



MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: WEDNESDAY -JULY 23, 2025

THIS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CLOSTER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON, TELEPHONICALLY, and VIA ZOOM VIDEO. You may join the 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: +1 301-715-8592; MEETING ID: 864 2063 3673; PASSWORD: 8675309**

If Closed 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

Mayor Glidden opened the meeting at 7:55 P.M. with the following announcement: 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 2025 Mayor and Council Meetings which was published in The Record on December 29, 2024 and The Star-Ledger on December 30, 2024, 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

Governing Body	Present	Absent
Mayor Glidden	✓	
Councilwoman Amitai		✓
Council President Cho	✓	
Councilwoman Chung	✓	
Councilwoman Latner		✓
Councilwoman Maroules	✓	
Councilman Yammarino	✓	

3. ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION:

a. ORDINANCE NO. 2025:1365

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES ON BLOCK 1316, LOT 9, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 511 DURIE AVENUE, BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER AND COUNTY OF BERGEN

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has requested an Easement over a portion of Block 1316, Lot 9, commonly known as 511 Durie Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has agreed to grant the aforementioned Easement; and

WHEREAS, a Deed of Easement for Roadway Purposes has been prepared by the Bergen County Counsel’s office and is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**.

WHEREAS, the Easement is more fully described in the metes and bounds description prepared by Hubschman Engineering, dated October 21, 2024, entitled “Easement Description” and as shown on a plan entitled “County Road Widening Easement” dated 10/21/2024, both of which are attached to the Deed of Easement for Roadway Purposes as Exhibits A & B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1.

The Easement, as defined in the preamble to this Ordinance, is hereby granted by the Borough.

SECTION 2.

The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Deed of Easement for Roadway Purposes attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A** and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the intent and purposes hereof.

SECTION 3.

The Clerk shall return the partially executed Deed to William Brown, Esq, at the County of Bergen, Office of County Counsel, for execution and recording.

SECTION 4.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 5.

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION 6.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

This Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting held July 9, 2025, and was published in The Record issue of July 15, 2025, 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.

At this time, Mayor Glidden opened the meeting to the public for any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Ordinance 2025:1365.

No members of the public addressed the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Glidden closed the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2025:1365.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai					✓	
Councilman Cho			✓			
Councilwoman Chung		✓	✓			
Councilwoman Latner					✓	
Councilwoman Maroules			✓			
Council President Yammarino	✓		✓			

INTRODUCTION:

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2025:1366**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 183 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER ENTITLED: VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SPECIFICALLY, §183-44. SCHEDULE 1: NO PARKING ANY TIME AND §183-57, SCHEDULE XIV: NO LEFT TURNS

Final Adoption and Open Public Hearing will be held on August 13, 2025 or as soon thereafter.

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the Borough of Closter has recommended certain changes be made to the Borough’s Code, Chapter 183, Vehicles and Traffic, in order to protect the public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and recommends they be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the proposed changes and deems them to be in order

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Chapter 183 of the Borough’s Code is amended to as follows.

SECTION 1.

§ 183-44, Schedule 1, No Parking at Any Time, shall be amended to include the following text:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Blanch Avenue	South	75 feet to the corner of Herbert Avenue

SECTION 2.

§ 183-57 Schedule XIV, No Left Turns, shall be amended to include the following text:

R. Palisades Day School to northbound onto Herbert Avenue.

SECTION 3.

Except as amended by this Ordinance all other provisions of Chapter 183 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 5.

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION 6.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai					✓	
Councilman Cho			✓			
Councilwoman Chung		✓	✓			
Councilwoman Latner					✓	
Councilwoman Maroules	✓		✓			
Councilman Yammarino			✓			

b. ORDINANCE NO. 2025:1367
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER A301, FEES. AND DEPOSITS SPECIFICALLY, 301-1 SCHEDULE OF FEES TO ESTABLISH A NO-CASH POLICY

Final Adoption and Open Public Hearing will be held on August 13, 2025 or as soon thereafter.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter with the advice of legal counsel and recommendations from the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer has deemed it necessary to establish a no-cash policy for the payment of all Borough fees and taxes (including property tax and tax sale payments); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest and safety of the general public and municipal staff as well as for the fiscal security of the Borough itself that cash will no longer be accepted for the payment of Borough fees and taxes (including property tax and tax sale payments); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined there is a need to update Chapter A301 of the Code of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey to establish a no-cash policy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change was reviewed by the Ordinance Committee which recommends adoption and by the Borough Attorney who deems it to be in order.

