



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: WEDNESDAY – MAY 14, 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 **8:00 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:

INTRODUCTION:

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 2025:1364
AMEND CHAPTER 59 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER,
ENTITLED: SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined there is a need to amend Chapter 59, Shade Tree Commission, specifically §59-4, Paragraph B, due to concerns from residents in regard to the restrictive requirements for the landscaping designs at their domiciles and infringing upon their property rights; and

WHEREAS, the amended ordinance will give the Shade Tree Commission additional funds to continue their great work in maintaining the tree canopy within the Borough of Closter by gaining such funds to plant trees in alternate locations within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance Committee has reviewed this amendment and recommends adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed this amendment and deemed it to be in order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Chapter 59 of the Borough’s ordinances is amended to as follows.

SECTION I

Delete §59-4, Paragraph B and replace it with the following text:

B. Planting trees. Any person, company or organization henceforth constructing or performing major alterations to any residences, commercial and/or office building, dwelling, apartment, or multiple-family dwelling within the

Borough shall be required to either:

1. Plant, at its expense, shade trees along the right-of-way upon which the building fronts and abuts in accordance with the provisions of this chapter; or
2. Pay a fee to the Borough's Shade Tree Trust Fund in lieu of planting the aforementioned shade trees. Such fee shall be determined annually, in writing, by the Shade Tree Commission.

If the property owner opts to plant shade trees, the Shade Tree Commission, with the consultation and agreement of the property owner, shall designate where such trees are to be planted and the variety of trees to be used (within the borough "right of way"). The person, company or corporation shall post a bond of \$1,500 per tree, such money to be deposited with the Borough Administrator and designated for Shade Tree Commission use, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, and held for up to two years and 11 months (i.e., the money, if returned, shall be returned at the end of the third calendar year from the date the bond was posted). Should any of the trees not be in satisfactory condition, in the sole discretion of the Shade Tree Commission, at that time, after notice to the owner, the moneys shall be used by the Shade Tree Commission to replace those trees deemed to be unsatisfactory. At the end of two years, any funds not used to replace unsatisfactory trees shall be refunded to those who posted the bond(s). If construction is taking place on property with street trees, see § 181-7 of the Borough Code.

SECTION 2.

Except as amended by this Ordinance all other provisions of Chapter 59 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

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 5.

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

Final Adoption and Open Public Hearing will be held on May 28, 2025 or as soon thereafter.

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

ADOPTION:

A. ORDINANCE NO. 2025:1363

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-1321 TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THE DRAINAGE AND POND STABILIZATION PROJECT AT THE NATURE CENTER FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FROM OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PARK, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, at the public meeting held on May 24, 2023, the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter adopted Ordinance 2023-1321, appropriating a sum not to exceed \$50,000 from Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for Park, Farmland and Historic Preservation Improvements for a Drainage and Pond Stabilization project at the Nature Center; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the ordinance to extend the expiration date for the aforementioned appropriation and project for an additional six (6) months.

NOW THEREFORE 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 \$50,000 from the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for park, farmland, and historic preservation improvements. The authorized improvement is a Drainage and Pond Stabilization project at the Nature Center. The

authorization to pay for this project shall expire after 6 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, recite 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.

This Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting held April 23, 2025, and was published in The Record issue of April 29, 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 No. 2025:1363.

No members of the public addressed the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Glidden closed the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2025:1363.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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 (The Mayor read all into record)

RESOLUTIONS:

*25-131 APPROVING RELEASE OF TREE BOND ESCROW – 27 FOURTH 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 93 Piermont Road.

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 \$1,500.00.

Account #: 2010057305 Amount: \$1,500.00 Owner: Ileshkumar & Urmi Patel

*25-132 BILLS LIST – MAY 14, 2025

WHEREAS, the claims listed below have been authorized and approved by the Chairman of the Committee, examined by the Finance Committee, and found correct.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the payment of these claims, and that warrants be drawn therefore when funds are available.

