

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013 – 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. Mayor Heymann called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Heymann invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PROVISIONS OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, was published in The Record on November 30, 2013 and the Star Ledger on December 2, 2013, was posted on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board on December 2, 2013 and has remained continuously 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

The following persons were present:

Mayor Sophie Heymann  
Councilpersons John C. Glidden, Jr., Alissa Latner (7:35 p.m.), John Kashwick,  
Arthur Dolson and Victoria Amitai  
Borough Administrator, Richard Sheola  
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan  
Deputy Borough Clerk, Arlene M. Corvelli

The following persons were absent:

Councilman David Barad  
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano  
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola  
Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine

Mayor Heymann explained this Special Meeting is certainly pleasurable for her and for all in attendance. She said that Scouts are one of the great faces we offer to the world in Closter; we have wonderful Scouts and they do wonderful work. Scouting is a great introduction to mature development as a capable, participating citizen.

4. RECOGNITION OF CLOSTER BOY SCOUT TROOPS 63'S EAGLE SCOUTS AND THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

At this time, Mayor Heymann introduced Boy Scout Troop 63 Leader Steve Roland.

Steve Roland, Boy Scout Troop 63 Leader, said tonight they would like to recognize the recent Eagle Scouts. He explained that Cub Scouts starts in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and then progresses to Boy Scouts and ends on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mr. Roland announced that six (6) of their Scouts go all the way through the process to become Eagle Scouts, four (4) of whom are in attendance this evening while the other two (2) are taking final exams.

Mr. Roland introduced the following Eagle Scouts: Stephen Lee, Zachary Roland, River Vasquez and Evan Migliore. (Alex Young and JB Yammarino were not present.) The audience offered a round of applause.

Mr. Roland explained that Troop 63 was founded in 1917 and has been around for almost 100 years. As of last Sunday, Zachary was our 74<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout. As such, they have a presentation they would like to give to the Borough.

Mr. Roland presented a large plaque with the following inscription: "Eagle Scouts Boy Scouts of America Troop 63, Closter, New Jersey; Chartered 1917; Service to Our Community." The plaque bears the names and dates of the Eagle Scouts past and present since the first one in 1928.

Mr. Roland proudly invited three former Eagle Scouts to join the Eagle Scouts up front and the audience offered a round of applause.

Mr. Roland presented the plaque to the Borough with the hopes it could be proudly displayed in Borough Hall. At this time, he invited Joe Migliore, Troop Committee Chairman, to say a few words.

Mrs. Latner entered the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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Joseph Migliore, Troop Committee Chairman, thanked everyone in attendance for making the special effort to come out. He said a lot of the projects the boys have done in recent years have tended to be physical construction projects here in the community in our parks and places of public assembly. Mr. Migliore said this is a celebration of young men turning into real men and leaders who know what they're doing and have a handle on their lives and the direction in which they are heading. He voiced his opinion that this is an exemplary accomplishment.

In addition to the plaque, Mr. Migliore presented individual plaques with photos and descriptions commemorating the six (6) projects from the most recent Eagle Scouts to the Borough. He invited all in attendance and the Governing Body to view same and read the descriptions. He said part of what makes it special for him is the involvement of the community and the support of the community, not only from their sponsor – the Closter Lions has been charter organization of Troop 63 since 1917 and that is an admirable gift of perpetuity to the Troop in terms of support. Mr. Migliore said their relationships here, especially in recent years, have been wonderful with the Borough as sponsors and benefactors; and the employees have extended themselves tremendously to assist in the projects to help them be successful; and he thanked all for same. The audience offered a round of applause.

Mayor Heymann said she is more than delighted to officiate at an event such as this because Scouting has been very much a part of her family. She previously served as a Leader and neighborhood chair; and her two sons and son-in-law were all part of Boy Scouting in Closter. At this time, she awarded each Eagle Scout a Certificate of Congratulations from the Borough of Closter and the audience offered a round of applause.

Mayor Heymann said in addition, what gives her the greatest pleasure of all is not only are there Boy Scouts in Closter, but we have wonderful Girl Scouts too. The Mayor explained there was a Girl Scout in the audience who is about to receive her Gold Award and she presented same to Alexandra Hilaris. Mayor Heymann explained that Alexandra was responsible for a number of activities to earn her gold standing and invited her to come up and explain her project.

Alexandra explained there is a place in Garrison, NY called Saint Basil Academy that her church is very involved in. What the academy does is take in children that don't get along with others and raise them Greek Orthodox. Alexandra explained that she refaced the outside of the girl's dorms because they were very run down and weathered. She added flower beds and planted flowers and installed bike racks. The audience offered a round of applause.

Mayor Heymann said she understands from Mr. Roland there are many young men and hopefully young women who are following the paths of these wonderful young men and she looks forward to many celebrations of same.

At this time, Councilman Glidden wished to express his congratulations to the Eagle Scouts because nobody knows what it takes to earn that award – but he does. He explained that at their age, he was a member of Troop 26 in Englewood only made Life Scout. Only 7% of Scouts make Eagle Scout and he was part of the 93% that didn't. He voiced his understanding that it is hard and explained that he got involved in other things and couldn't complete his. Councilman Glidden said from the bottom of his heart they did a great job and they deserve a great deal of congratulations. The audience offered a round of applause.

Mayor Heymann expressed her thanks to the many Leaders who devote so much time to the Scouts. Mr. Roland introduced Dr. Andrew Baron, Joe Migliore, Jim Lee, Wayne Sabo, Ed Cappelluti, Eric Mattes, Andrew Goranson and Paul Nyfenger; and the audience offered a round of applause. Mayor Heymann said these leaders are not only their leaders, but they are leaders for Closter and they give a great deal of additional time to the benefit of the town. A lot of them have other responsibilities and are a great example for the entire town. She wished to thank the Hilaris family and introduced Mrs. Hilaris, Girl Scout Leader and Mr. Hilaris who is a Boy Scout Leader in Tenafly. Mayor Heymann again extended her congratulations and urged the teens to follow in the paths of their own leaders because they would be doing very well.

5. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER, PER N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a) (Subject to 5-minute limit per By-Laws General Rule No. 11)

Mayor Heymann opened the meeting to the public. No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Heymann closed the meeting to the public.

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6. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Councilman Kashwick, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Heymann.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on  
December 20, 2013 for approval at the  
Sine Die Meeting to be held  
Thursday, January 2, 2014

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Loretta Castano, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Prepared by Arlene M. Corvelli, RMC  
utilizing recording and  
Deputy Borough Clerk's notes

Approved at the Sine Die Meeting held January 2, 2014  
Consent Agenda Item No. 18c.