

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2015 - 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 8:31 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

The following persons were present:

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

The following persons were absent:

- Councilwoman Victoria Amitai

At this time, Mayor Glidden announced the receipt of three nominees from the Closter Republican County Committee: Thomas Hennessey, Mitchell Monaco and Keven Morrow to fill his unexpired term as Councilman.

Motion choosing Thomas Hennessey to fill the unexpired term was made by Councilman Dolson, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio and Dolson.
Council AD/DB

Mayor Glidden administered the Oath of Office to Thomas Hennessey.

4. APPOINTMENTS

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

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Affirmative Action Officer	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>Jonathan M. DeJoseph</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
Bergen County Community Development Program				
Governing Body Rep	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	<u>Thomas Hennessey</u>	1 Year Unexp. (Amitai)	30-Jun-15
COAH Planner	<u>Michael G. Hakim</u> <u>Hakim Associates</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
*Environmental Commission				
Member	<u>Paul MacDonald</u>	<u>Paul MacDonald</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-17
Member/ Shade Tree Comm. Liaison	<u>Brian Stabile</u>	<u>Brian Stabile</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-17
Member/ Planning Board Liaison	<u>Robert Di Dio</u> (Elected to Council)	<u>Sophie Heymann</u>	3 Years Unexp. (Di Dio)	31-Dec-15
Member/ Council Member/Liaison	<u>John Kashwick</u>	<u>Robert Di Dio</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-17
Associate Member	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15

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Improvement Commission					
	Member/ Historic Preservation Liaison	<u>Susan McTigue</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years Unexp (McTigue)	31-Dec-15
	Member	<u>Eli Nachmany</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-16
Municipal Court					
	Alt. Prosecutor	<u>Elsbeth J. Crusius</u> <u>Law Offices of Elsbeth J. Crusius</u>	<u>Andrew M. Cimiluca, Esq.</u> <u>Law Offices of</u> <u>Andrew M. Cimiluca, PC</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
	Deputy Court Administrator	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
Parking Reserve					
	Administrator	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>Jonathan M. DeJoseph</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>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
*Planning Board					
	*Class II Member/ Rep to Gov. of Closter	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Gary Montroy</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
*Shade Tree Commission					
	Council Liaison/ Voting Member	<u>John Kashwick</u>	<u>Dr. David Barad</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-17
	Alternate No. 2	<u>(Vacant)</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	4 Years Unexp. (P. IX)	31-Dec-15
	Treasurer	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
	Zoning Officer	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15

* MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

At this time, Borough Clerk noted that Sivert Hagen’s name had not been included in the Appointment List as an Associate Member to the Environmental Commission and asked that it be included for his appointment. Mayor Glidden questioned whether a recommendation was made and asked that it be included on the updated Appointment List for the Regular Meeting to be held January 28, 2015.

Motion approving the above noted appointments was made by Councilman Di Dio, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey and Dolson.

5a. VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO ISSUE A REFUND CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$634.65 TO LEE, ROSEANN & CHARLES M. III FOR BLOCK 901 LOT 20 (TCJ RENDERED 12/19/14) (Received from Tax Collector 12/30/14)
7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO ISSUE A REFUND CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$455.61 TO GETTER, YARON & ORLY FOR BLOCK 1606 LOT 3, 47 TRAUTWEIN CRESCENT (TCJ RENDERED 12/31/14) (Received from Tax Collector 1/7/15)
8. RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 FOR THE NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Program Grant (Received from Administrator 1/9/15)
9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BIDDING OF HICKORY LANE IMPROVEMENTS & 2014 BOROUGH ROAD PROGRAM (Requested by Administrator 1/9/15) - TO BE PREPARED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion approving Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9 was made by Councilman Dolson, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey and Dolson.

