

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 - 7:30 P.M  
(immediately following the work session)

**Mayor Glidden opened the meeting with the following announcement at 8:58 p.m.: DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS, THIS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CLOSTER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE HELD BOTH TELEPHONICALLY and VIA ZOOM VIDEO.**

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**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. **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 2022 Mayor and Council Meetings which was published in The Record on December 23, 2021 and The Star Ledger on December 25, 2021, was posted on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board and on the Borough website, and has remained posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of the notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Amitai-present

Councilwoman Chung-present

Councilman Devlin-present

Councilwoman Latner-present

Councilwoman Witko-present

Councilman Yammarino-absent

**VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Glidden read the following: All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one MOTION.

There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a Council Member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for Roll Call vote, in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the General Order of Business.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**\*22-68 RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO BERGEN COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION TO PERFORM AERIAL SPRAYING DURING THE 2022 MOSQUITO BREEDING SEASON AND AUTHORIZING LETTER OF APPROVAL TO BERGEN COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION**

**\*22-69 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR HOSTED BY ACTON ACADEMY OF BERGEN COUNTY**

**\*22-70 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM AGREEMENT-NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE**

**\*22-71 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR RUTGERS UNIVERSITY 391(H) GRANT APPLICATION-IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TENAKILL BROOK WATERSHED RESTORATION AND PROTECTION PLAN**

**\*22-73 RESOLUTION EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH KEVIN WHITNEY FOR THE PROVISION OF BENEFITS**

3a. **REPORTS**

**\*a. CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT – UCC REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022**

**\*b. POLICE CHIEF – MONTHLY REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2021**

**MOTIONS**

3b. **VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** Councilwoman Latner moved to Approve the Consent Agenda, second Councilwoman Witko.

Councilwoman Amitai-yes

Councilwoman Chung-yes

Councilman Devlin-yes

Carried.

Councilwoman Latner-yes

Councilwoman Witko-yes

Councilman Yammarino-absent

**RESOLUTION FOR THE DATE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP April 2** Councilwoman Latner moved to approve, second Councilwoman Chung.

Councilwoman Amitai-yes

Councilwoman Chung-yes

Councilwoman Latner-yes

Councilwoman Witko-yes

Carried.

RESOLUTION TO LIFT THE MASK MANDATE ON MARCH 6. Councilwoman Latner moved to adopt the resolution, second Councilwoman Chung.

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

Discussion of the Iscan appeal to the tree removal fine. Councilwoman Chung stated that she felt there should be a process when the Mayor and Council hears the appeals. Councilman Devlin stated that maybe every case should go straight to the Mayor and Council. Councilwoman Amitai asked Mark Lupardi what he thought. The due date on the fine in question will be deferred. A decision will be made at the next meeting after the Council hears from the professionals and reviews the documents.

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

4.    **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)

5.    **CLOSED SESSION** Councilwoman Latner moved to go into Closed Session, second Councilwoman Amitai. All in favor. Carried.

#22-72 RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Docket #	Item Title or Description	Statutory Reference
22-2-23-1	Matter Involving Public Employees and Officers	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (8)

6.    **ADJOURNMENT** Councilwoman Latner moved to adjourn, second Councilwoman Amitai. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

ALL BUSINESS WILL TERMINATE AT 11:00 P.M.

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**RESOLUTION #22-68**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO BERGEN COUNTY MOSQUITO  
CONTROL DIVISION TO PERFORM AERIAL SPRAYING DURING THE 2022  
MOSQUITO BREEDING SEASON AND AUTHORIZING LETTER OF APPROVAL  
TO BERGEN COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division sent correspondence to the Borough of Closter wherein he requested written permission to perform aerial spraying for mosquito larvae in the Borough during the 2022 mosquito breeding season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough to grant said permission.

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

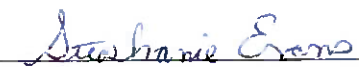
1. Permission for the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division to perform aerial spraying
2. For mosquito larvae in the Borough during the 2022 mosquito breeding season is hereby granted; and
3. The Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to send a letter to the Division Director indicating the aforementioned permission has been granted.

