

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 25, 2015 - 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m.

1. 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 and The Star Ledger on January 9, 2015, was posted on the Municipal Clerk’s bulletin board 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

The following persons were present:

Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr.
Councilpersons: David Barad, Alissa Latner, Robert Di Dio, Arthur Dolson
and Victoria Amitai
Borough Administrator, Jonathan DeJoseph
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Tax Collector/Temporary Chief Financial Officer, Maria Passafaro
Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine

The following persons were absent:

Councilman Thomas Hennessey

3. PROCLAMATIONS

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION DECLARING, MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015, AS
“**READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY**” HONORING THE 111TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. SEUSS
(2c. M.L. 2/29/15)

Mayor Glidden read and so proclaimed.

4. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Glidden made the following appointment:

Bergen County Community Development Program	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Mayor's Alternate	<u>Dr. David Barad</u>	<u>Jonathan M. DeJoseph</u> (Requested by Administrator 2/19/15)	1 Year Unexp. (Glidden)	30-Jun-15

5. APPOINTMENTS (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/5/15)

Mayor Glidden made the following appointments:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
COAH Planner	<u>Michael G. Hakim</u> <u>Hakim Associates</u>	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-15
Improvement Commission Member/ Historic Preservation Liaison	<u>Susan McTigue</u>	_____	2 Years Unexp (McTigue)	31-Dec-15
Member	<u>Eli Nachmany</u>	<u>Eli Nachmany</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-16
Joint Insurance Fund Alternate Fund Commissioner	<u>John C. Glidden, Jr.</u>	<u>Jonathan M. DeJoseph</u> (Requested by Administrator 2/19/15)	1 Year	31-Dec-15
Municipal Court Deputy Court Administrator	<u>VACANT</u>	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-15
Planner to Implement Portions of the 2008 Master Plan	<u>Francis J. Banisch, III</u> <u>Banisch Associates, Inc.</u>	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-15
Treasurer	<u>VACANT</u>	_____	1 Year	31-Dec-15

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6a. VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion approving the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilman Dolson and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Dolson and Amitai.

RESOLUTIONS

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE 1ST AND 2ND QUARTERS FROM THE TAX RECORDS FOR THE 2015 FIRST HALF TAX BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,117.45, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 21 BRODIL COURT, CLOSTER, NJ, BLOCK 232 LOT 13 ASSESSED TO HWANG, NEIL SEBASTIAN & PATRICIA DUE TO ALLOWANCE FOR DISABLED VETERAN OR SERVICE PERSON GRANTED BY ASSESSOR ON 11/24/14 EFFECTIVE 1/1/15 (Received from Tax Collector 2/13/15)
8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN THE VALLEY HEALTH WORK PLACE CONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 (Received from Administrator 2/18/15)
9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR 2015 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,583.71 FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES: ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,633.71; EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$950.00 (Received from Administrator 2/18/15)
10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THE CONTAMINATION AT THE SWIM CLUB, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL DATED JANUARY 9, 2015, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,600 (Received from Administrator 2/18/15)

Mayor Glidden referred to this item and asked the Borough Engineer to provide an update on what the proposal encompassed. Mr. DeNicola explained it would continue the delineation of the sampling which was already done beyond the limits of the pool area, the immediate vicinity of the pool and the other side of the parking lot. All those tests came back basically positive meaning there is still contamination within those limits; therefore, there is a need to extend those limits to a point where we think there would no longer be any contamination. We are not sure exactly how much, but we will be extending \$9,600 worth of additional borings and taking it to the south side of the parking lot which is on the opposite side of the pool by the wooded area, further toward the brook behind the pool and also to the front of the building because there was contamination everywhere we sampled the last time. The only place contamination wasn't found was in the ditch to the east of the pool where we thought there would be a high concentration. The ditch appears to be the easterly boundary of the contamination; therefore, we need to establish the boundaries to the south, north and west.

11. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN R. SKODA TO THE POSITION OF PROBATIONARY CROSSING GUARD AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$14.62 NOT TO EXCEED 15 HOURS PER WEEK, EFFECTIVE 2/23/15 (Received from Administrator 2/19/15)
12. RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT BEARDSLEY TO THE POSITION OF 1ST YEAR CROSSING GUARD, AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$15.48 NOT TO EXCEED 15 HOURS PER WEEK, EFFECTIVE 2/23/15 (Received from Administrator 2/19/15)
13. RESOLUTION APPOINTING KENNETH F. NORTON TO THE POSITION OF PROBATIONARY CROSSING GUARD, AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$14.62 NOT TO EXCEED 15 HOURS PER WEEK EFFECTIVE 2/23/15 (Received from Administrator 2/20/15)

MOTIONS

14. MOTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR FOR TEMPLE EMANUEL OF CLOSTER, 180 PIERMONT ROAD, CLOSTER, NJ 07624, TO DISPENSE AND SERVE WINE AT A WINE TASTING EVENT ON 3/15/15 FROM 9:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M. AS A PASSOVER EXPO (Completed application received 2/18/15)

Councilwoman Amitai questioned the number of people attending the Expo and was advised that it was only for the local members of the Temple.

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15. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES - NO ABSTENTIONS
(Distributed 2/19/15):
a. REGULAR MEETING HELD 2/11/15
b. WORK SESSION HELD 2/11/15

16. REPORTS
(None received at the time of preparation of this Agenda)

- 6b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

18. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY

The Temporary Chief Financial Officer read the following memorandum into the record:
“In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-28, the undersigned financial officer of the Borough of Closter hereby reports to the governing body of the Borough of Closter the principal amount, interest rate and maturity of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the Purchaser:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:	\$5,589,586
INTEREST RATE:	0.51%
MATURITY DATE:	February 25, 2016
PRICE OBTAINED:	\$5,589,586.00
NAME OF PURCHASER:	PNC Bank, National Association
NET INTEREST COST:	0.51%

The undersigned sold the referenced Notes at a private sale pursuant to authority granted in Ordinance Nos. 2001:843 (amended by 2007:989), 2010:1075, 2011:1091, 2011:1103, 2012:1120, 2012:1125, 2012:1129, 2013:1142, 2014:1162 and 2014:1164 of the Borough. This report is being made to the governing body at the next meeting thereof after such sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-28. MARIA PASSAFARO, TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DATED: February 25, 2015”

At this time, the Borough Administrator advised that the governing body has to increase the BAN principal by approximately \$80,000; and after approximately three years, the Borough must start to pay down the principal. The BANs cannot be renewed after 10 years and the governing body would have to make a decision on when the BANs must be permanently financed. In 2019 we will have approximately \$800,000 of debt coming off the amortization schedule. He said that he, the Mayor and the Finance Committee have been discussing the Borough’s options.

- 18a. Motion approving the following Closed Session Resolution at 8:30 p.m. was made by Councilman Dolson, seconded by Councilwoman Amitai and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Dolson and Amitai.

OMNIBUS OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION authorizing the governing body pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to exclude the public from the next portion of the meeting in order to permit the governing body to discuss per N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(4), “A collective bargaining agreement”; N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), “Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations”; and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8), “A matter involving public employees; and that the items under discussion in the closed meeting would be disclosed to the public at the conclusion of the contract negotiations, litigation and matter which should be within 8 to 10 weeks.

Mayor Glidden resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:44 p.m.

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19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:44 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Latner, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
March 5, 2015 for approval at the
Regular Meeting to be held
March 11, 2015

Loretta Castano, RMC
Borough Clerk

Prepared by Carol A. Kroepke, RMC
utilizing recording and Borough Clerk's
notes

Approved at the Regular Meeting held March 11, 2015
Consent Agenda Item No. 19a

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
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WORK SESSION NOTES – FEBRUARY 25, 2015 - 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Work Session on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Glidden 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, which was published in The Record and the Star Ledger on January 9, 2015, was posted on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board 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 John C. Glidden, Jr.
Councilpersons David Barad (7:35pm), Alissa Latner (7:38pm), Robert Di Dio,
Arthur Dolson and Victoria Amitai
Borough Administrator, Jonathan DeJoseph
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Tax Collector/Temporary Chief Financial Officer, Maria Passafaro
Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine

The following persons were absent:

Councilman Thomas Hennessey

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

a. MAIL LIST OF FEBRUARY 12, 2015 - Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments. No one wished to remove any items for discussion.

b. MAIL LIST OF FEBRUARY 19, 2015 - Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item No. 6 was removed by Borough Clerk; Item No. 2V was removed by Councilman Dolson.