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MOTIONS

10. **POSSIBLE MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2015 (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/5/15):**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Incumbent Chair</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>Incumbent Members</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY	Dolson	Hennessey	Glidden/Kashwick	Dolson/DiDio
ORDINANCES	Barad	Barad	Kashwick /Amitai	Hennessey/Di Dio
PUBLIC WORKS	Latner	Latner	Amitai/Glidden	Hennessey/Amitai

Motion approving Consent Agenda Item No. 10 was made by Councilman Di Dio, seconded by Councilman Dolson and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey and Dolson.

11. **POSSIBLE MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2015 (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/5/15):**

<u>2015 COUNCIL LIAISONS</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>LIAISON</u>
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION	John Kashwick	<u>Thomas Hennessey</u>

Motion approving Consent Agenda Item No. 11 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, Hennessey and Dolson.

12. **MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**
 (Distributed 1/8/15):

- a. SINE DIE MEETING HELD 01/05/15 (ABSTENTION: DI DIO)
- b. REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 01/05/15 (NO ABSTENTIONS)

Motion approving Consent Agenda Item No. 12 a. and 12b. with the amendment to the Reorganization Minutes to reflect the appointment of Brian Pierro to the Joint Insurance Fund Safety Committee was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilwoman Latner. Said motion was declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner and Dolson. Councilpersons Di Dio and Hennessey abstained.

13. REPORTS

- a. CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL – DECEMBER 2014 (Received 1/6/15)
- b. CHIEF OF POLICE – DECEMBER 2014 (Received 1/7/15)

- 5b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

14. 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.

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

Motion approving the following Closed Session Resolution at 8:49 p.m. was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey and Dolson.

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)(5) "A matter involving the expenditure of public funds for the acquisition of real property"; 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 matters which should be within 6-8 weeks.

Mayor Glidden resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:27 p.m.

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16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:27 p.m. was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
January 22, 2015 for approval at the
Regular Meeting to be held
January 28, 2014

Loretta Castano, RMC
Borough Clerk

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

Approved at the Regular Meeting held January 28, 2015
Consent Agenda Item No. 21a

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WORK SESSION NOTES – JANUARY 14, 2015 - 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Work Session on Wednesday, January 14, 2015. Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Glidden invited all to join him 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 included in the Annual Notice of Meetings 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, Alissa Latner, Robert Di Dio and Arthur Dolson
Borough Administrator, Jonathan M. DeJoseph
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine
Superintendent of Public Works, William Dahle, III

The following persons were absent:

Councilwoman Victoria Amitai

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

a. MAIL LIST OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 - 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 JANUARY 8, 2015 - Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item No. 2 was removed by Borough Clerk; Item No. 3 was removed by Councilman Dolson; Item No. 6 was removed by Mayor Glidden.

Item No. 2: Received 01/07/15, dated 01/06/15 from MCANJ IT Committee, to members@njclerks.org re 2015 Campaign Contribution Notice (Copy to Administrator for distribution to Borough employees)

Borough Clerk informed a copy of the required notice was sent to the Administrator for distribution to all Borough employees.

Item No. 3: Received 01/06/15, dated 01/06/15 from Margaret Scanlon, RMC, Borough Clerk, Borough of Rutherford re Certified copy of Resolution adopted 1/1/15 re Mutual Aid & Rapid Deployment Force Interlocal Service Agreement (Copy to Chief Kaine)

Councilman Dolson noted there have been several similar Resolutions received; and asked if the Borough participated in same and passes their own Resolution. Mayor Glidden affirmed Closter

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participates in the Mutual Aid Program. Ms. Castano informed the Administrator had provided her a Resolution to be placed on the next Regular Meeting Agenda (1/28/15) but noted we are still waiting for the Ambulance Corps Resolutions and said we hope to have all of them by that time.

Item No. 6: Received 01/06/15, dated 01/06/15 from Robert Di Dio, Chairman, Closter Republican County Committee; c: Edward Rogan, Esq., Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk re Recommendation for Council seat of John C. Glidden, Jr. for the vacancy created due to election as Mayor of the Borough of Closter

Mayor Glidden explained this item pertains to the vacancy created as a result of his election to the office of Mayor and read the letter into the record. The Mayor informed that once in Regular Session he would be requesting approval either by Motion or Resolution from the Council, of his recommendation to fill the vacancy so that person could be sworn in this evening.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING
 (Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of January 14, 2015)

Mayor Glidden read the items for review into the record and informed he would be making appointments for Item Nos. 10 and 11 during the Regular Meeting. The Borough Clerk informed there was a correction to Item No. 12b in the Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

10. POSSIBLE MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2015 (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/5/15):

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Incumbent Chair</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>Incumbent Members</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY	Dolson	TBA	Glidden/Kashwick	Dolson/Di Dio
ORDINANCES	Barad	Barad	Kashwick /Amitai	TBA/Di Dio
PUBLIC WORKS	Latner	Latner	Amitai/Glidden	TBA/Amitai

Mayor Glidden informed he would be making appointments for Council Committees during the Regular Meeting.

11. POSSIBLE MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2015 (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/5/15):

<u>2015 COUNCIL LIAISONS</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>LIAISON</u>
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION	John Kashwick	_____

Mayor Glidden informed he would be making an appointment for Council Liaison during the Regular Meeting.

12. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
 (Distributed 1/8/15):

- a. SINE DIE MEETING HELD 01/05/15 (ABSTENTION: DI DIO)
- b. REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD 01/05/15 (NO ABSTENTIONS)

The Borough Clerk explained the Joint Insurance Fund Safety Committee incumbent and appointee was listed as Chris Pesce and it should be Brian Pierro. She requested the Minutes be approved, as amended, in the Regular Meeting; and Mayor Glidden had no objection to same.

Mayor Glidden asked if anyone wished to remove any of the items on the Consent Agenda for discussion; and hearing no one he moved on to Professional Reports.

6. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

A. BOROUGH ATTORNEY

1) STATUS REPORT RE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PBA LOCAL 233 (8. M.L. 8/21/14/ 8. M.L. 9/25/14) – Borough Attorney reported the Committee met with PBA representatives recently and progress is being made. He will provide his recommendations to the Committee and shortly thereafter another meeting with the PBA representatives will be scheduled. Mr. Rogan was pleased to report negotiations have been amicable.

2) STATUS REPORT RE DIRECT NEGOTIATION FOR THE CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION SERVICES INCLUDING THE TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY AND PAYMENT FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER (Authorized at RM 10/8/14) – Mr. Rogan reminded he has verbally reported on this issue and has prepared a written summary analyzing what the Ad Hoc Committee had looked at as far as tipping fees and host community comparisons. The Committee had presented a copy of the Fairview waste management agreement to the full Council which they reviewed and compared to the Borough. Additionally, calls were made to other municipalities to get tipping fees from various other providers. All of this information has been compiled into a written narrative for the Council and has been made available to the Ad Hoc Committee; and is available for any member of the public should they wish to review it. Through analysis it has become clear to the Committee that the arrangement we have had historically with Miele Sanitation is the most advantageous to the Borough. Last calendar year, tipping fees were reduced from \$74 per ton to \$70 per ton which is comparable to just about all the other potential facilities. The cheapest one was through Bergen County Utilities Authority at \$65 per ton but would necessitate all of the sanitation being trucked from Closter to either Totowa or Paterson. Mr. Rogan did a comparison of what it would cost in man hours, gasoline and wear and tear on the trucks which shows there would be no cost savings to the Borough, and, in fact, may cost us more in addition to losing the manpower during the week. If the Council is comfortable with his analysis, he would ask that during the Regular Meeting, the Borough Attorney's office be authorized to prepare a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign a new contract with Miele Sanitation for three (3) years with a 2-year option.

3) STATUS REPORT RE APPRAISALS OF POTENTIAL ACQUISITIONS FOR THE BOROUGH (RM 9/10/14 Mayor granted approval to obtain appraisals on two properties) Mr. Rogan reminded that the Borough authorized appraisals to be done on certain properties for potential acquisitions; and now that the appraisals are all in, he would like to discuss this matter further in Closed Session.

4) STATUS REPORT RE STATUS OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF MULTIPLE CONDOMINIUM UNITS AT VILLAGE SCHOOL SITE (RM 11/24/14) – Mr. Rogan reported this matter is moving along and Mr. Watkins indicated the plans are in the preparatory stage; and, hopefully, we can obtain a copy of the draft shortly. He also spoke to Michael Hakim, the COAH Planner, who had discussions with COAH but did not obtain a definitive response from them. A meeting will be scheduled in Trenton which he will attend with Mr. Hakim in order to expedite this because it sounds as though it will become a long bureaucratic mess if we keep writing letters back and forth. In answer to Mayor Glidden, Mr. Rogan informed the developer has not yet filed an application with the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Once the plans are prepared, the Borough reserves the right to review those plans and make any changes prior to submission to the Zoning Board.

5) REPORT – The Borough Attorney reported he has a personnel matter he would like to discuss in Closed Session.

6. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS (Continued)

B. BOROUGH ENGINEER

1) STATUS REPORT RE DPW REMEDIATION (Authorized /RM 4/23/14) – The Borough Engineer reminded that Boswell took over this project from both PMK and Langan Engineering in 2014 for an issue involving contamination that has been around since 1996/1997. Boswell took an overview perspective on this and suspected something didn't make sense because sometimes there were readings for contamination and sometimes there weren't. In November/December last year they decided to start fresh by purging, cleaning and scrubbing all of the wells and taking fresh readings in late December. Those results came back and all of those tests came back clean. Mr. DeNicola explained that in order to get an NFA (No Further Action) letter from the DEP there has to be two clean sampling events in back to back quarters. He said a proposal for the second quarter testing in March will be forthcoming and the cost for that round will be \$11,900. If these results come back clean, we will be able to file the application with the DEP and be done with these wells. Although the issue caused by leaking oil tanks has been ongoing for over 25 years, Boswell only got involved last year; and the result could be a final resolution if there are clean results a second time. In answer to Councilman Barad, he explained there are two possible reasons Boswell believes there were repeated results of contamination: the first being the wells were dirty, plus a lot of the wells were broken on top and allowed salt leakage from the DPW into them so those were capped and resealed. At this time, the results look very favorable but you never really know. Dr. Barad voiced his sentiments that former Mayor Sophie (Heymann) would be very happy; and Mr. DeNicola said he would call her after the second round of testing if it comes back clean. At this time, he asked the proposal be approved at the next meeting.

2) STATUS REPORT RE SWIM CLUB PHASE II CONTAMINATION INVESTIGATION (Authorized/RM 7/9/14) - Mr. DeNicola reported the additional testing at the Swim Club showed additional contamination not just around the swimming pool but it goes well into the wetlands and to the other side of the parking lot, which he said makes no sense. These results further Boswell's beliefs that the contamination comes from the pesticide spraying. In answer to Mayor Glidden, he explained the swim club property does not go all the way to the brook because there is a lot of Borough property in there; and offered to show him on the tax map after the meeting. Mr. DeNicola said this is going to be a hit or miss because we have no idea what it going to show up here with further testing but it looks like it will go all the way at least to the property line at a minimum. In answer to Councilman Barad, he said the next proposal would cover the area all the way to the brook and north and west of the property line. Additionally, there is no way of knowing when the contamination started if it was from the pesticide spraying for mosquitoes; it could be long before the swim club, during its operation or after its closure; but there's no way of knowing. He explained that in the late 60's and early 70's they used PCB and the oil from the product would stick to the vegetation; and although it was banned, damage has already been done to many properties. In answer to Dr. Barad, he said the further you go, the more you are finding; and once you start testing, you can't stop because you have to delineate the entire area of contamination. Boswell will be submitting a proposal for borings and soil testing for the next meeting. The Borough Attorney said Bergen County Mosquito Commission always sprayed the Swim Club; and Mr. DeNicola informed a check of the records indicates there were additional contractors who sprayed as well.

3) REPORT – The Borough Engineer reported he received a call from Richard Ryan who lives on the northwest corner of Knickerbocker Road and High Street; and he complained of some broken sidewalk and curb at that intersection. He reminded it is County road and said the initial complaint came in last year during the curb ramp construction; and Mr. Ryan was told that damage was a result of tractor trailers going over the corner because the curb returns are too tight. The County said they would not fix it; however, if the Borough would enter into an agreement with them to redo to improve that intersection, they would entertain it. Mr. DeNicola explained the agreement would be similar to what was done at Homans Avenue and Piermont Road where the County comes in and pays for construction and the Borough pays for the engineering and inspection fees. If the Borough was willing to undertake that, the County would entertain that but he advised the corner would be damaged and the catch basins loosened again due to the tractor trailers. He noted that as he was present with County representatives, they watched a truck go over the corner. In answer to Dr. Barad, he explained the improvements not only include the signal and equipment but the curbs and returns which will require an easement on all four (4) corner properties.

6. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS (Continued)

B. BOROUGH ENGINEER (Continued)

Mr. DeNicola said if the Council wished to have him contact the County to start the process, he would do so. In answer to Councilman Di Dio, he explained the County is not going to fix this problem so the Borough has the option not to do anything; fix the sidewalk and curb themselves or request the County improve the intersection at a future date and wait for that time. He noted the Borough is responsible for all engineering and inspections in addition to any property acquisitions/easements. For Homans and Piermont it was much easier to acquire the needed easements because it was not residential and this is not the case in this situation. He further explained the County will be involved regardless because they will dictate the alignments and widths so it would be best to have the County come up with a concept so the Borough knows what they are getting into before entering into anything; and reminded the County pays for the improvements with exception to the items mentioned previously. He agreed to gather information in the coming months regarding same.

7. REPORTS

A. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Glidden announced it is the Administrator's first week on the job and said he hopes everyone has been cutting him some slack because he has done a great job in his personal assessment.

- 1) STATUS REPORT RE FOLLOWING INSURANCE MATTER(S):
 - a) Mail List requests re Insurance: None at the time of preparation of this Agenda
- 2) STATUS REPORT RE EXTERIOR REPAIRS AND ROOF REPLACEMENT AT BOROUGH HALL (Contract Awarded /RM 5/28/14 to 3 Sons Restoration, LLC, Union, NJ - \$499,000.00) – Mr. DeJoseph reported that he met with the DPW Superintendent, Tax Collector/Temporary CFO and architect yesterday and got to view the roof as well as hear the background story from beginning to present. He was pleased to report there is progress being made on the project and they anticipate work to restart in March or April. Mr. DeJoseph requested a Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations and provide further update.
- 3) STATUS REPORT RE RE-BID FOR ACQUISITION & INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY – Bid opening held 8/5/14 @ 11:30 a.m./All Bids rejected RM 8/13/14 – To be rebid – Borough Administrator reported that he is working with OEM Coordinator Lt. Winters and this is in progress at this time.
- 4) STATUS REPORT RE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS:
 - a. POLICE FIRING RANGE PHASE I – CONTRACT AWARDED TO ACTION TARGET/RM 8/13/14 (\$108,220.51) – Mr. DeJoseph reported he has been in direct contact with the Police Chief and this project is moving along and almost completed.
 - b. INTERIOR RENOVATIONS OF CLOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT – Contracts awarded RM 11/24/14 to: A. WOODS CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500.00; PESH-E-LECTRIC, INC. FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8340.00; BUSINESS INTERIORS BY STAPLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,631.01 PURSUANT TO STATE CONTRACT #A81641 – Borough Administrator reported this project is making progress and moving along very well with the installation of the HVAC. He informed that there will be two Resolutions for the next meeting for flooring and repositioning the old console.
- 5) REPORT – Mr. DeJoseph reported that for the next meeting he will request that the Mayor and Council join the Somerset County Cooperative for purchasing which will open up the Borough's ability to buy items at potentially better pricing and there is no cost to join. Per the request of the Auditor, he is looking into flexible spending accounts for the Borough employees as it is his understanding this was enacted by ordinance last year. At this time, he has received two (2) proposals and is awaiting a third before making a recommendation to the Governing Body for award. Additionally, he will be requesting a

7. REPORTS (Continued)

A. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR (Continued)

Resolution to enter into a contract for utility bill audit at the next meeting and it will include gas, electric and telephone. Mr. DeJoseph will also be asking for the addition of electric accounts not included in the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing for buying electricity from a third party provider. He will be looking into grants for energy audits for municipal buildings as well as upgrades to lighting and potentially HVAC equipment.

B. BOROUGH CLERK

1) STATUS REPORT RE 2015 APPOINTMENTS – Borough Clerk reported there were 100 plus appointments made at the Reorganization Meeting, noted it is not an exact number, but she will provide further information in her next report. Open appointments are being maintained on the Agenda.

2) STATUS REPORT RE 2015 OATHS OF OFFICE – Ms. Castano reported that of the 100 Oaths which were sent by yesterday (1/13/15), as of today 27 have been returned.

3) STATUS REPORT RE 2015 LICENSES – All licenses for 2015 have been approved: two (2) live entertainment; three (3) second hand gold/silver jewelry; one (1) theater.

4) STATUS REPORT RE 2015 MEETING DATES –The 2015 Annual Meeting Notice was published in The Record and Star Ledger on January 9, 2015, was distributed to the Mayor and Council and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

5) STATUS REPORT RE PREPARATION FOR CODIFICATION OF 2014 ORDINANCE NOS. 2014:1153 to 2014:1183 AS CODE SUPPLEMENT NO. 21 – Ms. Castano reported there were approximately thirty (30) ordinances adopted in 2014 of which fifteen (15) are non-codifiable material. She will request an estimate for same from General Code and will inform the Administrator when received for inclusion in the 2015 Municipal Budget.

6) REPORT – At this time, Ms. Castano requested the Governing Body's permission to invite Kristina Hadinger, Assistant Counsel to the League of Municipalities Legal Team, who was most willing to take a trip up to North Jersey to present the Michael A. Pane Award to Edward T. Rogan which honors only one municipal professional per year in the entire State of New Jersey who exemplifies the highest standard of ethics and whose work has significantly enhanced the integrity of local government. It is a prestigious honor well deserved by Ed, requested by Mayor Emeritus Sophie Heymann and it was awarded at the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City in November. Since it was just before the holidays and his family was unable to attend, it would be nice for us to be able to invite his family to the Council meeting when this is being presented.

C. CHIEF OF POLICE

1) REPORT – Chief Kaine reported everyone should have received the end of the year monthly report for December via email. He noted the Department had a very busy year last year with 2,200 inquiries or calls for service through the year and traffic summonses also increased. He expects the floor to be installed at the end of the month so the furniture for the Police Department can be delivered the first week of February.

In answer to Mayor Glidden, the Chief said it will be a vinyl hardwood floor composite. Regarding the firing range, he reported they are able to use it but are still waiting for some backordered parts which should be in by March and said it is functional because they did use it for their qualifications this year. Mayor Glidden reminded he has already spoken to other municipalities regarding a shared service for the pistol range; and Chief Kaine affirmed there are several towns interested, but it cannot be done until the range is paved as it is currently gravel and hard to pick up the rounds.

7. REPORTS (Continued)

D. MAYOR

1) STATUS REPORT RE FOLLOWING GRANTS: Mayor Glidden informed he had nothing to report at this time regarding grants.

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b. AWARDED

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c. TO BE FILED

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2) REPORT – Mayor Glidden reported we are in the process of updating the Borough website and the Mayor's section has been done. He informed he sent a memo to all Councilpersons requesting a bio and updated photo, if desired, to update the Council portion of the website; and that information should be sent to Kevin Whitney (IT Coordinator). He noted there are other areas he would like to update such as the link to parks and recreation as it only shows the 9/11 Memorial at this time. The Recreation Commission has donated one of their members to work on that section. Mayor Glidden requested everyone look at the website and make suggestions for any other sections they feel need some beefing up. He explained he has spoken to several realtors lately who indicated their clients are more frequently scrutinizing municipal websites for towns they want to move into; and this is an opportunity to sell ourselves in a way and increase and retain property values. So the website is more and more important as time goes on.

Mayor Glidden noted the Borough Clerk reported there were over 100 appointments made at the Reorganization Meeting and informed he would be making more this evening that required a vote. He hopes to eventually get all of the positions filled; and noted he has spoken of the volunteerism in Closter and he would like to see the word get out because there are several vacancies in key Boards and Commissions.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Dolson asked to address in closed session a comment he had made on a personnel matter some time last year in closed session.

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. 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

Yonga Bickici, 581 High Street, presented a petition to lower the speed limit on High Street from 35 mph to 25 mph citing the lack of sidewalks and street lights and the use of the street to access the school. She said there is no place to walk but in the street and she addressed the problem with the Police Department and complained to the town. There have been constant accidents and she described the traffic on the street. She also described a recent walk to the dog park where her dog was hit and killed by a car speeding on the street.

Mayor Glidden noted that High Street is a County road; therefore, the speed limit can only be changed by the County. He said we would speak to the County on this matter but it is not easy to get the limit changed. Councilwoman Latner asked if there could be surveillance on the street; and Chief Kaine said the Department would be conducting a road survey. Borough Engineer said that certain regulations regarding speed limits must be followed by the County; and it is in the Council's power to put in sidewalks on Ruckman Road. Councilman Barad suggested that a resolution on the matter be sent to the County. Michael Brown, 24 Arcadia Court, Harrington Park, President of the Closter Chamber of Commerce,

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expressed his objection to the reappointment of Frank Banisch as the Borough's Master Planner and requested that Hakim Associates be chosen instead. He asked that the process to choose a planner be opened again to the public. He asked what portions of the 2008 Master Plan would be implemented; and Borough Engineer said that any changes would be published and heard by the Planning Board and subsequently by the Mayor and Council if ordinance changes are necessary. Mr. Brown cited portions of the Minutes of a Mayor and Council meeting of September 10, 2014 and September 22, 2014. He proposed an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the changes including one Planning Board member and one Council member, not previously associated with the Planning Board or Zoning Board. He also noted that Zoning Board minutes have not been posted on the website since February and the contact data is incomplete. He thanked Councilwoman Latner and former Councilman Kashwick for making the photo-op possible for the last opening.

In answer to Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, Borough Engineer said that High Street is a County road between Closter Dock Road and Piermont Road and same was repaved by the County approximately a year ago. Borough Attorney said that High Street technically goes into another town. Relative to the website, Mr. Isaacson pointed out that there are passive parks and active parks and the passive parks should be pushed more relative to the existing paths and trails and Mayor Glidden agreed Mr. Isaacson questioned the discharge from the Swim Club; and Borough Engineer noted that they were; and that the first borings into the ditch were contaminated and more so as they got closer to the brook. Mr. Isaacson referred to the tipping fees and the Committee found that Fort Lee was paying less than Closter and did not have to put up with the abuse we have experienced. Borough Attorney questioned how much Fort Lee was paying for the actual pickup and noted that has to be taken into consideration in comparing costs. Our tipping fee during the past year has been reduced by \$4 per ton. Mr. Isaacson asked that the new Mayor and Council would switch around the schedule so that the public could speak at the beginning of the meeting rather than sitting through the work session.

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

Motion to adjourn the Work Session at 8:30 p.m. was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
January 22, 2015 for approval at the
Regular Meeting to be held
January 28, 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 January 28, 2015
Consent Agenda Item No. 21b