



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023 - 7:00 P.M immediately following
the work session

Mayor Glidden opened the Regular Meeting at 7:35 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.

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 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. 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 2023 Mayor and Council Meetings which was published in The Record on December 27, 2022 and The Star Ledger on December 27, 2022, 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 Latner-present
Councilwoman Chung-present Councilwoman Witko-present
Councilman Devlin-present Councilman Yammarino-present

3. APPOINTMENTS This was handled in the Work Session

Closter Improvement Commission

Office	Incumbent	1	Recommendation	Term	Expires
Co-Chair	Juana Trejo-Reyes		Juana Trejo-Reyes	2 Years	Dec 31, 24
Member	Giancarlos Lanzano		Olga Golfinopoulos	2 Years	Dec. 31, 23
				Unexpired Term	

4. REVIEW OF 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

***23-48 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION OF WINE DURING CERTAIN MONTHLY OPENING RECEPTIONS HELD AT THE BELSKIE MUSEUM OF ART AND SCIENCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 67 OF THE CLOSTER CODE**

MOTION: Councilwoman Latner moved to approve Resolution 23-48, second Councilman Yammarino.

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

***23-49 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING CLOSTER HISTORIC SOCIETY FRIENDS OF THE LUSTRON COMMITTEE’S REQUEST TO HOST “OPEN HOUSES” EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

MOTION: Councilwoman Latner moved to approve Resolution 23-29, second Councilwoman Chung.

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

5. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA not needed.
6. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY
7. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER (5-minute limit)
8. CLOSED SESSION
*23-50 RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AND EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Amitai moved to go into Closed Session for potential litigation, second Councilwoman Latner. All in favor. The meeting went into Closed Session at 7:40 pm.

The Closed Session was adjourned and the meeting returned to the Regular Meeting at 8:08 pm.
9. ADJOURNMENT Councilman Devlin moved to adjourn, second Councilwoman Chung. All in favor. The Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Evans
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
RESOLUTION #23-48

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION OF WINE DURING CERTAIN
MONTHLY OPENING RECEPTIONS HELD AT THE BELSKIE MUSEUM OF ART AND
SCIENCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 67 OF THE
CLOSTER CODE**

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated December 22, 2022, a representative from the Belskie Museum of Art and Science, Inc. has requested permission for the museum to serve wine at its monthly opening receptions and during certain special events during the calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Borough Code, the Mayor and Council may, by resolution, permit the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a designated public 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 alcoholic beverages between the hours of 12:00 noon and 10:30 p.m. in connection with specific event(s) such as monthly opening receptions conducted at the museum; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body expressly authorizes and permits the holding of the museum's monthly opening receptions and certain special events on the Closter Library grounds, provided that, for as long as the current COVID-19 Public Health Emergency exists, the Belskie Museum agrees to adhere to all applicable Borough, County, State and federal COVID-19 health and safety guidelines for all such events;

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 wine pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 67 of the Code is hereby permitted at the Belskie Museum of Art and Science, Inc's monthly opening receptions and during certain special events on the Closter Library grounds during the calendar year 2022, provided that, for as long as the current COVID-19 Public Health Emergency exists, the Belskie Museum agrees to adhere to all applicable Borough, County, State and federal COVID-19 health and safety guidelines for all such events; and


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
Councilwoman Amitai			X			
Councilwoman Chung			X			
Councilman Devlin			X			
Councilwoman Latner	X		X			
Councilwoman Witko			X			
Councilman Yammarino		X	X			

Adopted: January 11, 2023


ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk


John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor

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Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
RESOLUTION #23-49

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING CLOSTER HISTORIC SOCIETY/
FRIENDS OF THE LUSTRON COMMITTEE'S REQUEST TO HOST "OPEN
HOUSES" EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

WHEREAS, at the public meeting of the Closter Governing Body held on June 23, 2021, the Governing Body discussed a request by the Closter Historic Society/Friends of the Lustron Committee, dated June 9, 2021 to host "Open Houses" every second Saturday of the month from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the letter request also sought permission to hold Committee Meetings, and other special events and private tours; and

WHEREAS, at the public meeting of June 23, 2021, the Closter Governing Body discussed and deemed such events to be in the best interest of the Borough, and to permit such events; and

WHEREAS, the property and structure are Municipal-Owned and fully insured.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that authorization is hereby granted to allow the Closter Historic Society/Friends of the Lustron Committee to host "Open Houses" to be held on the second Saturday of each month from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and to hold Committee Meetings and possible other special events and conduct private tours from time to time at the Lustron House located at 421 Durie Avenue, Closter, New Jersey.

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

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BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
RESOLUTION #23-50

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 January 11, 2023 Closed Session and discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matter:

Closed Session Docket#	Item Title of Description	Statutory Reference
22-11/21-1	Pending or Anticipated Litigation or Contract Negotiations	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (7)

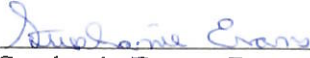
Formal action may/may not be taken.

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

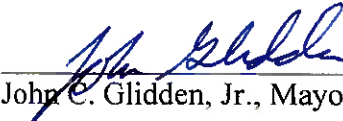
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