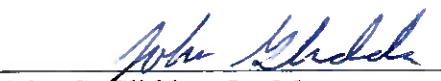
<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councilwoman Amitai			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko		X	X			
Councilman Yammarino					X	

Adopted: February 23, 2022


ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Stephanie Evans, Acting Borough Clerk

  
John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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Stephanie Evans, Acting Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**RESOLUTION #22-69**

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

**WHEREAS**, via Memorandum dated February 8, 2022, 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 21, 2022 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; rain date June 4, 2022 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 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 21, 2022 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; rain date June 4, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. through 1:00 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
Councilwoman Amitai			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko		X	X			
Councilman Yammarino					X	

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ATTEST:

  
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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**RESOLUTION #22-70**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE  
COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM AGREEMENT  
NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Closter in the County of Bergen desires to participate in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) Pricing Agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Closter, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11,et al., the Borough Administrator/Treasurer is authorized to proceed with the affiliation in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance and sign any required documents; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

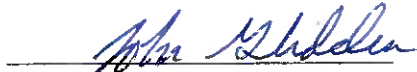
Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Amitai			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko		X	X			
Councilman Yammarino					X	

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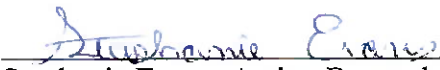
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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**RESOLUTION #22-71**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR  
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY 391 (h) GRANT APPLICATION:  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TENAKILL BROOK WATERSHED RESTORATION  
AND PROTECTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mayor and Council, a request was made to the governing body for consideration and support of the Rutgers University (Rutgers) Grant Proposal for Implementation of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan for Tenakill Brook to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program is seeking a letter of support from the Boroughs of Closter, Demarest and Cresskill, identified as stake holders in this section watershed to support this grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has received a draft of the proposed 391(h) Grant Application and a letter from Rutgers identifying the primary role of the Borough of Closter as a stakeholder without financial obligation; and


**WHEREAS**, the governing body finds the proposal of the Rutgers Implementation of the Tenakill Brook Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan to be a coordinated effort to identify and prioritize on future projects; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the governing body hereby authorizes Mayor John Glidden to submit a letter of support, (Exhibit A attached) to the NJDEP for the Rutgers 391 (h) Grant Application: Implementation of the Tenakill Brook Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan.

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

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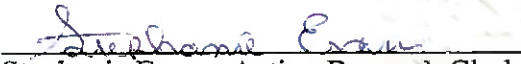
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**EXHIBIT A**

Rutgers University Grant Application 319 (h)  
Implementation of the Tenakill Brook Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan –

Letter of Identification – Rutgers University



**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

**295 Closter Dock Road, Closter, New Jersey 07624**

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

**Office 201-784-0600 x 500**  
**Fax 201-784-9727**

February 24, 2022

NJ Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water Monitoring and Standards  
401 East State Street  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

RE: Proposal for Implementation of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan for Tenakill Brook

To Whom It May Concern:

The Borough of Closter, Bergen County, New Jersey, has been requested to provide a letter of support for the proposal to implement the Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan for the Tenakill Brook watershed. It is the Borough's understanding Rutgers University will be submitting a 319(h) Grant Application, Implementation of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan for Tenakill Brook.

The Borough of Closter is interested in supporting Rutgers grant request to the NJDEP for this project and understands the primary role of the Borough of Closter would be to help identify Borough priorities and provide input on proposed projects without financial obligation from the Borough of Closter, as this is a Rutgers University Study.

Sincerely,

John C. Glidden  
Mayor, Borough of Closter

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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**RESOLUTION #22-72**

**RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AND EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances will or presently exist.

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

1. That the public shall be excluded from the February 23, 2022 Closed Session and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

Closed Session		Statutory
Docket#	Item Title of Description	Reference
22-2/23-1	Matter Involving Public Employees	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8)
	Matter Involving Public Officers	
22-2/23-2	Pending or Anticipated Litigation or	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (7)
	Contract Negotiations	
22-2/23-3	Matter Falling Within the Attorney	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (7)
	Client Privilege	

Formal action may/may not be taken.


2. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public


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

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**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**RESOLUTION #22-73**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH KEVIN  
WHITNEY FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS**

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Whitney is currently employed by the Borough of Closter in the following capacities: Fire Marshall, Information Technology Consultant (“IT”) and Deputy Office of Emergency Management Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, given the number of weekly hours Mr. Whitney provides in service to the Borough of Closter, the Borough of Closter is willing to provide health benefits to Mr. Whitney under certain conditions.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Closter that the Borough Administrator for the Borough of Closter is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement in a form substantially similar to the Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

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

Adopted: February 23, 2022

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED BY:**

  
Stephanie Evans, Acting Borough Clerk

  
John C. Glidden, Mayor

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Stephanie Evans, Acting Borough Clerk