



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

**WORK SESSION MINUTES: WEDNESDAY – JULY 9, 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](http://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

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

Mayor Glidden opened the meeting at 7:00 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.

3. **ROLL CALL**

GOVERNING BODY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Glidden	✓	
Councilwoman Amitai		✓
Councilman Cho *Via Zoom	✓	
Councilwoman Chung	✓	
Councilwoman Latner	✓	
Councilwoman Maroules	✓	
Council President Yammarino	✓	

Also present: Borough Engineer Nick DeNicola, Borough Administrator James Winters, IT Director Kevin Whitney, Borough Attorney JoAnn Schuman, and Borough Clerk Mari J. Margiotta

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**
  - a. Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2025
  - b. Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2025

- \*25-190 APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ROMANO TO PATROL OFFICER
- \*25-191 REFUND BUILDING APPLICATION FEE – 377 RUCKMAN ROAD
- \*25-192 APPROVING BHANDERI V CLOSTER BOROUGH – TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT
- \*25-193 APPROVING RELEASE OF TREE BOND ESCROW – 42 LAURENCE COURT
- \*25-194 RECOGNIZED PRIDE MONTH
- \*25-195 SUPPORT ADOPT A CAT MONTH

**8. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

- a. **BOROUGH ENGINEER:** The 2026 Local Aid application for Walker Avenue has been filed. The modifications for the signal at High and Knickerbocker has begun. It will be completed by the end of the summer. It will help the situation but not completely solve it.
- b. **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:** A program that monitors parking violations (similar to red-light cameras for driving violations) is being reviewed. The fee for the service is negotiable. The Administrator asked for support to move forward with the research. Also, over the next week the County will pave Schraalenburgh Road in Harrington Park and Haworth. Concerning the green spaces and ROSI list, some discriminations have been found by the DEP. The Administrator asked that a Council Committee review the list. Perhaps the Environmental Commission can review and report back.
- c. **CHIEF OF POLICE:** not present due to a canceled flight. Councilwoman Latner shared some information on behalf of the Chief. The resolution on the agenda moves John Romano from probationary to full-time patrolman. Anthony Lofaro left Closter to join the Mahwah PD to experience different opportunities. The Borough of Closter plans to hire a new officer by October. Discussion. The speed limit will be decreased on Knickerbocker, as per the resolution. Signs are to be placed soon. Currently, a scam is suggesting that the Closter Police Department is requesting donations. Residents are warned not to participate. The Blue Envelope program helps drivers with autism.
- d. **MAYOR:** MacBain Farm is open and thriving. It is open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Belskie Museum has an opening July 13. The next Mayor's Art Committee concert is August 1, 2025. There is a concert this Friday at the bandshell. The New Jersey MVC mobile unit will be in town July 15, 2025. Appointments are required for real ID. Other services are also available. The Mayor is on a task force for the State health benefits. Premiums are projected to increase by 36% for 2026. The situation is very difficult.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**11. OPEN MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 MINUTE LIMIT)**