Budgeted	Amount
Bergen County Tax	\$ 1,579,391.00
County Open Space Tax	\$ 71,013.00
Northern Valley High School	\$ 1,784,395.50
Closter Board of Education	\$ 1,913,989.00
2024 Budget Appropriations	\$ 47,306.68
2025 Budget Appropriations – Operating Expenses	\$ 1,436,061.28
Payroll 04/15/2025	\$ 332,370.22
Payroll 04/30/2025	\$ 323,713.91
Current Treasury Account April 10, 2025 to May 14, 2025	\$ 7,488,240.59

Capital and Trust	Amount
Capital	\$ 328,736.98
Escrow Trust	\$ 12,325.05
Recreation	\$ 52,265.81
Animal	\$ 135.88
Housing Trust	\$ 5,561.00
Food Locker	\$ 7,940.00
Open Space	\$ 0.00
HRA Insurance	\$ 7152.76

*25-133 **AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL BY DMR ARCHITECTS P.C., INC. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE POLE BARN BUILDINGS PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter, by resolution dated January 2, 2023, entered into a professional agreement with DMR Architects P.C. Inc. (DMR, P.C.) for the provision of professional architectural administration services; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2023, Resolution No. 23-95 for the DMR architectural proposal for the construction of the two pole barn buildings at the Closter Department of Public Works Facility was approved by the governing body *in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00*; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2024, Resolution No. 24-254 for the DMR architectural proposal for the Additional Services of the two pole barn buildings at the Closter Department of Public Works Facility was approved by the governing body *in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00*; and

WHEREAS, DMR Architects submitted a letter on May 7, 2025 (**Exhibit A**) for additional services for the amount of **\$3,500.00**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall provide a copy of this Resolution and Exhibit A to the Borough Administrator, Assistant CFO, and Finance office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that it does hereby approve the continuation of the contract with DMR Architects P.C., Inc. to provide architectural services for the construction of two new Pole Barn buildings *not to exceed an amended contract price of*

\$3,500.00 for a total contract price of **\$93,500.00**.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Frank Elenio, Certified Financial Officer of the Borough of Closter, hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1, et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the funds for the additional **\$3,500.00** are available to the Borough of Closter for calendar year 2025 in capital account **C-04-17-233-000-020**.

*25-134 **AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR DPW POLE BARN BUILDING BY DUTCHMAN CONTRACTING, LLC – DECREASING BY \$17,280.00**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter, by Resolution dated February 12, 2025, Agenda No. 2025- 070, approved a contract in the amount of **\$1,285,168.00** (the “Contract Price”) to Dutchman Contracting LLC for a project known as the DPW Pole Barns; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated April 21, 2025, to The Borough of Closter from **Dutchman Contracting, LLC** advised the Borough of the Value Engineering and the addition of Bid Alternate Interior Liner a cost of **-\$17,280.00** to the original bid of **\$1,285,168.00** for a new contract Total of **\$1,267,888.00** known as Change order # 1; and

WHEREAS, DMR Architects has reviewed this change order and has issued the AIA Document approving this change order; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the execution by the Chief Financial Officer of Change Order No. 1 pursuant to which the Contract Price will be decreased by **\$17,280.00** to **\$1,267,888.00** (the "Amended Contract Price").

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

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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 accounts: C-04-19-256-002-003 \$484,500.00 (Ord. 2019:1256); C-04-22-300-000- 007 \$400,000.00 (Ord. 2022:1300); C-04-24-341-001-001 **\$383,388.00** (Ord. 2024-1341)

***25-135 OPPOSING LEGISLATION THAT PERMITS ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

WHEREAS, New Jersey has long prided itself on maintaining the principles of home rule, which has provided our residents with the most meaningful direct access to democratically elected officials through strong local governments; and

WHEREAS, municipalities represent the form of government which is closest to the people, and the immediacy of governance at the local level brings a distinctive responsiveness and ability to shape policy to respond to the particular needs of communities; and

WHEREAS, local control and decision making empowers the residents and taxpayers of each municipality to carefully tailor local policies that reflect its unique geography, economy, beliefs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, legislation that would permit Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and permit property owners to develop ADUs on their property is inconsistent with the principles of the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Committee Substitute (ACS) for A-2792, A-4370, and A-2489 undermines the careful planning municipalities engage in and routinely update; and

