



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

WORK SESSION MINUTES: MONDAY – NOVEMBER 25, 2024

THIS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CLOSTER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON, 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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Council President Cho opened the meeting at 7:02 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 2024 Mayor and Council Meetings which was published in The Record and The Star Ledger on December 29, 2023, 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.

3. ROLL CALL

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

* Via Zoom

4. ORDINANCES

ADOPTION:

a. ORDINANCE NO. 2024:1348

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2025 ROAD PROGRAM FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER AND APPROPRIATING \$120,000.00 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

b. ORDINANCE NO. 2024:1349

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$536,500.00 FROM OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PARK, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IMPROVEMENTS

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

- a. MAIL LIST of November 15, 2024
- b. MAIL LIST of November 22, 2024

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR MEETING

- *24-282 HIRING A DRIVER COLLECTOR FULL-TIME FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR 2024 - CAMERON SECLI
- *24-283 TRANSFER RESOLUTION NO. 2 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
- *24-284 CANCEL BALANCE FOR BOND ORDINANCE; AMEND RESOLUTION #24-265
- *24-285 AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT PRICING SYSTEM VENDORS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 AXON ENTERPRISE INC - CLOSTER POLICE TASERS
- *24-286 AUTHORIZING BOSWELL ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2025 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT AND BOROUGH PAVING PROJECT
- *24-287 AUTHORIZING BOSWELL ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RUCKMAN PARK WALKING PATH
- *24-288 AUTHORIZING BOSWELL ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CLOSTER NATURE CENTER RUCKMAN POND RESTORATION PROJECT
- *24-289 REFUND BUILDING DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FEE – 248 KNICKERBOCKER ROAD
- *24-290 CONFIRMING THE NEED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE CLOSTER SCHOOL AND NEW CONSTRUCTION OF 4 ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES TO CREATE A 35 UNITY AFFORDABLE DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES WITH THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
- *24-291 CANCEL BALANCE FOR BOND ORDINANCE; AMEND RESOLUTION #24-263

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY – YAMMARINO (Cho/Maroules) Committees - Finance & Technology
Commission Liaison- Recreation, Fire, Food & Assistance
The Environmental Commission was recently recognized.
- b. PUBLIC SAFETY - LATNER (Chung/Amitai) Committee - Public Safety Liaison-NVRHS Board of
Education & Library Board of Trustees
- c. PUBLIC WORKS - CHUNG (Yammarino/Maroules) Committee - Public Works Liaison-Closter Board
of Education & Board of Health

d. ORDINANCES - CHO (Amitai/Latner) Committee - Ordinance & Legislative Commission Liaison- Environmental & Zoning

e. HUMAN RESOURCES – MAROULES (Yammarino/Latner) Committee - Personnel Liaison- Historic Preservation/Shade Tree

There are open positions on the Shade Tree Committee. Borough Code Enforcer Bill Fuchs takes care of private property issues concerning trees. A meeting should be scheduled to discuss the tree ordinance with the Department of Public Works.

f. LAND USE AND CONSTRUCTION - AMITAI (Chung/Cho)
Building Liaison - Closter Improvement, Planning Board, Senior Citizens

g. MAYOR'S REPORT Ambulance Corps Borough Engineer Northern Valley Mayor's Association

The Shopping event will be held on December 4, 2024 at the Senior Center. The Tree Lighting will take place on December 8, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. The Bergen County tree decorating contest (November 30, 2024 – December 14, 2024) will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Borough Administrator James Winters explained that Rockland Electric owns the street lights. Councilwoman Maroules added that more than 700 lights have been converted to LED lights. Council President Chung shared that a resident wants to design swag for the town. Mr. Winters declared that the Old Church Art School in Demarest wants to put signs up in Closter for their upcoming art show. Councilwoman Maroules reported that Rabbi Yossi spoke with Chief of Police James Buccola today and wants to put up a menorah on December 26, 2024.

10. OPEN MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS (5-MINUTE LIMIT)

John McCaffrey (203 Hickory Lane) spoke about the repairs needed for the house at MacBain Farm, including the roof and soffits. He distributed a list and asked that it be discussed at the next meeting.

Todd Bradbury (292 West Street) said that the lighting community meeting was canceled and that glare is a problem and a worry for the Police Department. He also said that he would like answers about poison hemlock, as spring will soon be coming. As far as the Shade Tree Commission, he said that communication is important.

Steve Isaacson (97 Columbus Avenue) asked why trimming trees was a problem. Councilwoman Maroules explained. Mr. Isaacson also asked about the Borough of Closter seal and whether it was trademarked. He said that Rockland Electric owns the poles and that it is not as simple as just buying the lights.

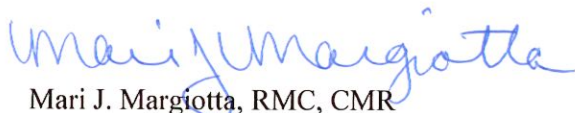
There may be a resolution for the pole barns at the next meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Work Session adjourned at **7:58 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Mari J. Margiotta, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Date of Minutes approval: May 14, 2025