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

SECTION 1.

Revise the title and text of §A301-1, Schedule of Fees as follows:

§A301-1 Schedule of Fees; No-Cash Policy.

1. The following is a fee schedule for the payment of fees, permits and licenses of the Borough of Closter, and said fee schedule shall replace all similar applicable fees in various existing ordinances of the Borough of Closter. Said fees shall be an annual amount, except where otherwise noted in said schedule or in the originating ordinance of the Borough of Closter. Additional provisions regarding fees and deposits may be found in the applicable originating

ordinances.

2. The Borough hereby establishes a no-cash policy for all Borough fees and tax payments (including property tax and tax sale payments). Acceptable payment methods are personal checks, bank checks, certified checks, e-checks (for payments made via the Borough of Closter on-line tax payment system), money orders or credit cards only.

All other provisions of this section of the Code remain the same.

SECTION 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3.

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION 4.

This Ordinance shall take effect as of September 1, 2025 following final publication as provided by law.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai					✓	
Councilman Cho			✓			
Councilwoman Chung		✓	✓			
Councilwoman Latner					✓	
Councilwoman Maroules			✓			
Councilman Yammarino	✓		✓			

c. **ORDINANCE NO. 2025:1368**
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$450,000, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$427,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Final Adoption and Open Public Hearing will be held on August 13, 2025 or as soon thereafter.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Closter, New Jersey (the “Borough”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$450,000, such sum includes the sum of \$22,500 as the down payment (the “Down Payment”) required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of a provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by the application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$427,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvements, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$427,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement, and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
(1) Acquisition of a sanitation truck and accessories for the Department of Public Works.	\$325,000	\$308,750	10 Years
(2) Engineering design and construction inspection services for the 2026 Road program, including but not limited to Walker Avenue and Birch Street, and including all work including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$125,000	118,750	10 Years
TOTAL	\$450,000	\$427,500	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$427,500.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$450,000, which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor, as stated above, is the amount of the Down Payment.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the Borough (the “Chief Financial Officer”); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time, subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such a report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained, and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board, showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such a statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$427,500, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in

Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Rule”) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking

SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that the Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$427,500.

SECTION 11:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai					✓	
Councilman Cho			✓			
Councilwoman Chung		✓	✓			
Councilwoman Latner					✓	
Councilwoman Maroules			✓			
Councilman Yammarino	✓		✓			

d. ORDINANCE NO. 2025:1369
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00 FROM OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PARK, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IMPROVEMENTS

Final Adoption and Open Public Hearing will be held on August 13, 2025 or as soon thereafter.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Borough of Closter does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$350,000.00** from the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for park, farmland, and historic preservation improvements. A list of the authorized improvements is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A. The authorization to pay for the items on Exhibit A shall expire after 24 months from the date of adoption of this Ordinance. Thereafter, the funds for items that are not complete shall be returned to the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust.

SECTION 2. The Capital Budget is amended to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended budget and capital programs as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services on file

with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 3. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited, and stated:

- A. The same purpose described in Section 1 is not a current expense, but is an improvement which the Borough may lawfully make;
- B. The average period of usefulness for the purposes described in Section 1 is hereby determined to be a period of more than five years;
- C. All expenses related to the purchases described in Section 1 are charged as part of the cost of the purpose to be financed.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai					✓	
Councilman Cho			✓			
Councilwoman Chung		✓	✓			
Councilwoman Latner					✓	
Councilwoman Maroules	✓		✓			
Councilman Yammarino			✓			

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

The following was read into the record: 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:

*25-196 AUTHORIZING USING A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE – PARAMUS FORD INC

WHEREAS, under certain circumstances, the award of contract without public bidding is permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 52:34-6,2; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter is a member of the **New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance**; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance has awarded Contract CO-OP #CK04 Bid #BC BID 24-43 to Paramus Ford Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter wishes to purchase three 2025 Ford Maverick XL AWD Utility Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, prior to the award of this contract a Notice of Intention to Award a Contract must be published in the official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase is **\$98,526.51** and funding for this purchase is available through **Administrative Fees Trust** account number **T-13-56-000-096-999**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that they approve the following:

- 1) Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to publish a Notice of Intention to Award a Contract to **Paramus Ford Inc.** pursuant to the **New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance** for the purchase three 2025 Ford Maverick XL AWD Utility Vehicles at a cost of **\$98,526.51**.
- 2) Any objections to this award of the contract should be directed to the Borough Clerk, 295 Closter Dock Road, Closter New Jersey 07624 within ten (10) days of the publication of the Notice of Intention.
- 3) The awarded contract to **Paramus Ford Inc** is contingent upon no objections being received.
- 4) Instruct the Deputy Treasurer to create an encumbrance from the Administrative Fess Trust account to purchase said vehicle.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Francis Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Closter for the calendar year 2025 in account **T-13-56-000-096-999** for **\$98,526.51**.

*25-197 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TRUST – 10-75 EMERGENCY VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter’s Police Department needs to purchase police vehicle emergency equipment and installation; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Administrative Fees Trust are available for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department would like to purchase police vehicle emergency equipment and installation from 10-75 Emergency Vehicles under New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-00743 for \$17,732.43; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Police Department to police vehicle emergency equipment and installation from 10-75 Emergency Vehicles under New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-00743 for \$17,732.43, funded by the Administrative Fees Trust.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Francis Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Closter for the calendar year 2025 in account: **T-13-56-000-096-999 for \$17,732.43.**

*25-198 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE GRAPHICS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TRUST

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter’s Police Department needs to purchase police vehicle graphics; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Administrative Fees Trust are available for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department would like to purchase police vehicle graphics from Graphix Shoppe for \$1,705.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Police Department to purchase police vehicle graphics from Graphix Shoppe for \$1,705.00, funded by the Administrative Fees Trust.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Francis Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Closter for the calendar year 2025 in account: **T-13-56-000-096-999 for \$1,705.00.**

*25-199 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE EMERGENCY LIGHTING FROM SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST (1) – EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter’s Police Department needs to purchase police vehicle emergency lighting and installation; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Law Enforcement Trust are available for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department would like to purchase police vehicle emergency lighting and installation from East Coast Emergency Lighting for \$12,446.55 under New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-00761; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Police Department to purchase police vehicle emergency lighting and installation from East Coast Emergency Lighting for \$12,446.55 under New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-00761, funded by the Special Law Enforcement Trust.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Francis Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Closter for the calendar year 2025 in account: **T-13-56-000-005-000 for \$12,446.55.**

*25-200 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE EMERGENCY LIGHTING FROM SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST (2) – EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter’s Police Department needs to purchase police vehicle emergency lighting and installation; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Law Enforcement Trust are available for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department would like to purchase police vehicle emergency lighting and installation from East Coast Emergency Lighting for \$5,677.40 under New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-00761; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Police Department to purchase police vehicle emergency lighting and installation from East Coast Emergency Lighting for \$5,677.40 under New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-00761, funded by the Special Law Enforcement Trust.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Francis Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Closter for the calendar year 2025 in account: **T-13-56-000-005-000 for \$5,677.40.**

***25-201 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT FROM SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST – NATIONAL HIGHWAY PRODUCTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter’s Police Department needs to purchase traffic safety equipment; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Law Enforcement Trust are available for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department would like to purchase traffic safety equipment from National Highway Products for \$3,912.58 under the Somerset County Co-Op (CC-0099-24); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Police Department to purchase traffic safety equipment from National Highway Products for \$3,912.58 under the Somerset County Co-Op (CC-0099-24), funded by the Special Law Enforcement Trust.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Francis Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Closter for the calendar year 2025 in account: **T-13-56-000-005-000 for \$3,912.58.**

***25-202 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF MEDICAL CLAIMS EXPERIENCE DATA FROM SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter’s Police Department needs to purchase medical claims experience data; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Law Enforcement Trust are available for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department would like to purchase medical claims experience data from New Jersey Division of Pension & Benefits for \$2,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Police Department to purchase medical claims experience data from New Jersey Division of Pension & Benefits for \$2,000.00, funded by the Special Law Enforcement Trust.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Francis Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Closter for the calendar year 2025 in account: **T-13-56-000-005-000 for \$2,000.00.**

***25-203 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE TRUNK EQUIPMENT FROM SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST – SPECTRUM COMMUNICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter’s Police Department needs to purchase police vehicle trunk equipment; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Law Enforcement Trust are available for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department would like to purchase police vehicle trunk equipment from Spectrum Communications for \$5,985.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Police Department to purchase police vehicle trunk equipment from Spectrum Communications for \$5,985.00, funded by the Special Law Enforcement Trust.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Francis Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Closter for the calendar year 2025 in account: **T-13-56-000-005-000 for \$5,985.00.**

*25-204 **AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF BERGEN COUNTY RDF EQUIPMENT ASSESSMENT FROM SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter's Police Department needs to purchase a Bergen County RDF Equipment Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Law Enforcement Trust are available for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department would like to purchase a Bergen County RDF Equipment Assessment from Bergen County Police Chief's Association for \$2,500.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Police Department to purchase a Bergen County RDF Equipment Assessment from Bergen County Police Chief's Association for \$2,500.00, funded by the Special Law Enforcement Trust.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Francis Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Closter for the calendar year 2025 in account: **T-13-56-000-005-000 for \$2,500.00.**

*25-205 **AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FROM SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST – CDW GOVERNMENT LLC**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter's Police Department needs to purchase computer equipment; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Law Enforcement Trust are available for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department would like to purchase computer equipment from CDW Government LLC for \$6,230.57 under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Co-Op (ESCNJ/AEPA-22G); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Police Department to purchase computer equipment from CDW Government LLC for \$6,230.57, funded by the Special Law Enforcement Trust.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Francis Elenio, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq. and NJAC 5:30.4, that the funds are available to the Borough of Closter for the calendar year 2025 in account: **T-13-56-000-005-000 for \$6,230.57.**

*25-206 **AUTHORIZING STIPEND FOR ACTING ZONING OFFICER – JOSEPH SCOTT JEZEQUEL**

WHEREAS, Joseph Scott Jezequel was appointed Acting Zoning Officer by resolution 25-163 effective 6/16/2025, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to compensate for this position, and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee of the Council and the Borough Administrator recommend \$600.00 per month stipend for this position, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council that Joseph Scott Jezequel be granted a stipend of \$600.00 per month to be paid by voucher for the position of Acting Zoning Officer starting June 16,

2025.

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

***25-207 APPOINTING A TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO THE ACTING ZONING OFFICER – ROSE MITCHELL**

WHEREAS, the Borough Zoning Officer has resigned from the position, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to have an Assistant to the Acting Zoning Officer on staff for the efficient operation of the zoning office, and

WHEREAS, Rose Mitchell has the knowledge and experience for the title of Assistant to the Acting Zoning Officer, and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee of the Council and the Borough Administrator recommend \$600.00 per month stipend for this position, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council that Rose Mitchell be appointed to the position of Assistant to Acting Zoning Officer and be granted a stipend of \$600.00 per month to be paid by voucher for the position of Acting Zoning Officer starting June 16, 2025.

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

***25-208 APPOINTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO ACTING ZONING OFFICER – PAUL DEMAREST**

WHEREAS, the Borough Zoning Officer has resigned from the position, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to have an Assistant to the Acting Zoning Officer on staff for the efficient operation of the zoning office, and

WHEREAS, Paul Demarest has the knowledge and experience for the title of Assistant to the Acting Zoning Officer, and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee of the Council and the Borough Administrator recommend \$600.00 per month stipend for this position, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council that Paul Demarest be appointed to the position of Assistant to Acting Zoning Officer and be granted a stipend of \$600.00 per month to be paid by voucher for the position of Acting Zoning Officer starting June 16, 2025.

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

***25-209 APPROVING RELEASE OF TREE BOND ESCROW – 51 HIGH STREET**

WHEREAS, all applicable Borough professionals have finalized inspections on improvements made and approve the release of bond and/or escrow funds to the depositor of monies as indicated in the attached Project Detail Inquiry for 51 High Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that the Finance Clerk is and hereby authorized to release the bond and escrow monies to the depositor as indicated in the attached Project Detail Inquiry in the amount of \$650.00.