WHEREAS, municipalities already have the authority to permit ADUs and this legislative proposal undermines municipal land use planning where ADUs are inconsistent with the land use planning due to a variety of factors including availability of water, sewer capacity, parking, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this legislation and the erosion of local autonomy threatens to undermine home rule that is critical for local officials to adopt policies that are the most beneficial to the community and that our residents have long come to expect from their municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Senate favorably acted on this legislation in February;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Closter hereby urges the legislature to reject ACS 2792, A-4370, and A-2489 and preserve local autonomy in municipal planning to develop Accessory Dwelling Units if and where it sees fit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Holly Schepisi, Assemblymembers Robert Auth and John V. Azzariti, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Lieutenant Governor Tahesha Way, the Governor of the State of New Jersey Phillip Murphy, and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

***25-136 CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF ENERGY TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES**

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities; the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and

instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, while the State may need to have the right to override the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, in order to deal with emergencies and crises that may occur; current State policymakers should not exercise that right automatically; and

WHEREAS, while that right should be the exception, it has become the rule; and

WHEREAS, by keeping flat funding of the appropriation for CMPTRA year-over-year, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2023, the State did provide some much-needed relief in the allocation of \$75 million of new funds identified as the Municipal Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2024, the State allocated \$150 million in Municipal Relief Funds, however, in SFY 2025 and, as proposed in SFY 2026, no allocation will exist; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2024 the Energy Tax Receipts Program should have received over \$350 million to restore municipalities back to 2008 levels, however, the State's diversion of Energy Taxes has continued to grow causing more of a financial gap; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of flat funding and underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Closter of the County of Bergen calls for the immediate restoration of funding diverted from Energy Taxes intended for local use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, respectfully, call on State policy makers to end the diversion of our municipal resources to cover State spending and to provide us with this important tool to relieve the worst-in-the-nation property tax burden borne, for too long, by the people of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Assemblymen Robert Auth and John V. Azzariti, Senator Holly T. Schepisi, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs Jacquelyn Suárez, the State Treasurer Elizabeth Maher Muoio, the Lieutenant Governor Tahesha Way, the Governor of the State of New Jersey Phil Murphy, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities

*25-137 **AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS**

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Taxation is unable to certify the Borough of Closter's tax rate at this time and the Borough of Closter's Tax Collector will be unable to mail the Borough's 2025/2026 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter Tax Collector/Assistant Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54.4-66.3, and has signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies and verified with our Registered Municipal Auditor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the following:

1. The Borough of Closter Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough for the **third** installment of 2025 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by L. 1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54.4-66.3).
2. The estimated calendar year tax levy for **2025** is hereby calculated at **\$61,055,329.00**

The maximum amount that the Borough will utilize in the preparation of the **2025 estimated tax** bills is less than 105% of the 2025 calendar year tax levy.

3. In accordance with New Jersey Statutes, the third installment of 2025 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 11th or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed.

*25-138 HIRING TEMPORARY DRIVER/LABORER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR 2025
 – JOHN MCTIGUE

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

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:

John Patrick McTigue - Temporary Driver/Laborer \$25.00 per hour

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council that John Patrick McTigue is hereby appointed to the position of Temporary Driver/Laborer in the Department of Public Works –Streets & Roads Division Beginning May 15, 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.

*25-139 AWARDING CONTRACT FOR RUCKMAN POND RESTORATION – CLOSTER NATURE
 CENTER TO DOWNES TREE SERVICES

WHEREAS, at a Public Meeting the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey authorized a public bidding process for a contract for Ruckman Pond Restoration Closter Nature Center pursuant to the provisions of Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, a bid package and specifications were prepared by the Borough Engineer for Ruckman Pond Restoration Closter Nature Center; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were requested to be submitted on April 24, 2025, through advertisement as required by New Jersey law; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2025, five bids were received; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer reviewed the bids and recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Downes Tree Service, 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 for amount of \$132,150.00 Total Base Bid (May 1, 2025 recommendation letter and bid tabulation is attached hereto as EXHIBIT A); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer found the bid from Downes Tree Service to be complete and orderly; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney reviewed the bid from Downes Tree Service and deemed it to be in order; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter:

1. The contract for the Ruckman Pond Restoration Closter Nature Center is hereby awarded to Downes Tree Service in the amount of \$132,150.00 Total Base Bid
2. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare the contract and/or any other documents necessary pursuant to this award.
3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract and/or any other documents necessary pursuant to this award.

