



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 - 7:30 P.M immediately following the Work Session

The Mayor opened the meeting at 8:35 pm with the following announcement: 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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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-present

3. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT**

The Mayor made the following appointments to the Mayor's Green Team at the work session (Sustainable Jersey): Councilman Scott Devlin, Miriam Lockhart, Paul Yarin, Cinnie Cole, Modi Feibish

4. **VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The Mayor read all Consent Agenda items: 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

*22-177 RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE BERGEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

*22-178 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL UNEXPENDED OPEN SPACE BALANCES

*22-179 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 FOR "BODY WORN CAMERAS"

*22-180 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW

*22-181 GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF AUDIT

*22-182 AUDIT FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

*22-183 RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INCREASES TO THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

*22-184 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR SARAH CLAIRE, LLC, 162 CLOSTER DOCK RD

*22-185 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT PRICING SYSTEM VENDORS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 I/T RADIO TRUNKING EMERGENCY SERVICES BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2022-1300 CAPITAL ACCOUNTS: C04-22-300-000-006; C04-16-214-025-004; C04-18-241-005-002 C04-19-256-005-003; 2-01-25-252-000-130

*22-186 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION OF WINE DURING CERTAIN MONTHLY OPENING RECEPTIONS HELD AT THE BELSKIE MUSEUM OF ART AND SCIENCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 27 OF THE CLOSTER CODE

*22-187 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2020-2021 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CB THEATER EXPERIENCE LLC

*22-188 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2021-2022 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CINEMEX NJ LLC

*22-189 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2022-2023 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CINEMEX HOLDINGS USA INC.

*22-190 HIRING RESOLUTION FOR FINANCE CLERK DOROTHY WOOD

*22-191 RESOLUTION AWARDED CLOSTER IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION’S PROJECT: RENOVATION OF POCKET PARK NEAR 217 CLOSTER DOCK RD TO CLEATUS FARMS, INC.

*22-192 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRE OF PROBATIONARY CROSSING GUARD

*22-193 BILL LIST

*22-194 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TREE BOND

*22-195 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW

*22-196 RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AND EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC Councilwoman Latner moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second Councilwoman Witko.

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

*22-197 RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN STATE-APPROVED CONTRACTORS.... Councilwoman Latner moved to approve, second Councilwoman Chung.

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

Councilwoman Amitai moved to approve the waiver for the sidewalk at 8 Ranch, allowing \$4,000 to be deposited into the sidewalk fund, second Councilwoman Latner.

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

5. **MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Work Session and Regular Public Meeting of July 13, 2022.
- b. Approval of Work Session and Regular Public Meeting of July 27, 2022 (*Witko Absent)

Councilwoman Latner moved to approve both meetings, second Councilwoman Chung.

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

6. **OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER** (5-minute limit) Councilwoman Chung spoke about the webinar on lantern flies is full. It is possible to join on a waitlist. Steve Isaacson spoke about the lantern flies. Councilwoman Devlin asked whether it would be possible to go back in person soon. The administrator said that he and the IT director met with someone to help set up equipment to allow for this. Councilman Yammarino said that he reached out to the tax department and learned that the “other fund” had to do with the payroll. Councilwoman Amitai said that the rabbi is still waiting for approval to go ahead with the holiday festivities. The Mayor said he sent him the approval notification. The Police Chief said that the Police also let him know. Steve Isaacson asked for clarification on the \$800,000 allowed for the pole barn. The administrator clarified.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** Councilwoman Latner moved to go into Closed Session for personnel and contract issues, second Councilwoman Amitai. All in favor. The meeting went into Closed Session at 8:48 pm.

Returned to Regular Meeting at 9:40 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Latner, second by Councilwoman Amitai, all in favor

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Evans, RMC
Borough Clerk