterton Little League Field, with no rain date provided; and

**WHEREAS**, following a discussion, a motion was made and carried upon the affirmative vote of the Council to reserve the aforementioned weekend and grant preliminary approval for the softball game, subject to receipt of applicable permits, inspections, indemnifications, insurance policies, hold harmless agreements, and any other required documentation concerning prevailing health and safety protocols; and

**WHEREAS**, such approval was memorialized at the public meeting of the Mayor and Council on October 14, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, said Resolutions contemplated a final approval for the holding of the softball game and other activities associated therewith in 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that permission and approval to hold the requested related events, including the Wounded Warrior Softball Game to be held Memorial Day Weekend 2021, subject to receipt of applicable permits, inspections, indemnifications, insurance policies, hold harmless agreements, and any required documentation concerning prevailing health and safety protocols being provided to the governing body for consideration and final approval.

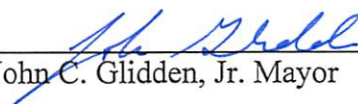
COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko			X			
Councilwoman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilman Amitai			X			

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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**COUNTY OF BERGEN**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHILDREN’S BUSINESS FAIR HOSTED  
BY ACTON ACADEMY OF BERGEN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, via Memorandum dated March 8, 2021, a request has been made by Acton Academy of Bergen County (AABC), a non-profit 501C3 Micro School for Students K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, located at 300 High Street, Closter, New Jersey at the Church of St. Mary to hold an outdoor event for the sale of certain merchandise of the students design and creation on May 22, 2021 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; rain date May 24, 2021 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner, Church of St. Mary has granted approval for such an event; and

**WHEREAS**, following a discussion, a motion was made and carried upon the affirmative vote of the Council to approve the above activities/event subject to any applicable permits, inspections, indemnifications, insurance policies, and hold harmless agreements; and


**WHEREAS**, such approval is subject to any required documentation concerning prevailing health and safety protocols and their representation that each student will have a table of “72x32”; all tables will be 6 feet apart from each other using the marked spots for the cars in the parking lot; arrows will be taped in the parking lot for the public to follow and to maintain social distancing; hand sanitizers will be placed on each table for public use; all attendees and guests will be required to wear face coverings at all times and keep social distancing and the placement of signs stating the requirements for social distancing and face covering.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Children’s Business Fair hosted by Acton Academy of Bergen County are hereby authorized to hold the requested event on May 22, 2021 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; rain date May 24, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. Such event is subject to compliance with the above outlined COVID-19 guidelines applicable as of the date of the event.


COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko			X			
Councilwoman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilman Amitai			X			

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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING RECREATION COMMISSION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter Recreation Commission desires to hold and oversee certain activities/events for the benefit of Closter residents; and

**WHEREAS**, by Memorandum dated March 10, 2021, a request has been made by the Closter Recreation Commission to sponsor and hold the following events/activities:

- Opening day parade for little league and girls softball to be held Sunday, April 25 at 12:30 p.m. behind Borough Hall, with parade beginning 12:50 p.m. proceeding on Closter Dock Road to the George Potterton Little League Field for opening day ceremonies. Exact date and times subject to future Mayor and Council action. Event subject to and contingent upon CDC Guidelines, and Governor of New Jersey Health Department Official’s approval.
- The Annual Joe Accordino, Jr. annual fishing contest to be held May 15 at Ruckman Pond from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, co-sponsored by the Closter PBA Local 233. Event subject to proper social distancing and requirement that masks be worn.
- The Steven Potterton Summer Concert Series to be held Friday evenings at the Closter Lions Band Shell at Memorial Park on June 11, 18, 25 and July 9, and 16. All concerts to commence at 7:30 p.m. with proper social distancing and mask wearing required.
- Closter Association Barbecue and Softball Games to be held Friday, September 3 at Memorial Park. Rain date Saturday, September 4.
- Annual Halloween Parade to be held Sunday, October 24 at 12:00 noon commencing behind Borough Hall with parade beginning 12:20 p.m. proceeding on Closter Dock Road to Tenakill School for costume judging and candy bag distributions. All then applicable COVID restrictions to be followed.

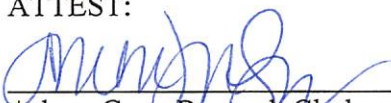
**WHEREAS**, following a discussion, a Motion was made and carried upon the affirmative vote of the Council to approve the above activities/events subject to any applicable permits, inspections, indemnifications, insurance policies, hold harmless agreements, and any required documentation concerning prevailing health and safety protocols.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the above listed events are hereby authorized for the dates and times set forth, subject to the Risk Manager’s approval of the Steven Potterton Summer Concert Series, and Closter Coach’s Association Barbecue and Softball Games. All events are subject to compliance with all MEL/JIF COVID 19 Guidelines applicable as of the date of the event.

COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko			X			
Councilwoman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilman Amitai			X			

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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-3522 CREATING LOCAL PART OF THE PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)**

**WHEREAS**, county, municipal, and other local governments have met their pension obligations as employers for more than a decade while the State of New Jersey has continued to underfund the pension systems in varying degrees since 1996 and thus created one of the worst publicly funded retirement systems in the entire nation; and

**WHEREAS**, despite fulfilling their fiduciary duties in meeting their pension obligations, local governments across the State will experience double digit percentage increases in total employer pension contributions in 2021 as determined in figures recently published by the Division of Pension and Benefits in the State Department of Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, even more alarming for local government employers is the fact that the unfunded accrued liability once again increased in 2021 to a staggering \$26.6 billion for the Public Employee's Retirement System ("PERS") alone, causing in part, a decrease in the funded ratio for the Local Part of PERS to 65.4%, the State Part to 31.2%, and the combined rate to a disconcerting 52.2% far below the target funded ratio of 75.0%; and

**WHEREAS**, S-3522 would divide PERS into two parts: A State Part for State employees, and a Local Part for all other employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation creates a seven-member board consisting of three labor employee representatives, three management representatives, and one determined by the Board, tasked with operating the retirement system and directing policies and investments to achieve and maintain full funding; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation is similar to the legislation that separated the Police and Fire Retirement System (P.L. 2018, c. 55) except for the control of investments and that management has an equal representation on the board, which was overwhelmingly supported by the legislature and signed by the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, S-3522 would protect local governing bodies from the State of New Jersey further directing property taxpayer dollars to subsidize its long mismanagement and underfunding of the pension systems as it would provide the new balanced board of trustees of PERS with the ability to determine or modify member benefits, direct policies and investments to achieve full funding, and serve as fiduciary of the system;

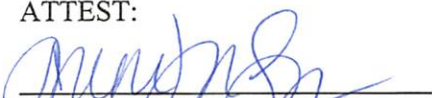
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing body of the Borough of Closter does in fact hereby support S-3522, which would establish a new board of trustees for the Local Part of PERS to preserve the structure and integrity of the more solvent Local Part; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator Holly T. Schepisi, Assemblyman Robert Auth, Assemblywoman DeAnne DeFuccio, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

COUNCILPERSON	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko			X			
Councilwoman Yammarino			X			
Councilwoman Chung		X	X			
Councilman Amitai			X			

Adopted: April 28, 2021

ATTEST:

  
Arlene Gray, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:

  
John C. Glidden, Jr. Mayor

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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER  
RESOLUTION AMENDING AND AFFIRMING  
RENEWAL OF 2020-2021 LIQUOR LICENSES**

**WHEREAS**, applications have been filed for the renewal of certain liquor licenses for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-1 et seq. for the term of one year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, by Administrative Order, the Acting Director of the New Jersey Alcohol Beverage Control, James B. Graziano, on April 1, 2020 AO-2020-01 and thereafter modified by AO-2020-02 and AO 2020-04, in order to avoid industry wide confusion and further its goals of encouraging beneficial aspects of competition and maintaining a stable alcohol beverage industry, extended such renewal period up and through September 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the following licenses for the sale and consumption of alcohol beverages are hereby approved and authorized;

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE NUMBER</u>
NORMLIN, INC. t/a Rudy's Pizza 55 Vervalen Street	0207-33-001-008
GJEVUKAJ RESTAURANT CORP. t/a Sear House 411 Piermont Road	0207-33-003-007
HOOT TWO LLC t/a Bareburger 129 Vervalen Street	0207-33-005-006
S AND R LIQUOR-CLOSTER, LLC t/a The Hill 252 Schraalenburgh Road	0207-33-007-010
STERN & BOW, LLC t/a Stern & Bow 171 Schraalenburgh Road	0207-33-009-015
ANANT, INC. t/a Garden State Dairy & Liquor 135 Oakland Avenue	0207-44-004-006
CLOSTER WINE & SPIRITS, INC. t/a Gary's Wine 67 Vervalen Street	0207-44-008-004
SILK ROAD RESTAURANTS, LLC t/a Brasserie Memere 107 Vervalen Street	0207-33-011-014
GASHI & HAN, LLC t/a Locale Restaurant 208 Piermont Road	0207-33-002-006
EESH and AASTHA Inc. t/a Murphy's Fine Wine & Liquors 230 Closter Dock Road	0207-44-010-005

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the aforesaid licenses shall be issued for use at the indicated locations as shown on the application, in the name of the Borough of Closter, and the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby designated as the municipal official to sign, attest and deliver the said license certificates on behalf of the Borough of Closter, to the aforesaid licensees upon payment of the fees of such license and upon compliance by said licensees with all other applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations.

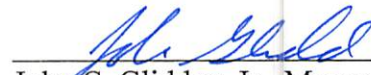
Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
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Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko			X			
Councilman Yammarino			X			
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BPO ELKS 2304 t/a Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks 148 Railroad Avenue	0207-31-014-002


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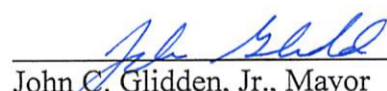
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