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 N.J.A.C. 5:30.4, that the funds are available for this contract in the following account(s): C-04-23-321-000-002 - \$50,000; C-04-24-349- 002-001 -\$82,150.

*25-140 REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES – 98 CEDAR COURT

WHEREAS, there exists an overpayment for parcel listed below in the amount of \$4,458.41 for the Second Quarter 2025 and a refund was requested by the mortgage bank; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is desirous to clear the overpayment of record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, hereby directs the Assistant CFO to refund a check to **Core Logic** in the amount of **\$4,458.41**.

Connect One Bank Conte Block 403; Lot 10 98 Cedar Court

(Paid by Core Logic and Homeowner)

*25-141 REFUND OF BUILDING APPLICATION FEE – 186 HICKORY LANE

WHEREAS, the following applicant, Trinity Solar, Inc., has paid an application fee with the Borough of Closter's Building Department. As of April 18, 2025, the owner of 186 Hickory Lane has rescinded the solar panel installation and the Building Official has approved a refund less plan review fee to be paid to the following:

Contractor of		
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Trinity Solar, Inc.	#500	\$888.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body hereby authorizes the Assistant Certified Financial Officer to refund the Building application fee to the above referenced application

*25-142 **APPROVING THE CLOSURE AND UTILIZATION OF DURIE AVENUE FOR SADHU VASWANI CENTER'S WELLNESS FAIR & STREET CARNIVAL**

WHEREAS, the Sadhu Vaswani Center (494 Durie Avenue) desires to hold a wellness fair and street carnival for the benefit of its congregation; and

WHEREAS, the Sadhu Vaswani Center Board is requesting permission to close and utilize Durie Avenue between High Street and Demarest Avenue on Sunday, June 1, 2025 between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has reviewed the appropriate traffic plans and approved this road closure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that approval has been given to the Sadhu Vaswani Center to hold a wellness fair and street carnival on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 494 Durie Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sadhu Vaswani Center Fall Festival is hereby approved and a copy of the resolution shall be provided to, the Chief of Police, Superintendent of Public Works, and Administrator's Office

*25-143 **AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY LAWN SIGNS BY THE CLOSTER NATURE CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body received correspondence on the May 2, 2025 Mail List item 3 which was an email from Riley Schwengel, Executive Director of the Closter Nature Center, requesting permission to post a maximum of 20 lawn signs for the 2025 Pond Celebration being held on Saturday, June 7, 2025; 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 Closter Nature Center to place a maximum of 20 lawn signs within the public right of way for its 2025 Pond Celebration, beginning May 15, 2025 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 Closter Nature Center's Executive Director

*25-144 **AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A 2024-2025 PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE – SILK ROAD RESTAURANTS, LLC**

WHEREAS, applications have been filed for the renewal of certain liquor licenses for the sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages pursuant N.J.S.A 33:1-1 et seq. for the term of one (1) year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the following licenses for the sale and consumption of alcohol beverages are hereby approved and authorized:

Plenary Retail Consumption License		
0207-33-011-014	Silk Road Restaurants, LLC	\$2,500.00
	dba/Brasserie Memere	
	107 Ver Valen Street	

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) spoke about a food truck that has a risqué name and his feeling that people will come to Closter looking for it. He suggested moving it. He then spoke about MacBain Farm and asked the Mayor and Council to provide mulch to MacBain. The administrator said that he has asked the DPW to take mulch to MacBain. He said he thought it had been done. The Mayor offered to talk to the DPW. Mr. Isaacson asked for there to be new members put on the Farm Committee because some people don't attend anything. He said the Committee needs people who care. Mayor Glidden said that he would like to talk to Mr. Isaacson and that he doesn't disagree.

Jeanne Stella (479 High Street) asked that the Pride Flag be allowed to fly for the month this year. She also said that it would be nice to have mulch brought to the farm.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari J. Margiotta, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk