



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: WEDNESDAY - APRIL 8, 2026

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 7:52 P.M. with the following announcement: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) of the State of New Jersey, and the revised notice was posted May 8, 2026 on the Borough's official website <https://www.closterboro.com/o/boc/page/public-notice>, and the New Jersey Department of State - Statewide Legal Notices Listings, and posted on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin 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. INTRODUCTION OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

***26-118 INTRODUCTION OF THE 2026 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Closter, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a summary of said budget will be posted on the Borough of Closter's official website, on April 9, 2026, Documents | Borough Of Closter and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Borough Hall on May 13, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Public Hearing and Adoption to be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. or soon thereafter as the matter may be held.

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

4. ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION:

a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2026:1387**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

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 Improvement there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$250,000, such sum includes the sum of \$250,000 expected to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in connection with the road improvements of Walker Avenue. No down payment is 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") as the purpose authorized herein involve a project funded by a State grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation as permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11c.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$250,000 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 or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$250,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is for various road improvements, including but not limited to Walker Avenue, including curbing, milling, paving, drainage, sewer and other miscellaneous improvements, and including all work including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, and as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications on file with the Borough Clerk.

(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 \$250,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$250,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial 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 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 period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, and according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 20 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 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 \$250,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$75,000 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 as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance (including \$250,000 expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Walker Avenue) 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 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 \$250,000.

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.

Final Adoption and Open Public Hearing will be held on April 22, 2026 or as soon thereafter.

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

**b. ORDINANCE NO. 2026:1388
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2026:1385 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF ACCESSORY APARTMENT**

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2026, the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter Introduced Ordinance 2026-1385 (the "Ordinance"), which proposes to amend Article XID (Section 200-54.11-200.54.35) of the Borough Code entitled Affordable Housing and Affirmative Marketing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and 40:55D-64, said Ordinance was referred to the Borough’s Planning Board for review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a hearing on February 26, 2026 and forwarded a report to the Governing Body which stated, in part, that the definition of “accessory apartments” in Ordinance 2026:1385 appears to be inconsistent with the existing definition in the Borough’s ordinance in that it appears to permit accessory apartments that are detached from the principal building, while the Borough’s existing definition requires such units to be attached; and

WHEREAS, the Board asked that the Council consider amending the definition in this ordinance to make it consistent with the existing definition by requiring such units be attached to the principal structure; and

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the proposed change and deems 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 200, Article XID of the Borough’s Code is amended as follows.

SECTION 1.

Ordinance 2026:1385 is hereby amended as follows:

Remove the definition of “Accessory Apartments” that currently appears in Section 200-54.11 B. Definitions and replace it with the text below.

“Accessory apartments” means a residential dwelling unit that provides complete independent living facilities with a private entrance for one or more persons, consisting of provisions for living, sleeping, eating, sanitation, and cooking, including a stove and refrigerator, and is located within a proposed preexisting primary dwelling, within an existing or proposed structure that is an accessory to a dwelling on the same lot, constructed in whole or part as an extension to a proposed or existing primary dwelling. Accessory apartments are also referred to as “accessory dwelling units”.

NOTE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: The text in green will be removed from the version that is Introduced.

SECTION 2.

Except as amended by this Ordinance, all other provisions of Chapter 200 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 April 22, 2026 or as soon thereafter.

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

**c. ORDINANCE NO. 2026:1389
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 200 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER ENTITLED: ZONING, SPECIFICALLY 200-5, DEFINITIONS - **TABLED****

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined there is a need to revise Chapter 50, Police Department and A301 Fees and Deposits, of the Code of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, specifically, there is a need to revise Article VIII, §50-30 Quasi-Public and Private Duty Work and A301 G. Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Borough’s auditors have recommended the foregoing amendments to §50-30 and A301; and

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

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

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

SECTION 1.

Article VIII, §50-30. Quasi-Public and Private Duty Work shall be revised accordingly:

Delete Paragraph A and replace it with the following text.

- A. The Closter Police Department agrees to provide the services of an off-duty police officer to any person, business, or firm requesting uniformed police presence and/or traffic control. This may include, but not limited to, construction sites, houses of worship, retail establishments, financial institutions, school events, fundraisers, private parties, etc.
 - 1. Members of the Closter Police Department shall be permitted to accept police- related employment from private employers or school districts only during off-duty hours and at such time as will not interfere with the efficient performance of regularly scheduled or emergency duty of the Borough.
 - 2. Any person or entity wishing to employ off-duty police shall first obtain the approval of the Chief of Police or his or her designee, which approval shall be granted, if, in the opinion of the Chief or his or her designee, such employment would not be inconsistent with the efficient functioning and good reputation of the Police Department and would not unreasonably endanger or threaten the safety of the officer or officers who are to perform the work.

SECTION 2.

Add Paragraph’s C, D & E, as follows.

C. Requests for Services

- 1. Each Entity must complete the application process in full and submit all supporting documentation before services will be provided. All permits required from the Borough of Closter, Bergen County or other agencies must be secured prior to submitting your request to the Closter Police Department.
- 2. All requests to the Borough for services of all off-duty law enforcement officers in the Closter Police Department shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police or his or her designee for posting at least 24 hours before such services are required.
- 3. The Entity will be charged a minimum of four (4) hours per officer assigned to the detail plus the administrative fee. Religious institutions are subject to a two (2) hour minimum plus the administrative fee.

4. In emergency situations, request to the Borough for the services of off-duty law enforcement officers in the Closter Police Department shall be made as necessary to the Chief of Police or his designee, who shall make every effort to accommodate such request in a reasonable manner in his or her discretion.
5. The Chief of Police or their designee shall be the final authority in determining the minimum staffing level for each detail. Certain factors such as location, attendance, or type of detail may be considered.

D. Cancellation

1. Cancellations by the Entity should be made at least 24 hours prior to the start of the scheduled work. If the cancellation is made within two hours of the assigned start time, the assigned officer(s) will be compensated for four (4) hours and the invoice will include the administrative fee of 25%. The Chief of Police or their designee reserves the right to waive these charges under certain circumstances.
2. It is the responsibility of the Entity to notify the Closter Police Department that the scheduled police services are canceled.

E. Public Emergency

1. The Chief of Police or his or her designee shall have the authority to order any police officer engaged in off-duty employment within the Borough to respond to an emergency situation within the Borough of Closter. The Chief of Police or his designee shall also have the right to order an off-duty assignment to be terminated whenever said assignment creates an unacceptable risk to the health, safety and welfare of the off-duty officer and/or the citizens of the Borough of Closter. In the event that a police officer is assigned to an emergency situation, the Police Chief or his designee shall make note of said off-duty assignment.
2. In any situation where an off-duty police officer is called to an emergency situation, said person or entity shall not be responsible for the payment of the officer's hourly rate, administrative fee or any other fees to the Borough of Closter until such time as said police officer and/or equipment returns to the assignment with the off-duty employer.

SECTION 3.

Amend Chapter A301, G. Police Department as follows.

Delete paragraph (13) Private Duty Police Work and replace same with the following text

(13) Private Duty Police Employment

- (a) The rate for off-duty law enforcement officers charged to a third-party vendor shall be the officer's hourly overtime rate.
- (b) Commercial retail establishments, nonprofit organizations, and public boards of education may be charged a flat hourly overtime rate or the officer's hourly overtime rate, whichever is higher. The flat hourly overtime rate shall be established annually by Resolution.
- (c) An administrative fee of 25% for third-party vendors and 15% for nonprofit organizations for operational costs shall be applied. These fees shall be applied to administrative costs, equipment and supplies, and vehicle maintenance or acquisition.

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.

d. **ORDINANCE NO. 2026:1390**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 50, POLICE DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE VIII, QUASI-PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DUTY WORK AND A301, FEES AND DEPOSITS

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined there is a need to revise Chapter 50, Police Department and

A301 Fees and Deposits, of the Code of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, specifically, there is a need to revise Article VIII, §50-30 Quasi-Public and Private Duty Work and A301 G. Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Borough's auditors have recommended the foregoing amendments to §50-30 and A301; and

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

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

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

SECTION 1.

Article VIII, §50-30. Quasi-Public and Private Duty Work shall be revised accordingly:

Delete Paragraph A and replace it with the following text.

- B. The Closter Police Department agrees to provide the services of an off-duty police officer to any person, business, or firm requesting uniformed police presence and/or traffic control. This may include, but not limited to, construction sites, houses of worship, retail establishments, financial institutions, school events, fundraisers, private parties, etc.
3. Members of the Closter Police Department shall be permitted to accept police-related employment from private employers or school districts only during off-duty hours and at such time as will not interfere with the efficient performance of regularly scheduled or emergency duty of the Borough.
4. Any person or entity wishing to employ off-duty police shall first obtain the approval of the Chief of Police or his or her designee, which approval shall be granted, if, in the opinion of the Chief or his or her designee, such employment would not be inconsistent with the efficient functioning and good reputation of the Police Department and would not unreasonably endanger or threaten the safety of the officer or officers who are to perform the work.

SECTION 2.

Add Paragraph's C, D & E, as follows.

C. Requests for Services

6. Each Entity must complete the application process in full and submit all supporting documentation before services will be provided. All permits required from the Borough of Closter, Bergen County or other agencies must be secured prior to submitting your request to the Closter Police Department.
7. All requests to the Borough for services of all off-duty law enforcement officers in the Closter Police Department shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police or his or her designee for posting at least 24 hours before such services are required.
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4. It is the responsibility of the Entity to notify the Closter Police Department that the scheduled police services are canceled.

E. Public Emergency

2. The Chief of Police or his or her designee shall have the authority to order any police officer engaged in off-duty employment within the Borough to respond to an emergency situation within the Borough of Closter. The Chief of Police or his designee shall also have the right to order an off-duty assignment to be terminated whenever said assignment creates an unacceptable risk to the health, safety and welfare of the off-duty officer and/or the citizens of the Borough of Closter. In the event that a police officer is assigned to an emergency situation, the Police Chief or his designee shall make note of said off-duty assignment.
3. In any situation where an off-duty police officer is called to an emergency situation, said person or entity shall not be responsible for the payment of the officer's hourly rate, administrative fee or any other fees to the Borough of Closter until such time as said police officer and/or equipment returns to the assignment with the off-duty employer.

SECTION 3.

Amend Chapter A301, G. Police Department as follows.

Delete paragraph (13) Private Duty Police Work and replace same with the following text

(13) Private Duty Police Employment

- (d) The rate for off-duty law enforcement officers charged to a third-party vendor shall be the officer's hourly overtime rate.
- (e) Commercial retail establishments, nonprofit organizations, and public boards of education may be charged a flat hourly overtime rate or the officer's hourly overtime rate, whichever is higher. The flat hourly overtime rate shall be established annually by Resolution.
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Council President Cho			✓			
Councilwoman Chung			✓			
Councilwoman Latner			✓			
Councilwoman Maroules			✓			
Councilman Yammarino		✓	✓			

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Glidden read all items 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.

Councilwoman Amitai requested that Resolution #2026-120 be tabled.

3. No department, employee or official of the Borough of Closter will condition the provision of Borough services or benefits on matters related to citizenship or immigration status, unless required to do so by statute, federal regulation or court decision.
4. No department, employee or official of the Borough of Closter will take part in the registration or reporting of individuals based on religion, race, ethnicity, national origin or immigration status, unless required to do so by statute, federal regulation or court decision.
5. The Closter Police Department shall adhere to the directives and guidelines of the New Jersey Attorney General and the Bergen County Prosecutor with respect to the manner in which local law enforcement agencies interact with federal immigration authorities.
6. The Borough of Closter shall not expend Borough funds or resources to enforce federal civil immigration laws unless required by federal or state statute, regulation, court decision, or directives and guidelines of the New Jersey Attorney General.
7. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed or implemented to conflict with any obligation imposed by Federal Law or New Jersey State law, all applicable regulations, and Directives of the New Jersey Attorney General and the Bergen County Prosecutor, including 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

***26-121 DECLARING APRIL 2026 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, autism is a natural variation of the human experience, and autistic individuals enrich our community with diverse strengths, perspectives, and talents; and

WHEREAS, people on the autism spectrum contribute meaningfully to our schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, fostering understanding, acceptance, and inclusion is essential to ensuring that autistic individuals have equitable access to opportunities, respect, and support; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month encourages the public to learn more about autism, celebrate the unique strengths of autistic individuals, and help build communities where all people are welcomed and valued; and

WHEREAS, promoting acceptance strengthens our collective commitment to creating environments where every person can participate fully and reach their potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the month of April is hereby designated as Autism Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of this body encourage residents, organizations, schools, and businesses to recognize and support autistic individuals and their families through acts of inclusion, education, and respect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be shared with community partners to promote awareness and acceptance throughout the month of April and beyond.

***26-122 AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY LAWN SIGNS BY CLOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION FOR TOWN-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY**

WHEREAS, the Closter Environmental Commission is holding its annual Town-Wide Clean-Up Day on April 25, 2026. The Closter Environmental Commission would like to place lawn signs advertising the event.

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, that the Closter Environmental Commission is allowed to place a maximum of 20 lawn signs for its annual Town-Wide Clean-Up Day within the Borough's right of way, said signs being removed within 48 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, and DPW Superintendent.

***26-123 APPOINTING FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CLOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT – CRISTA L. BOOTH**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council seeks to maintain adequate staffing and enhance public safety within the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Crista Booth has satisfied all requirements for the position of Police Officer, including background checks, psychological and medical evaluations, and academy certification in accordance with the standards set forth by Borough of Closter and the Closter Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Public Safety Committee have recommended the appointment of Crista Booth as a full-time Probationary Police Officer to, among other reasons, maintain the rank and structure of the Closter

Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the hiring of Crista Booth as Probationary Police Officer effective May 01, 2026 at the contractual First Year rate of \$57,967.00 per annum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that this confirm and memorializes the authorization to hire Crista Booth as Probationary Police Officer in the Borough of Closter effective May 1, 2026, with a swearing in on April 22, 2026.

***26-124 APPOINTING AS FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CLOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT – NICHOLAS DIIORGI**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council seeks to maintain adequate staffing and enhance public safety within the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas DiIorgi has satisfied all requirements for the position of Police Officer, including background checks, psychological and medical evaluations, and academy certification in accordance with the standards set forth by Borough of Closter and the Closter Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Public Safety Committee have recommended the appointment of Nicholas DiIorgi as a full-time Probationary Police Officer to, among other reasons, maintain the rank and structure of the Closter Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the hiring of Nicholas DiIorgi as Probationary Police Officer effective May 1, 2026 at the contractual First Year rate of \$57,967.00 per annum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter that this confirm and memorializes the authorization to hire Nicholas DiIorgi as Probationary Police Officer in the Borough of Closter effective May 1, 2026, with a swearing in on April 22, 2026.

***26-125 INCREASING THE BID THRESHOLD TO \$53,000.00 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 of the Local Public Contracts Law, the State Treasurer increased the minimum bid threshold from \$44,000.00 to \$53,000.00 for local contracting units whose purchasing agents possess a Qualified Purchasing Agent certificate awarded by the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the bid threshold adjustment became effective as of July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4 requires that a contracting unit with a purchasing agent who possesses a qualified purchasing agent certificate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9 desiring to take advantage of the supplemental authority of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and shall have its governing body pass a resolution authorizing the amount of a higher bid threshold for the contracting unit, the amount of which shall not exceed the statutory maximum bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, Erik Lenander possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent certificate awarded by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Closter desires to take advantage of the increased bid threshold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter hereby increases its bid threshold to \$53,000.00 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and N.J.A.C. 5:32-4.3.

***26-126 RESOLUTION COMBINING BONDS AGGREGATING THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,642,000* AUTHORIZED BY FIFTEEN BOND ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST OF VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY INTO ONE CONSOLIDATED ISSUE OF BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, MATURITIES AND OTHER DETAILS OF SAID CONSOLIDATED ISSUE.**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Closter, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough"), has heretofore adopted fifteen bond ordinances authorizing bonds to finance part of the cost of various general improvements in said Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to issue bonds pursuant to said bond ordinances in an aggregate principal amount of \$10,642,000* and it is deemed advisable and in the best interests of the Borough, for the purpose of the orderly marketing of said bonds and for other financial reasons, to combine the bonds authorized under said fifteen bond ordinances into one consolidated issue in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,642,000* pursuant to the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY that:

Section 1. There shall be issued bonds of the Borough in the following principal amounts pursuant to the following bond ordinances:

A. \$3,560,137* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2019-1256)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING \$4,345,000 THEREFOR AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,138,087 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER TO FINANCE THE SAME”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 11.38 years.

B. \$361,464* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. #2020-1267)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SEWER CLEANING EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER AND APPROPRIATING \$435,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$413,250 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER TO FINANCE THE SAME”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 12.47 years.

C. \$753,723* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2020-1271)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING \$1,225,000 THEREFOR AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,163,750 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER TO FINANCE THE SAME”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 17.28 years.

D. \$250,263* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2020-1272)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER AND APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$280,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER TO FINANCE THE SAME”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 10 years.

E. \$43,568* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2021-1280)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE EQUIPMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$47,500 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$45,125 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER TO FINANCE THE SAME”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 15 years.

F. \$217,266* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2021-1282)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES AND APPROPRIATING \$654,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$621,300 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER TO FINANCE THE SAME”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 5 years.

G. \$1,392,455* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No.

2021-1287)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH WATERWAYS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE IDA AND APPROPRIATING \$1,600,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,523,500 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER TO FINANCE THE SAME”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 15 years.

H. \$423,547* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2021-1288)

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING \$975,000 THEREFOR AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$954,800 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER TO FINANCE THE SAME”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 10 years.

I. \$1,049,275* bonds, being all of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2022-1300)

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,104,500, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,049,275 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 11.27 years.

J. \$156,820* bonds, being all of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2023-1310)

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$740,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$156,820 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 10 years.

K. \$603,250* bonds, being all of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2023-1320)

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$635,000, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$603,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 5.11 years.

L. \$217,435* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2024-1330)

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$540,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$486,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 10 years.

M. \$783,750* bonds, being all of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2024-1341)

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$825,000, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$783,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 12.81 years.

N. \$403,700* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2025-1356)

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$625,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$593,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 10 years.

O. \$425,347* bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 25-1368)

“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”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 10 years.

* Subject to adjustment.

Section 2. The bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof are hereby combined into one consolidated issue of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,642,000* and are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Bonds.” The bonds referred to in subsections A through O of Section 1 shall each be designated “General Obligations Bonds, Series 2026” and shall be numbered with the prefix G from one consecutively upward. When issued, the Bonds will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as the owner thereof and nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), an automated depository for securities and clearinghouse for securities transactions.

Upon issuance, the Bonds will be delivered to DTC in single denominations for each maturity of each series of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026. Individual purchases of beneficial interests in the Bonds will be made in book-entry form (without certificates) in the denomination of \$1,000 each or any integral multiple thereof.

Principal of the Bonds will be paid annually, subject to prior optional redemption, on the first day of May in the following years and in the following aggregate amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
2027	\$ 535,000	2033	\$1,065,000
2028	535,000	2034	1,065,000
2029	1,060,000	2035	1,065,000
2030	1,060,000	2036	1,065,000
2031	1,065,000	2037	1,062,000
2032	1,065,000		

* Preliminary, subject to adjustment.

The Bonds maturing on or prior to May 1, 2035 shall not be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturity dates. The Bonds maturing on or after May 1, 2036 shall be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturity dates, on or after May 1, 2035 at the option of the Borough, either in whole or in part at any time in any order of maturity at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount of the Bonds being redeemed (the “Redemption Price”), plus in each case accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Borough, at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for redemption. However, so long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as securities depository for the Bonds, notices of redemption shall be sent to such depository and shall not be sent to the beneficial owners of the Bonds, and will be done in accordance with DTC procedures. Any failure of such depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any notice of redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Borough determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds of a maturity, such Bonds shall be selected by lot. If notice of redemption has been given as described herein, the

Bonds, or the portion thereof called for redemption, shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the Bonds redeemed.

Section 3. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes for which the said General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026 are to be issued, taking into consideration the amount of such General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026 to be issued for said improvements or purposes, is 11.68 years.

Section 4. The Bonds shall bear interest from their date based on their outstanding principal amount at a rate to be determined as hereinafter set forth in Section 6 of this resolution, shall be payable as to principal in lawful money of the United States of America at the administration office of the Borough in Closter, New Jersey, payable semi-annually on the first day of May and November in each year until maturity or prior optional redemption, commencing on November 1, 2026, by check or draft mailed on such interest payment date to the owners thereof registered as such as of each next preceding October 15 and April 15. Interest on the Bonds shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day calendar months.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, so long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made directly to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC in accordance with the provisions of the DTC Letter of Representations to be executed by the Borough and DTC. Disbursal of such payments to the DTC participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursal of such payments to the beneficial owners of the bonds is the responsibility of the DTC participants.

Section 5. The Bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and the Borough Chief Financial Officer, by their manual or facsimile signatures, and the corporate seal of the Borough shall be affixed thereto, or imprinted or reproduced thereon and shall be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Borough.

Section 6. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to offer the Bonds for public sale upon the submission of electronic proposals in accordance with all applicable statutes and to determine in his discretion the date for receipt for such proposals, all in accordance with the terms set forth in the Notice of Sale. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is also authorized and delegated the authority to adjust the maturity schedule of the Bonds in accordance with all applicable statutes relating thereto. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is further hereby authorized and delegated the authority to sell and award the Bonds in accordance with the terms of the Notice of Sale and directed to report in writing to the Borough Council at the next meeting succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Bonds pursuant to this resolution is made, such report to include the principal amount, description, interest rate and maturities of the Bonds sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser. The "Notice of Sale" shall comply in all respects with the applicable statutes relating thereto and shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such additions, modifications or deletions as determined by the Borough Chief Financial Officer. The Notice of Sale shall be published in a newspaper published and circulated in the Borough as the Borough Chief Financial Officer may select and a summary of the Notice of Sale shall be published in The Bond Buyer at least once at least seven (7) days prior to the date of public sale. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is authorized and delegated the authority to postpone a public sale without readvertisement in accordance with all applicable statutes relating thereto.

Section 7. The Bonds and the registration provisions endorsed thereon shall be in substantially the following form:

Resolutions 26-119 and 26-121 through 26-126

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

Councilwoman Amitai read letters from residents into the record. The letters related to these residents' feelings against Resolution 26-120. She also spoke about her research that revealed that relatively few municipalities in Bergen County have resolutions relating to ICE. Mayor Glidden read the Resolution into the record.

Resolution 26-120

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

6. HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS LICENSE:

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

7. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER (5-MINUTE LIMIT)

Nathan Amitai (284 Piermont Road) expressed his strong opinion that Mayor and Council should not be a venue for anyone to promote political agenda and that they should only be concerned with local governance. Concerning the raising of the Turkish flag in Closter, he feels that only the flag of the United States of America should be raised on government-sponsored properties. Mayor Glidden said that the issue will be discussed. He also said that he loves that so many nationalities are represented in Closter and is proud to join the celebrations of various countries. He said also that the question of whether the flag should be raised alongside the American flag was an issue that should be discussed.

Tamer Ancvilar (112 Alpine Drive) said that the president of the nation describes the country as Christian but that the menorah is sometimes displayed in front of the Borough Hall and that the Muslim crescent is displayed during Ramadan. He said that the symbols are displayed because it makes those that value these symbols feel seen and heard. He said that having flags is not going against the feeling of American citizenship but is rather a sign of respect.

Steve Isaacson (97 Columbus Avenue) stated that he is moving. He submitted an OPRA request that was rejected due to lack of signatures and was told that he needs to submit another OPRA request due to the time lapse. Mr. Isaacson thanked Ms. Cruz for her information and stated that Ms. Cruz is an accountant. He voiced support for finding a new appraisal company, said that taxes have increased dramatically, and that the proclamation to John McCaffrey should have been given during his lifetime as John has always given to the town and never taken.

Bonnie Bayardi (343 Closter Dock Road) thanked the Mayor and Council for passing Resolution 26-120.

Jeanne Stella (479 High Street) asked whether the company approached the Borough or vice versa and was told that the company approached the Borough. She stated that she was a little disturbed by the reading of the letters and would keep it in mind for the future. She said that she will write to the Council in the future and said that she feels that public comment should come from the public side of the room. She spoke about her experience at Delaney Hall and thanked the Mayor and Council for passing the resolution.

Councilman Yammarino stated that in hindsight he feels that the letters should not have been read into the record. He said that should have been on the mail list or read during public session.

Karen Garguilo (207 West Street) added that the resolution is not a law but is rather a statement about who we are. She said that ICE has been in Closter and picked people up to be detained. She added that the County has made a resolution. She said that she is glad that resolution passed.

Yaval Tal (311 Lindberg Avenue) announced that he is happy that the resolution passed and also feels that if ICE needs to come to Closter they should as they are part of the Federal law enforcement. He said that his heart goes out to individual people.

Clifton Lewis (312 Demarest Avenue) shared that he supported the passage of the resolution and that when it was read he did not hear anything political but rather a recitation of the existing law on the books and the Council's statement that they will uphold it.

Judy Parker noted that the cameras are an excellent addition. She said that she is against the passage of the resolution and that she emailed Appraisal Systems for a property record card a few weeks ago but still has not heard

back.

Thomasina Schwarz (16 Robinhood Avenue) thanked everyone for their consideration and vote on this resolution. She stated that undocumented people are not committing more crime than other groups, all politics are local, and that ICE has cost the twin cities millions of dollars because of their lack of integrity. She said that we need to recognize the importance of civilizing and that making sure that the Constitution is followed is the responsibility of all people in Closter. She also voiced her opposition to the reading of the letters.

Jayne Rubinfeld (20 Piermont Road) thanked the Mayor and Council. She supported raising other country's' flags at their celebrations because it stresses that we are a melting pot.

8. CLOSED SESSION

***26-127 RESOLUTION CLOSED SESSION – APRIL 8, 2026**

Docket #	Item Title of Description	Statutory Reference
2026-04-08-2026-1	Personnel	N.J.S.A. 10:4:12(B) (8)
2026-04-08-2026-2	Contract Negotiations – Village School	N.J.S.A. 10:4:12(B) (7)

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at **9:11 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mari J. Margiotta, RMC, CMR
 Borough Clerk

Date of Minutes approval: May 27, 2026