Item No. 6: Received 02/19/15, dated 02/18/15 from Lawrence V. Hughes, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Northern Valley Regional High School District, to Mayor John Glidden re Invitation to Parents and Students to attend Board of Education Meeting to be held on Monday, 2/23/15 @

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7:30 p.m. in the NVD cafeteria. REMINDER: Save the date and mark your calendars to remember to vote on March 10, 2015 (Copy to Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Closter Board of Education) Original to Mayor Glidden as addressed 2/19/15

Borough Clerk explained this item addresses some of the issues included in the Referendum to be held on 3/10/15. Ms. Castano noted she attended a Clerk's meeting this morning and although she had tried to get the Superintendent of Elections office to agree to allow the assistance of the Police Department, as we customarily do, because this is a Special Election, she was informed she must accompany them and sign all of the materials out the day before the election. There is a chance the Provisional Ballot bags may not have to be returned the night of the election; however, all the other materials must be returned the next day by 10 a.m. She voiced her opinion that we are slowly receiving more information about the referendum and noted the Clerk in Harrington Park had tried to obtain permission for all of the materials to be delivered to Northern Valley Regional High School/Demarest for pickup but the request was denied.

Mayor Glidden pointed out the election is in regards to a Referendum on a Bond Issue for the High School. He voiced his concerns that not much information has been circulated about this referendum and he doesn't think the average resident of Closter has any idea about it. Mayor Glidden said he believes it is the obligation of the School Board to put out more information on a referendum for a bond issue that is going to increase taxes.

Councilman Barad entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Item No. 2. V.: Received 02/13/15, dated 02/13/15 from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJS League of Municipalities re Municipal Master Plan Element – Unfunded State Mandate (S-2424) Copy to Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment

Councilman Dolson voiced his opinion this unfunded mandate is in addition to the voluminous effort we already have to provide in our Planning, Zoning and Master Plan Elements. He said it is kind of convoluted which he guesses is typical; and noted they had been discussing not having to do the Master Plan for several more years and now he is not sure how this will impact it since it is being railroaded through the legislature.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING
(Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of February 25, 2015)

Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council or public wished to discuss any of the Consent Agenda items. Borough Clerk referred to Item No. 8.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN THE VALLEY HEALTH WORK PLACE CONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOLIC TESTING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 (Received from Administrator 2/18/15)

Borough Clerk apologized for the typographical error in the title of this Resolution.

Councilwoman Latner entered the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY - HENNESSEY (DOLSON/DI DIO)

1) STATUS REPORT RE CLOSTER WEBSITE – In the absence of Councilman Hennessey, Mr. Dolson informed that there was a Finance Committee meeting this week to start final assembly of the Municipal Budget. He reminded there will be an introduction, a (public) hearing and approval in the next couple of weeks. Borough Administrator proposed introduction on 3/25/15 with adoption on 4/22/15. Mayor Glidden noted he attended a recent meeting and explained they are having difficulty going through the budget this year due to a number of factors including increased insurance costs, pension costs and debt service. The Mayor said they are having difficulty getting the numbers under the 2% CAP. Early numbers showed, unfortunately, a rise in taxes that he would rather not see; so there is a lot of work to be done to pare the budget down. Borough Administrator said they are working on it; and noted that even after adoption, the budget can be worked on. Mayor Glidden requested a Closed Session related to the Municipal Budget and Personnel.

2) REPORT

B. PUBLIC SAFETY - DOLSON (AMITAI/LATNER)

1) REPORT – Councilman Dolson reported he visited the Police Department recently, reminded that Resolutions for alterations and repairs have been recently approved and said it is coming along and looks like a good working space for the Department. He was pleased to report the officers were able to use the pistol range a little bit before the winter set in; and they are looking forward to a great year this year with potential shared services with some local communities. Councilman Dolson requested a Closed Session. Mayor Glidden said he was pleased that the Police Department has spoken to some other communities interested in taking advantage of our pistol range; and he would be happy to see a shared service in this area.

C. PUBLIC WORKS - LATNER (HENNESSEY/DI DIO)

1) REPORT – Councilwoman Latner reported leaf season last fall was our best ever; and noted that considering the snow season, the DPW is doing a great job keeping up. She wished to remind the public that a call or email needs to be placed the Tuesday before to the DPW for yard waste pickup when the time comes.

Mrs. Latner reported the Library installed the lighting they were able to purchase with a grant they received and there are two new photographs up in the Belskie Museum. She noted Leslie Weatherly's son, (Andrew), has some work on display in addition to the book he had published. Councilwoman Latner reported, regarding the energy audit, that they have gone through it and the equipment will be installed soon. She said they spent \$62,000 which is about 1/3 of the full cost; and it will be payable over 2 years in 24 installments to get the new HVAC. This includes the museum because over 20 years ago it was agreed that the Library will cover all of the expenses of the Belskie Museum. Mrs. Latner asked Mayor Glidden to let her know when he will be available to speak to Mr. Farrell; and he noted they will discuss the matter in Closed Session. Mrs. Latner reported there will be a used book sale on Saturday, 3/21/15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Library and they have a Korean language collection, DVD's, audio collections and more which is being advertised in the paper. She said there are a lot of great programs and this summer they are adding the Every Hero Has a Story program; and depending on the number of pages read, money will be donated to the Food Pantry.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

C. PUBLIC WORKS - LATNER (HENNESSEY/DI DIO) (Continued)

Councilwoman Latner reminded everyone of the incident with the prop gun that caused the lockdown and said the production of Hello Dolly will be held this weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m., and also at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Mrs. Latner informed there is a scholarship available that Mayor Glidden had posted on the website where any Junior or Senior can apply for the NJLM Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leader competition by writing an essay and three (3) scholarships totaling \$1,000 will be awarded.

Regarding the Referendum (to be voted on at the Special School Election) to be held 3/10/15, Mrs. Latner noted the Mayor will be attending a meeting that is being set up by the Regional School Board with other Mayors. She said she has been trying to get this meeting because not a lot of people know much about this referendum. She feels all of the projects being sought for vote are positive ones; specifically including renovations and upgrades of the Demarest campus. A lot of them have been piecemeal, fixed every year, and spending a lot on repairs and some mandated items that need to be done but mostly normal wear and tear items that need to be addressed. Mrs. Latner said it is interesting the construction and equipping of the new building they propose to build to house The Junction. The program is designed for 18-20 year old special needs individuals to teach life skills. The proposed building would replace the current one leased in Old Tappan; and all of the information is available at the Northern Valley Regional High School website. In answer to the Mayor, she voiced her understanding that the total capital cost is \$13 million but with all of the grants and aid received, the total will be approximately \$8 million something.

D. ORDINANCES - BARAD (HENNESSEY/AMITAI)

1) REPORT RE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Councilman Barad reported the Ordinance Committee met yesterday and discussed some small items while getting organized and getting going for the year. One ordinance will be forthcoming to increase the membership of the Food and Assistance Board from two members to five. They are looking to make all of the terms for two years and have them staggered while making this change. Dr. Barad informed they received a request from Gary Montroy (Construction Official) to review the fee schedule for the Building Department because he had some suggestions and will be providing additional information. They would like all departments to review their fees so there can be a single ordinance to effect any necessary changes. The Borough Administrator has reviewed our Code and made some suggestions regarding sections that are obsolete; and the Committee requests all departments review their pertinent code for any necessary changes and provide them to Mr. DeJoseph for forwarding.

2) REPORT – Councilman Barad reported the Ambulance Corps dinner was held the beginning of February shortly after the tragedy on High Street so everyone was aware how important it is to support each other. He extended gratitude on behalf of the Council for taking care of each other and being there for the town when we need them. The Corps will be submitting specs for a new ambulance. Borough Administrator informed it is included in this year's Capital Budget and Mr. Dolson said 15 years pass by quickly. Mayor Glidden noted this is a very difficult budget season.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

E. HUMAN RESOURCES - DI DIO (LATNER/DOLSON)

1) REPORT RE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Councilman Di Dio informed he had no report at this time. Councilman Barad noted some questions arose at the Ordinance Committee regarding the Personnel Manual that they will be requesting the Human Resources Committee review.

2) REPORT

Borough Administrator informed that the Construction Official had also requested a review of the Borough's Property Maintenance Code compared to the International Property Maintenance Code and said he would be working with Mr. Montroy and the Borough Attorney on same.

F. LAND USE AND CONSTRUCTION – AMITAI (BARAD/DOLSON)

1) REPORT RE STATUS OF DISCUSSION IN SUBCOMMITTEE RE CHANGE IN ZONE 5 (Requested by Mayor Heymann WS 8/13/14)

2) REPORT – Councilwoman Amitai reported the Building Department Committee met and they are all getting to know our new Construction Official and he is getting to know the employees and subcode officials. Mr. Montroy says there is a lot of work that needs to be done but from his perception everyone seems to be working well together and he is happy to be working with very nice people. Mr. Montroy has a few suggestions on the fee schedule and some things to tighten up some of our ordinances so they are not so ambiguous.

Mrs. Amitai reported the Planning Board will not meet until March, therefore, she had no report. The Improvement Commission is considering holding a barbeque "hoedown" in May if they can work out all of the details with the Health Department. They also discussed a craft fair in early June but those discussions are only preliminary at this point. Mrs. Amitai requested a Closed Session regarding personnel contracts.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Borough Engineer reported that a low bid on Hickory Lane was received in the amount of \$484,253.50. He recommended that only the base bid be awarded which included the improvements to Hickory Lane without the sidewalk on the south side of the street, which was the subject of the alternate bid. He recommended that the sidewalk not be installed because the residents and the Council were not in favor of same. Borough Administrator advised that a grant from the NJDOT in the amount of \$149,000 was approved.

9. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER PER NJSA 10:4-12(A) (SUBJECT TO A 5-MINUTE LIMIT PER GENERAL RULE NUMBER 11) EXCEPT FOR ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AT THE REGULAR MEETING

Paula Rogovin with the Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains said that people have organized in Seattle with the exact same concerns as we have; and they have won an injunction against the oil trains in Seattle. She invited everyone to a demonstration to be held on March 7th at 2 p.m. and invited Mayor Glidden to be one of the speakers. She cited the recent derailments of oil trains that have impacted rivers and wetlands in the area. She said that as of today they have 22 groups who

wish to participate in the demonstration between Schraalenburgh Road and the railroad tracks but there is a problem at this time with parking. Due to the snow accumulation, parking would not be available at the (Abram Demaree) farm; and United Water has been asked to use their parking lot but help would be needed to provide a safe passage to the demonstration site. They have requested permits from Closter, Bergen County and Harrington Park. Mayor Glidden noted that this is a County Road over which Closter has no jurisdiction; and he suggested that she speak with Chief Kaine on the matter. He also suggested that the demonstration be postponed until the snow can be removed.

Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, referred to the High School referendum and requested that something be put on the website that there is a special election. Borough Clerk said that sample ballots would be mailed to the voters. He questioned the repair costs at the high school for a burst pipe in the new wing. He also referred to bus route change, snow removal at the Lustron House and the lack of snow removal on the Durie Avenue corner of the property. Mr. Isaacson noted that there are no reports on the public schools, which should be addressed and Councilman Di Dio explained he gave a report on the public schools at the last meeting. Mr. Isaacson questioned if CSX could be cited for not maintaining their property; and suggested that the Borough repair the potholes and bill the company. Borough Engineer noted that the railroad has a 60-foot right of way and maintenance of same would be contained in an agreement between the railroad and Bergen County. Mr. Isaacson cited the pot holes at Closter Plaza which have returned. He requested that the governing body return to the previous Agenda schedule so there would be more audience attendance. Mayor Glidden voiced his understanding that Mr. Isaacson was suggesting there would be more attendance if there was an open session to the public in the beginning of the meeting and he affirmed same. Councilwoman Amitai suggested it was more accommodating for the public to be able to go home and not have to wait if they choose not to.

In answer to Mr. Isaacson's earlier question, Borough Engineer informed the CSX right-of-way is 60 feet. He said he does not know who is responsible for that because it is an agreement between CSX and the County.

10. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS, IF APPROPRIATE
11. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY

Councilman Dolson said that Coach USA is a fairly successful company that services the public and makes a profit. He does not think driving down Vervalen Street where the muskrats and ground hogs live and the ghosts of Closter past might not be shopping as opposed to going through the residential part of town is the direction that Coach USA is going to go until there is some improvement in that area and he did not think it is a current topic anymore.

In answer to Councilman Barad, Borough Engineer said the award of the bid for Hickory Lane would be on the Agenda at the next meeting. Councilman Barad noted that the residents of Hickory Lane should be notified.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Work Session at 8:19 p.m. was made by Councilman Dolson, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

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Consent Agenda Item No. 19b