Account #: 2010057260

Amount: \$650.00

Owner: Eric Silberman

***25-210 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SAVATREE CONTRACT FOR COMPOSTING AND RELATED SERVICES**

WHEREAS, effective April 25, 2025, the Borough of Closter and SavATree, LLC entered into a contract for Composting and Related Services; and

WHEREAS, the Bid Specifications for the project, state that the “Contract Term” shall be for three years following April 25, 2025 with the option to renew for two additional one year periods thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the contract executed by the parties did not include the aforementioned “Contract Term” and the parties are desirous of an amendment to the Contract to address this issue.

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

The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare an Amendment to the Contract between the Borough of Closter and SavATree, LLC for Composting and Related Services to include the Contract Term as outlined in the Bid Specifications.

The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned Contract Amendment.

***25-211 RECOGNIZING CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the month of June has been set aside to honor the cultural, linguistic, ethnic, and social diversity of Caribbean Americans; and

WHEREAS, millions of individuals in the United States have Caribbean roots, and while some came of their own volition, others were forced to our country as slaves; and

WHEREAS, despite the tribulations of the Caribbean people, Caribbean Americans have triumphed and are essential towards the backbone of American society. Their efforts and successes exhibit valiant determination, a devotion to community and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean Americans have excelled in many facets including education, sports, music, government, and the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, many Americans well-known for their contributions to America came from the Caribbean or had/have Caribbean roots including Alexander Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives first recognized Caribbean American Heritage Month in 2005, and the Senate and White House first recognized it in 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter hereby recognizes June 2025 as Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

***25-212 RECOGNIZING PTSD AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, in 2014 the United States Senate first designated the month of June as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month and they have done so each June since; and

WHEREAS, PTSD is a mental health problem that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event such as combat, natural disasters, car accidents, or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all Americans will experience a traumatic event in their lives, and of those who experience a traumatic event, more than one in ten men, and two in ten women will experience PTSD in their lifetime, and

WHEREAS, veterans are a high-risk group for PTSD with Gulf War veterans at 10%, Iraq War veterans at 14%, and Vietnam war veterans at 30%; and

WHEREAS, mental health experts are not sure why some people develop PTSD and others do not; and

WHEREAS, PTSD can cause those suffering to relive trauma, to engage in avoidance of people or situations that remind them of the trauma, increased negative thoughts, and feeling on edge; and

WHEREAS, those suffering from PTSD are urged to seek help.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter hereby recognizes June 2025 as “PTSD Awareness Month”.

***25-213 RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH DAY**

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery in the United States. It is also known as Emancipation Day, Juneteenth Independence Day, and Black Independence Day; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger of the Union Army arrived in Galveston, TX, and announced the end of the Civil War and the end of slavery. Although the Emancipation Proclamation came 2½ years earlier on January 1, 1863, many slave owners continued to hold their slaves captive after the announcement, so Juneteenth became a symbolic date representing African American freedom; and

WHEREAS, General Order Number 3 read in part, “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves and the connection

heretofore existing between them, becomes that between employer and hired labor....”; and

WHEREAS, Texans celebrated Juneteenth beginning in 1866, with community-centric events, such as parades, cookouts, prayer gatherings, historical and cultural readings, and musical performances. Over time, communities have developed their own traditions. Some communities purchased land for Juneteenth celebrations, such as Emancipation Park in Houston, TX. As families emigrated from Texas to other parts of the United States, they carried the Juneteenth celebrations with them; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1980, Juneteenth officially became a Texas state holiday, making Texas the first state to grant this emancipation celebration, and since then, 45 other states and the District of Columbia have also commemorated or recognized the day; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has declared the holiday as a day of leave for state employees; and

WHEREAS, there are renewed calls to make Juneteenth a Federally recognized holiday.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter hereby declares June 19th, 2025 as Juneteenth Day in the Borough.

***25-214 AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY LAWN SIGNS BY JOEY’S CHARITY FUND ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body received correspondence on July 8, 2025, which was an email from Naureen Hussain, Charity Event Coordinator, Joey’s Fund Inc., a 501c3 organization, requesting permission to post a maximum of 20 lawn signs for a Charity Car Show; and

WHEREAS, the 11th Annual Joey’s Fund Charity Car Show will be held in Closter Plaza, Vervalen Street, Closter, NJ on Sunday, October 5, 2025, with a rain date of October 12, 2025, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, for the benefit of raising donations as described on their website, www.joeyscharityfund.org; and

WHEREAS, Closter Code 173-83 (c) regulates temporary signs; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey authorizes Joey’s Fund, Inc. to place a maximum of 20 lawn signs for its Charity Car Show, beginning September 1st and said signs being removed within 24 hours of the event.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Clerk will provide a copy of this resolution to the Construction Code Official, Zoning Officer, DPW Superintendent and Naureen Hussain, Charity Event Coordinator, Joey’s Fund, Inc.

***25-215 HIRING TEMPORARY DRIVER/LABORER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR 2025 – MATTHEW DYLAN MENDEZ**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Temporary Driver/Laborer for 2025 within the Department of Public Works due to staff absences.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter’s DPW Superintendent, the Borough Administrator, and the DPW Committee of the Council have reviewed the qualifications and recommended the below-listed for that position

Matthew Dylan Mendez- Temporary Driver/Laborer \$25.00 per hour

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council that **Matthew Dylan Mendez** is hereby appointed to the position of Temporary Driver/Laborer in the Department of Public Works –Streets & Roads Division Beginning August 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, at the Temporary and/or Part Time rate of \$25.00 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.

***25-216 REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 FOR “ANFEC/BERGEN COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY”**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Closter hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year

2025 in the sum of \$350.00 which item is now available as revenue from the ANJEC/BC Audubon Society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total sum thereof of **\$350.00** is and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Chief Financial Officer will submit this certified resolution along with the form to the Division of Local Government Services through the NJ F.A.S.T.

*25-217 REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 FOR “BODY WORN CAMERAS”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Closter hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$10,397.00 which item is now available as revenue from the Body Worn Cameras.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total sum thereof of \$10,397.00 is and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Chief Financial Officer will submit this certified resolution along with the form to the Division of Local Government Services through the NJ F.A.S.T.

*25-218 APPROVING RELEASE OF TREE BOND ESCROW – 15 CARR PLACE

WHEREAS, all applicable Borough professionals have finalized inspections on improvements made and approve the release of bond and/or escrow funds to the depositor of monies as indicated in the attached Project Detail Inquiry for 15 Carr Place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that the Finance Clerk is and hereby authorized to release the bond and escrow monies to the depositor as indicated in the attached Project Detail Inquiry in the amount of \$1,400.00.

Account #: 2010057557 Amount: \$1,400.00 Owner: Viorel Cozma & N. Minzararu

*25-219 APPROVING RELEASE OF TREE BOND ESCROW – 19 WILSON PLACE

WHEREAS, all applicable Borough professionals have finalized inspections on improvements made and approve the release of bond and/or escrow funds to the depositor of monies as indicated in the attached Project Detail Inquiry for 19 Wilson Place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that the Finance Clerk is and hereby authorized to release the bond and escrow monies to the depositor as indicated in the attached Project Detail Inquiry in the amount of \$4,550.00.

Account #: 2010057525 Amount: \$4,550.00 Contractor: Good Faith Builders, LLC

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai					✓	
Councilman Cho			✓			
Councilwoman Chung	✓		✓			
Councilwoman Latner					✓	
Councilwoman Maroules			✓			
Councilman Yammarino		✓	✓			

5. **OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER** (5-minute limit)

Steve Isaacson (97 Columbus Avenue) asked for the reason of the many curb cuts and was told they were required for the DOT projects.

John McCaffrey (203 Hickory Lane) asked the Mayor and Council to table Resolution # 25-210 and rebid it. He was told the Resolution had already been voted on and that it was only on the agenda tonight due to a clerical error in the contract.

6. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilwoman Amitai					✓	
Councilman Cho			✓			
Councilwoman Chung	✓		✓			
Councilwoman Latner					✓	
Councilwoman Maroules		✓	✓			
Councilman Yammarino			✓			

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Mari J. Margiotta, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk