

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2012 - 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Heymann called the meeting to order at 9:34 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 included in the Notice of Meetings which was sent to The Record and published on January 6, 2012 and to the Star Ledger and published on January 7, 2012, 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.

2. ROLL CALL

The following persons were present:

Mayor Sophie Heymann

Councilpersons John C. Glidden, Jr., Alissa Latner, John Kashwick, David Barad,  
Arthur Dolson and Victoria Amitai

Borough Administrator, Richard Sheola

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

At 9:37 p.m. Mayor Heymann referred to Consent Agenda, Item No. 10, which was agreed upon during the Work Session would be addressed and voted upon at this time prior to returning to the Work Session.

Mayor Heymann resumed the Regular Meeting at 10:05 p.m. and proceeded with the Regular Meeting Agenda.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES @8:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD:

a. The following Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting held 10/24/12 and was published in The Record on 10/30/12 as stated in the affidavit of publication. Reprint of this Ordinance was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board in accordance with statutory requirements and copies have been made available to the general public.

At the Regular Meeting held 11/19/12, the Governing Body voted to adjourn the public hearing and adoption of this Ordinance to this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012:1134 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 141 OF THE BOROUGH'S CODE CONCERNING OUTDOOR CAFES"

Mayor Heymann declared a Public Hearing. No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Heymann closed the Public Hearing.

Motion approving adoption of Ordinance No. 2012:1134 was made by Councilman Glidden seconded by Councilman Kashwick and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

b. The following Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting held 11/19/12 and was published in The Record on 11/29/12 as stated in the affidavit of publication. Reprint of this Ordinance was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board in accordance with statutory requirements and copies have been made available to the general public.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012:1136, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 200 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER AND AMENDING SCHEDULE A: LIMITING SCHEDULE TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND AMENDING CHAPTER 35, ARTICLE VII, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, TO CROSS REFERENCE THE LIMITING SCHEDULE"

Mayor Heymann declared a public hearing.

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Irene Stella, 11 Cedar Lane, expressed her pleasure with the Ordinance noting that it is a great step forward to show the Borough's appreciation for historic preservation.

Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg, 162 Anderson Avenue, said she is proud of the Historic Preservation Commission and noted that they are one of the leaders in Bergen County.

Donald Schmidt, 162 Closter Dock Road asked for an explanation of the different codes in the Borough that refer to historic preservation since he felt they were confusing. Borough Attorney explained that the intent of the Ordinance is a coordinated effort between what is considered a LEEDS ordinance, which is a public policy issue to be encouraged and an incentive to keep a house historical, and providing some relief under the Limiting Schedule. It refers to the Limiting Schedule to show the intent and how it is affected. He said that the Ordinance has to go into Chapter 200 because it is a change in the Zoning Code and it is also placed in Chapter 35 because it relates to Historic Preservation. The Ordinance referred to in his report was whether there could be more than one building on a business-zoned lot.

No one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Heymann closed the public hearing.

Motion approving adoption of Ordinance No. 2012:1036 was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilman Kashwick and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

4. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM (RAVIT) TO 12/31/14 (3. M.L. 6/21/12 – Resigned effective 6/17/12)
5. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS (*NON SALARIED*) TO THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/3/12/Adjourned from RM 1/11/12; 1/25/12; 2/8/12; 2/22/12; 3/14/12, 3/28/12; 4/11/12; 4/25/12; 5/9/12; 5/23/12; 6/13/12; 6/27/12; 7/11/12; 7/25/12; 8/8/12; 8/22/12; 9/12/12; 9/24/12; 10/10/12; 10/24/12; 11/7/12;11/19/12):

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION				
Alt. No. 2	(Adam Nock resigned)	_____	2 Year un-expired to	12/31/12
SHADE TREE COMMISSION				
Alt. No. 2	Kathi Cochran	_____	4 Year	12/31/15

6a. VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

At 10:21 p.m. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus Item Nos. 10 (which was voted upon earlier in the meeting); 18, and 20 was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

RESOLUTIONS

7. BILL RESOLUTION – DECEMBER 15, 2012 (Received from Deputy Treasurer 12/7/12)
8. TRANSFER RESOLUTION NO. 2 (Received from Administrator 12/6/12)
9. RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING RETURN OF THE FOLLOWING REMAINING ESCROWS BY THE DEPUTY TREASURER TO THE FOLLOWING VENDORS FOR BOROUGH OF CLOSTER POLICE DIRECTOR SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL FINANCE NOTICE 2000-14 (Received from Chief of Police 11/21/12):
  - a. BIG SKY ASSOCIATES, LLC, 611 NORTH MAPLE AVENUE, HO HO KUS, NJ 07623 - \$45.70
  - b. J. FLETCHER CREAMER, 101 EAST BROADWAY, HACKENSACK, NJ 07601 - \$53.29
  - c. ROMAN ASPHALT, 14 OGDEN STREET, NEWARK, NJ 07104 - \$11.26

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10. —RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE, BULK TRASH, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS & VEGETATIVE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES (BID OPENING HELD 11/6/12 @ 10 A.M.) Received from Administrator 12/6/12

At 9:37 p.m., Motion to table this Resolution until the meeting of December 26, 2012 was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilwoman Amitai and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

Mayor Heymann called a 5-minute recess at this time.

Mayor Heymann resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Motion to return to the Work Session at 9:45 p.m. was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO RELEASE THE \$36,310.65 CASH MAINTENANCE BOND ESCROW MONIES POSTED ON 7/13/10 TO APPLICANT K&H GROUP, LLC, 189 HOMANS AVENUE, FOR SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BLOCK 1601 LOT 1&2 (Received from Deputy Treasurer 11/29/12)
12. RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 FOR THE 2012 BODY ARMOR GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,076.18 (Received from Administrator 12/6/12)
13. RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF GRANT (IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$3,000 – 50% MATCH) WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION – GREEN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR THE 2013 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT (Received from Administrator 12/6/12)
14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF CLOSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CLOSTER BOROUGH FOR SHARED SERVICES OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL (TO EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2014) (Received from Administrator 12/6/12)
15. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL HEFLICH TO THE POSITION OF ON-CALL ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR AT THE RATE OF \$27.00 PER HOUR (Received from Administrator 12/6/12)
16. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A-3393, LEGISLATION TO PROTECT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS FROM THE LOSS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX SUPPORT (Received from Borough Attorney 11/27/12)
17. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL FOR THE YEARS 2011 & 2012: TORRES V. CLOSTER (Received from Borough Attorney 12/5/12)

Councilman Dolson noted that this home was torn down and an eyesore constructed approximately 10 years ago.

- 17a. RESOLUTION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BOROUGH PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR POSITIONS AND TO PURSUE A “FAIR AND OPEN” PROCESS IN AWARDED THE CONTRACTS FOR THESE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER (Added at request of Borough Clerk 12/11/12)

MOTIONS

18. —MOTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ AS BOARD OF HEALTH ALT. NO. 2 FOR A 2-YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM (RAVIT) TO 12/31/13 (3. M.L. 6/21/12 – Resigned effective 6/17/12)
19. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION AS NEW MEMBER OF THE KNICKERBOCKER HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY (Completed application received 12/5/12): MARK T. HIGGINS

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20. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING *NON-SALARIED* APPOINTMENTS/BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/3/12/Adjourned from 1/11/12; 1/25/12; 2/8/12; 2/22/12; 3/14/12; 3/28/12; 4/11/12; 4/25/12; 5/9/12; 5/23/12; 6/13/12; 6/27/12; 7/11/12; 7/25/12; 8/8/12; 8/22/12; 9/12/12; 9/24/12; 10/10/12; 10/24/12; 11/7/12; 11/19/12):

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IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION Alt. No. 1	Donna Arbietman	_____	2 Year	12/31/13

21. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES:  
 (Distributed via web portal on 11/30/12) ABSTENTION: LATNER

- a. REGULAR MEETING HELD 11/19/12
- b. WORK SESSION HELD 11/19/12

22. REPORTS

a. CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL – NOVEMBER (Received 12/3/12)

At this time, Mayor Heymann informed she had not included this Report when reading the Consent Agenda items. Therefore, Motion approving the November Construction Official Report was made by Councilman Dolson seconded by Councilman Kashwick and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

6b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

23. 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, the public portion was closed.

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

25. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:20 p.m. was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilman Kashwick and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Heymann.

Provided to the Mayor and Council via web portal on December 21, 2012 for approval at the Regular Meeting to be held December 26, 2012

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Loretta Castano, RMC  
 Borough Clerk

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

Approved at the Regular Meeting held December 26, 2012  
 Consent Agenda Item No. 19a.

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WORK SESSION NOTES – DECEMBER 12, 2012 - 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Work Session at Borough Hall on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. Mayor Heymann called the meeting to order at 7:32 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

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3. ROLL CALL

The following persons were present:

Mayor Sophie Heymann  
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Arthur Dolson and Victoria Amitai  
Borough Administrator, Richard Sheola  
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

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

a. MAIL LIST OF NOVEMBER 29, 2012 - Mayor Heymann asked if any member of the Council or public wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item No. 5 was removed by Councilman Kashwick; Item No. 7 was removed by Councilman Barad; Item Nos. 2d, II, 15 and 17 were removed by the Borough Clerk.

Item No. 5: Received 11/19/12, dated 11/14/12 from Joseph J. De Mauro, Senior Field Representative, Bus Operations, Bus Stop & Shelter Programs, NJ Transit, to Loretta Castano, c: Quentin Wiest – Borough of Closter, Al MacPherson – COACH USA – Rockland Coach/Red & Tan Re: Additional Bus Stops – Vervalen Street; informing of request received from the residents of Closter to establish new bus service by COACH USA – Rockland Coach/Red & Tan proposing four (4) new bus stops on Vervalen Street; and advising the power to designate new bus stops rests with the municipalities and not NJ Transit; Draft Resolution for proposed bus stops enclosed (Copy to Chief Kaine)

Councilman Kashwick questioned if Rockland Coaches was rerouting the buses. Mayor Heymann explained that what they are saying is it's the Borough Council's privilege to make a decision on the bus stops. In answer to Councilman Barad, the Borough Clerk explained the procedure for following through on a response which includes approval from the Chief of Police for the new stops and then place the proposal on the Agenda.

As there was a large audience in attendance, Mayor Heymann explained for those who were not aware that a resident had written a letter suggesting that when the new Plaza becomes effective and busy that it would be a service to the potential customers and the Borough to run the bus right by the Plaza on

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Vervalen Street. She informed Steve Isaacson has been investigating this possibility and the letter we received is the final product.

Item No. 7: Received 11/20/12, dated 10/29/12 from Zachary Roland, 10 Auryansen Court, to Mayor c: Loretta Castano, Billy Dahle, Andy Baron, Troop 63 re Requesting permission to build a walking bridge across the spillway at Mollicone Park to allow better access to the Girl Scout cabin as an Eagle Scout Project; pictures of existing conditions and type of walking bridge to be constructed attached (Copy to Glenn Parsells, William Dahle, III)

In answer to Councilman Barad, Mayor Heymann agreed a response is required and noted that there are actually three (3) requests so they might want to consider taking them all at the same time. Councilman Barad did not object, therefore discussion would continue in the next Mail List.

Item No. 2d II: Received 11/16/12, dated 11/16/12 from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJS League of Municipalities, to Municipal Clerks re Appellate Division Release Decision Regarding Attorney's Fees Under the Common Law Right of Access to Public Records

The Borough Clerk asked that this item be referred to the Borough Attorney for follow through.

Item No. 15: Received 11/26/12, dated 11/26/12 from Becky Wright, NJS League of Municipalities to Municipalities Supporting the Appeal of the Tax Court Decision on Verizon v. Hopewell, c: NJS Municipal Clerks re Amicus Brief on Verizon

The Borough Clerk asked that this item be referred to the Borough Attorney for follow through.

Item No. 17: Received 11/29/12, dated 11/29/12 from David Germakian, Development Associate, Closter Marketplace (EBA), LLC, cc: Joseph Basralian (Via Email), Original also to Attn: Rose Mitchell, Planning Board Coordinator re Proposed Ordinance Number 2012:1134 (Outdoor Cafés) Copy to LUC/Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, Risk Management Consultant, Construction Official, Chief of Police

The Borough Clerk noted this pertains to the Ordinance on the Agenda for adoption this evening. Councilman Barad noted he wanted to discuss this item as well; and said there have been discussions about a new Ordinance relative to this. The Borough Attorney voiced his understanding that this Ordinance will not be approved this evening. Councilman Barad explained the proposed amendments to the Outdoor Café ordinance and said this letter points out that some cafés are located on private property, therefore, not encroaching on sidewalks; and asks them to reexamine the issue. The Ordinance Committee discussed the letter at their last meeting and would like to propose going ahead with the (adoption) of the ordinance, as written; and an amendment can be made in the future. They want to get a good outdoor café ordinance on the books.

b. MAIL LIST OF DECEMBER 6, 2012 - Mayor Heymann asked if any member of the Council or public wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item Nos. 9 and 12 were removed by Mayor Heymann; Item Nos. 2, 13, 10; Item No. 8 was removed by Councilwoman Amitai.

At this time, in response to Councilman Barad's inquiry, Mayor Heymann invited Andy Baron, Boy Scout Troop 63 Scout Master, to speak regarding the three requests for service projects.

M.L. 11/29/12 Item No. 7: Received 11/20/12, dated 10/29/12 from Zachary Roland, 10 Auryansen Court, to Mayor, c: Loretta Castano, Billy Dahle, Andy Baron, Troop 63 re Requesting permission to build a walking bridge across the spillway at Mollicone Park to allow better access to the Girl Scout cabin as an Eagle Scout Project; pictures of existing conditions and type of walking bridge to be constructed attached (Copy to Glenn Parsells, William Dahle, III)

Item No. 9: Received 12/06/12, dated 12/02/12 from Alex Young, 326 Knickerbocker Road, to Mayor c: Richard Sheola, Loretta Castano re Requesting permission to renovate the exterior of the Closter Senior Citizens Building for Eagle Scout Project (Copy to Bill Brewster, Glenn Parsells)

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Item No. 12: Received 12/06/12, dated No Date from River Vasquez, 229 Cedar Lane, to Mayor re Requesting permission to revitalize Veterans Park for Eagle Scout Project AND to hold a fundraiser on 3/23/13 for same in the parking lot directly behind Borough Hall for access to water spout (Copy to Glenn Parsells, Bill Brewster, Chief Kaine)

Steve Rolland, Scout Master, Boy Scout Troop 63 announced three Scouts are requesting permission to move forward with their final projects to become Eagle Scouts.

River Vasquez (229 Cedar Lane) explained he will add two pathways to patios with picnic tables, refinish the benches and repair the gazebo in addition to adding some plants. Councilwoman Amitai asked if he would consider also polishing the bronze plaques. Councilman Glidden noted the gazebo requires a lot of work and asked if he would be completing it alone and said to let him know if he needs a hand. Mr. Rolland said other Scouts and individuals will be assisting as needed so there are usually 10-20 people working on each project.

Zachary Roland (10 Auryansen Court) explained he wants to rebuild a bridge that was swept away during the flood at Mollicone Park which gives access to the Girl Scout building.

Alex Young, 326 Knickerbocker Road, explained he would be building two bench arbors and a hexagonal table and they will remove the current trees and bushes. He explained with the bench arbors and table, the Seniors requested to be able to stay outside in the shade so new shrubbery will be planted.

Councilman Barad noted he was informed that the Senior Citizens have already given their support for Mr. Young's project; and questioned if there has been any feedback regarding the other two projects from the other organizations. Mayor Heymann said the Veterans have been eagerly awaiting their project. Mr. Vasquez informed he has spoken with Mr. Albanese; and they expressed their approval of the ideas he has put forward and said it is pretty much ready to go. Dr. Barad said it would greatly assist the Council if they could be provided with written approval from the other organizations. Mr. Vasquez agreed to follow through on same. Mr. Roland informed he has spoken with Billy Dahle regarding the bridge at Mollicone and he will get a letter from him regarding same. Mr. Young noted he has already received the letter from Bill Brewster voicing full support of his project. The Borough Clerk informed she provided a copy of that letter this evening to the Governing Body.

Item No. 2: Received 11/30/12, dated 11/30/12 from Rose Mitchell, Planning Board Office, to Loretta Castano re Certified copies of Resolutions adopted 11/29/12: a. Recommending the Governing Body adopt the Ordinance Amending Chapter 141 of the Closter Code to permit Outdoor Cafes (Ordinance No. 2012:1134) as the Board has determined that said Ordinance is not inconsistent with the Master Plan of the Borough; b. Recommending the Governing Body adopt the Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 200, Amending Schedule A and Amending Chapter 35 of the Borough's Code Concerning Historic Preservation (Ordinance No. 2012:1136) as the Board has determined that said Ordinance is not inconsistent with the Master Plan of the Borough

The Borough Clerk noted both Ordinance Nos. 2012:1134 and 2012:1136 are up for Public Hearing this evening.

Item No. 3: Received 11/30/12, dated 11/29/12 from Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund to Member Municipalities, c: Fund Commissioners, Risk Management Consultants, Fund Professionals re Notice of Annual Reorganization Meetings as follows: Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund - 1/17/13 @ 6:00 p.m. at Seasons Restaurant, Washington Township - An invitation with RSVP form enclosed separately for Mayor and Council/Administrator/Clerk; Municipal Excess Liability Residual Claims Fund (RCF) - 1/2/13 @ 10:30 a.m. at the Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg; NJ Municipal Environmental Risk Management Fund (EJIF) - following the RCF @ 10:50 a.m.; Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund - following the EJIF @ 11:15 a.m.; Also requesting a copy of the Agreement between the Authority and their Risk Management Consultant with Model Agreement enclosed (Copy to Glenn Parsells, Fred Pitofsky) Posted on Municipal Clerk's Bulletin Board 12/6/12

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The Borough Clerk asked if the Mayor wished to follow through on responses and she informed she had already done so.

Item No. 13: Received 12/05/12, dated 12/05/12 from Cindy W. Randazzo, Director, Office of Local Government Assistance, NJDEP, to Mayor/Municipal Clerk re Important Information Regarding Disaster Case Management Services

The Borough Clerk noted this information relates to Hurricane Sandy.

Item No. 10: Received 12/05/12, dated 12/05/12 from Michael Rothschild, Closter Board of Health re Resignation as Member of the Board of Health for a 4-year term to 12/31/14 effective immediately

The Borough Clerk informed this item would be placed on the Appointment List for the Reorganization Meeting.

Item No. 8: Received 12/05/12, dated No Date from Matthew Yuder, 8 Wainwright Court, to Mayor re Request for consideration of building a skate park

Councilwoman Amitai asked that a response be provided to Mr. Yuder. Mayor Heymann voiced her opinion that she needs to discuss this with the Recreation Commissioner as this issue has come up before. She said the concern is that it becomes a very dangerous situation if it isn't monitored all the time. She recalled that in the past the Recreation Commissioner was not supportive of this issue past but said she will discuss it with him again and a response will be provided to Matthew Yuder. The Borough Attorney explained that additional past issues included Risk Management and prohibition of insurance for that type of activity due to the prohibitive costs.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING  
(Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of December 12, 2012)

Mayor Heymann asked whether any member of the Governing Body desired to remove any of the following Consent Agenda items for discussion.

10. RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE, BULK TRASH, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS & VEGETATIVE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES (BID OPENING HELD 11/6/12 @ 10 A.M.) Received from Administrator 12/6/12

Borough Administrator explained that bids for collection of solid waste were advertised several months ago and subsequently accepted and announced on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Discussions were held on the bids which included twice a week pick up, once a week for most of the year with twice a week during the summer months and once a week for 12 months a year and other options. Impacts on personnel were discussed in Closed Session with the affected employees notified. Based on the discussions, a draft Resolution was prepared to award the bid for once a week pickup. A vote on this option has not been taken and discussions have been ongoing. The bid package included a section that if a contract was awarded, the winning vendor had to at least offer employment to the Borough of Closter Sanitation employees; and there was discussion that Sanitation employees would be transferred to Streets and Roads which has seen a reduction in staff over the years. The Superintendent of Public Works and his Assistant would be monitoring the contractor to ensure that the trucks would be empty when starting the route before going to the designated transfer station. The monetary savings would be \$240,000 per year; but if existing employees are kept on, the savings would be \$65,000 to \$70,000 for the first year but will escalate going forward. Mayor Heymann said that the difference between providing the current service and the new contract would be more than the \$240,000 since currently staff from Streets and Roads have been used in the past thereby increasing our costs. The Road Department is currently six people short and is not able to perform duties that provide a quality of life in Closter. William Dahle, Superintendent of Public Works, explained that due to the shortage of manpower, sewers are not being cleaned in addition to safety items such as the installation of street signs.

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In answer to Councilwoman Latner relative to a comparison breakdown between the recycling pickup options, Borough Administrator said he did not have any studies at hand but noted that communities that aggressively recycle and go to a once a week schedule see an expansion in the amount that is collected along with a decrease in the tonnage of solid waste going to the transfer station. In answer to Councilman Kashwick, Superintendent of Public Works advised that once a week garbage was tried several times and overtime was experienced but the tonnage collected was not too different from the twice a week schedule. If garbage pickup was outsourced, other duties such as leaf pickup could be done more efficiently. Councilman Dolson addressed the financial statements that were provided to the Council and noted that the possible savings to the Borough for the labor costs would be \$55,641 and an equipment use savings of \$41,000 bring the total cash savings to \$96,720 which is considerably lower than the bids received. He felt that a valid judgment could not be made that this is a cost saving basis for the community when it comes to sanitation. Superintendent of Public Works said that five employees are needed to run the Sanitation Department whereas currently there are 2 full time and 2 part time employees on a rotating basis; and, in addition, a garbage truck must be replaced at a cost of \$220,000. Councilman Dolson said that this is a long- standing problem not being remedied by privatization of sanitation services. Personnel and equipment have not been kept up over the last 5 to 10 years and should not be lumped into this issue. Councilwoman Amitai suggested augmenting staff with seasonal or part time employees. Mayor Heymann noted that hiring additional full time employees would mean a higher cost to the Borough and would bring the Borough above the 2% CAP. She noted that it is much more expensive to hire contractors to perform auxiliary services that are done in house by the Department.

Rich Marsich, 82 Maple Avenue, questioned whether the bids from outside vendors would be different in several years when Closter no longer has the necessary trucks. For safety reasons, he supported in house garbage collection. In response to Mayor Heymann's request, Chief Kaine cited the number of burglaries that have occurred in the Borough.

Diane Smith, 419 Closter Dock Road, expressed support for in house garbage collection and felt that once a week collection was a health issue. She said she is proud of the Borough the way it is, that we must be diligent to keep Closter the way it is; and more people should be hired to keep our town at the level we want. If we need to save money, other areas of the Budget should be investigated.

Richard Ryan, 212 Knickerbocker Road, supported increasing recycling but expressed opposition to once a week garbage pickup. He cited the savings of \$240,000, which would be \$1.80 per week for each of the 2,700 homes in Closter. He said the current operation of the Road Department works well. Mayor Heymann said some residents are willing to pay more in taxes to maintain services but the State only allows us to increase our tax rate by 2%; and because of mandated expenses, there is no leeway to pay for extra help needed to do road work without saving money from the collection of solid waste. Routine services that have been provided by the Road Department have been neglected such as maintaining sewers for which the Borough can be fined if maintenance is left undone. Signs installation and line striping has not been done; and those employees that left in the past have not been replaced. Councilwoman Latner cited the services that have not been performed and noted that garbage collection has been discussed for some time. Borough Administrator said that the bid submitted was for five years, with the first three years locked in, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years are an option by the Governing Body; and the prices are set and cannot be changed. Pick up by the Borough once a week would require a reorganization of the Department and would have to be reviewed by him and the Superintendent of Public Works. The Superintendent of Public Works said that the Borough has lost three employees in the past two years.

Ernestine Linn, 1 Lockwood Lane, expressed her willingness to have garbage collected once a week but also need once a week recycling pickup. She cited safety issues with outside contractors and the cleanliness of the transfer station to which the garbage is going. Mayor Heymann noted that the transfer station would remain the same.

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Howard Duber, 67 Taylor Drive, questioned if a voluntary contribution from the residents for twice a week collection would be viable; and Borough Administrator explained how same could be accomplished by each resident privately contracting with the contractor for this service. Mr. Duber supported hiring part time employees; and Mayor Heymann noted that the Borough must comply with union contracts and state mandates, which does not allow the Borough to keep the employees on a permanent basis. Borough Administrator explained the pension and health benefit program for part time employees and the defined benefit plan only cover executive or managerial employees. Superintendent of Public Works noted that he advertised for three employees to work during leaf and snow season and only received two applications.

Bill Egan, 54 Hickory Lane, questioned the use for the existing trucks if an outside vendor is chosen and Mayor Heymann said that same would be used for leaf collection and snow removal. Superintendent of Public Works said that the Borough currently has four sanitation trucks of which two would be sold and two retained for snow plowing and leaf/brush pickup. The trucks would not be on the road on a daily basis requiring less maintenance. Relative to a question about the CAP, Borough Administrator noted that same has been in place since 1976. Mr. Egan expressed support for keeping things as they are rather than having an outside contractor.

Mary Mayer, 12 McCain Court, expressed strong support for more recycling but noted there are disadvantages to once a week garbage collection. She suggested having a vendor's truck available on Saturday for people who missed the once a week collection. Mayor Heymann expressed agreement with the suggestions.

Michael Kafer, 261 Parsells Lane, questioned if there is an analysis available for the public to review; Borough Attorney said that it is a part of the public record and Councilwoman Amitai provided him with same. He cited the history of the recycling program in the Borough and questioned if the Borough would be imposing a Host Community fee on the transfer station which would be an additional revenue to the Borough that could offset many of the budget shortages. Mayor Heymann said that the Host Community fee is not a large portion of the total; and the matter has to be researched. Mr. Kafer said that the only time he was made aware of discussion about private garbage collection and pay as you throw type collection was discussed at a Candidates Night prior to the Presidential Election. He noted that solid waste collection is inequitable since payment is based on property taxes not on usage. This matter is a larger issue, has not been publicly discussed in terms of concrete facts, a massive decision is being made without looking at the bigger picture. He recommended that if you intend to do so, to make it equitable by providing many options.

Linda Crescenzi, 50 Mac Arthur Avenue, stressed enforcement of (Borough Code Chapter) 169-7 requiring professional landscapers to pick up the leaves and grass thereby providing a monetary savings and freeing up the time of our Road Department employees.

Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, questioned how the Council could vote on a contract without examining the whole issue and why a non-binding referendum question was not placed before the voters. He questioned the regular sewer-cleaning program and Superintendent of Public Works advised that the main lines are cleaned once a year. Mr. Isaacson suggested shared services for the Department.

Diane Monteleone, 9 Pine Street expressed support for twice a week garbage pick up but we should be careful about recycling.

Joseph DiBlasio, 314 Knickerbocker Road, expressed his opposition to once a week pickup and he hoped that the decision has not been made behind closed doors. Mayor Heymann assured him that no deals or decisions were made behind closed doors.

Josephine Cavaliere, 89 Union Street, said if a vote happens this evening she would be circulating a petition to advise the residents. She expressed support for twice a week pickup.

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Carl Olsson, 215 Irving Avenue, felt that the residents should be made aware of the discussion on the garbage collection before a decision is made if it involves a diminution of services. He said there is no way to justify the cost savings; and he questioned how difficult it would be to resume in house service. He also questioned if there would be cost savings if once a week pick up service was kept in house. He noted that the voters could approve an increase in the 2% CAP.

Andy Ouzoonian, 40 Buzzoni Drive, said contracts are amendable; and he questioned the supervision of the vendor that may require a full time employee following the vendor on his route in addition to the location of the transfer station and the security issues. Borough Administrator said that monitoring should only last a month since the vendor is very familiar with the town.

Lawrence Garguilo, 207 West Street, expressed support retaining the Borough's Sanitation Department and said the CAP was kept at the expense of the Department of Public Works; and he questioned what else must be cut in the future.

Jack Kelly, 132 Herbert Avenue, said garbage collection is as important as road maintenance and stressed the importance of better management.

Michael Kafer, 261 Parsells Lane, said that after reviewing the financial data provided to him this evening, he does not see any data to support Closter's costs.

Roy Merz, 48 Forest Street, expressed support for maintaining the current garbage service and questioned the improvement and future maintenance of the park system and why his street which was in perfect condition was repaved. He said money is being diverted to projects that did not have to be done. He also suggested contracting park maintenance to a landscaper. Mayor Heymann noted that some maintenance is done by a private contractor. She said that several administrators and engineers have reviewed the Borough streets and compiled a priority listing of streets to be repaved. Mr. Merz said that the Council should consider the decisions they are making and the people who are making the decisions.

Pat McMahon, 61 McArthur Avenue, said 20 years ago and subsequently 10 years ago during discussion of this subject she submitted a petition to retain garbage collection as is which was a consensus of the residents of the town.

Joel Zelnik, 65 Chestnut Avenue, referred to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964 which needs to be repealed because of the \$82 million cost; and he urged the Mayor and Council to lobby same before the State Legislature.

Councilman Glidden said he is troubled by certain aspects of this contract including transfer of employees from department to department to the vendor and it is a complicated issue. The issue has not been fully explained, but during the initial discussion with the Borough Administrator, he presented a set of numbers that indicated a substantial savings going to privatization with one pickup a week. Councilman Dolson presented a set of numbers that were quite different and a set of numbers from a resident showed that there was a substantial cost to go to privatization. He said that a contract should not be voted upon this evening without some resolution of the cost. He said that privatization is good in many instances; but in order for him to support same, there must be a considerable cost savings which he has not seen as yet. Privatization in public services is not a bad thing; and in the State, about 80% of privatization has reduced costs without reducing services. It's because the private sector in most cases can work more efficiently such as has been seen in the privatization of Bergen Pines Hospital which has saved the County a substantial amount of money. He said there are safety issues that also need to be addressed; and he will make a motion to table the Resolution in the Regular Meeting. Borough Attorney said that if the motion is successful the date and time of the subsequent meeting, which would be this year, would be announced.

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At 9:35 p.m., Motion to leave the Work Session to go to the Regular Meeting was made by Councilman Kashwick, seconded by Councilwoman Amitai and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

Mayor Heymann resumed the Work Session at 9:45 p.m. and proceeded with the following Work Session Agenda Reports:

6. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

A. BOROUGH ATTORNEY

1) REPORT – DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 200-69E OF THE BOROUGH’S CODE (Requested by Borough Attorney 11/20/12) - The Borough Attorney reported there have been discussions about a possible amendment to Code Chapter 200, Section 29E which permits one building per lot. A draft has been discussed and circulated to the Ordinance Committee; and there has been discussion about the possibility of restricting that ordinance to the business zone as opposed to extending it to the commercial and industrial zones. He explained that historically in the business zone, the lots from Piermont Road down to the clock tower already contain multiple buildings on them. Even though we have an ordinance that states this, it does not reflect the reality of the town as opposed to the commercial and industrial zones which are limited to one building on one lot. The Ordinance Committee will look at the issue again and potentially bring it up sometime in January 2013.

2) REPORT - The Borough Attorney referred to the Regular Meeting Agenda Item No. 3a, reported correspondence was received from individuals concerning this Ordinance; and after some discussion, it was decided to go forward tonight with the plan for the Ordinance Committee to reconsider some changes in the new year.

B. BOROUGH ENGINEER

1) STATUS REPORT RE HERBERT AVENUE SECTION 5 & BLANCH AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, 2012 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, & SCHAUBLE FIELD WALKING PATH - Awarded to AJM Contractors, Inc./\$445,911 RM 6/27/12

2) REPORT – Mr. DeNicola reported he submitted a detailed Quarterly Status Report to the Council and informed he would answer any questions regarding same at this time. Mr. DeNicola reported the only ongoing project at this time is the restrooms at Mollicone and Schauble Field. The architect should have the drawings ready by the end of next week and then the project can go out to bid.

7. REPORTS

A. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

1) STATUS REPORT RE BID OPENING FOR SANITATION/TRASH COLLECTION (RM 1/26/11) (Notice to Bidders published/The Record & Star-Ledger 9/5/12) Bid opening held 11/6/12 @ 10 a.m. (Discussed in CS 11/19/12) – The Borough Administrator reported he did not think it was necessary to review in detail the proceedings of the bid opening.

2) STATUS REPORT RE MEETING HELD WITH SWIM CLUB REPRESENTATIVES RE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION (W.S. 6/27/12) Committee members: Borough Attorney/Administrator/Dr. Barad – Mr. Sheola explained there have not been any recent meetings for him to provide any updates.

3) STATUS REPORT RE APPRAISAL OF LADDER TRUCK (Discussed at WS 8/22/12) - The Borough Administrator reported the appraisal has been in process and we should have the complete appraisal in a week or so. He explained the appraiser out of Philadelphia has been understandably overwhelmed with all of the heavy equipment appraisals as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

4) REPORT – Mr. Sheola reported he handed out two (2) memos that look similar but actually refer to two separate items. The first memo refers to “Sale of \$464,000 Borough of Closter Special Emergency Notes” that were sold. He explained that we had an interest rate of 1.80% with a maturity date of 9/27/13; he noted it is not the usual one year but we had the termination of the maturity date to coincide

7. REPORTS (Continued)

A. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR (Continued)

with the maturity of the “Sale of \$840,000 Borough of Closter Bond Anticipation Notes” that also comes due that day with the thought of blending the approximately \$1.5 million BAN with the Special Emergency Note and an additional BAN listed on the second page; and on that we received an interest rate of 1.36%. He reported that both were sold to PNC Bank who was also the holder of the notes that are being closed on this Friday (12/14/12).

B. BOROUGH CLERK

1) STATUS REPORT RE 2012/2013 APPOINTMENTS

a. 2012 Appointments – The Borough Clerk reported 2012 Appointments are current and we are maintaining any outstanding ones on the Agenda.

b. 2013 Appointments – Ms. Castano reported a memo was sent on 10/12/12 and all responses were received by 11/2/12. She informed that the draft appointment list with recommendations received will be prepared and sent to the Governing Body on Friday (12/14/12) via the web portal.

2) STATUS REPORT RE 2012 OATHS OF OFFICE – The Borough Clerk reported Oaths of Office are current.

3) STATUS REPORT RE 2012/2013 LICENSES

a. 2012 Borough Licenses – Ms. Castano reported 2012 Borough Licenses are current.

b. 2012 Liquor Licenses - The Borough Clerk reported there is still a pending Person-to-Person/Place-to-Place liquor license transfer for Modern Bar, LLC. She provided a report to the Borough Attorney who will advise whether or not to proceed with the transfer.

c. 2013 Borough Licenses – Ms. Castano reported a memo was sent 11/14/12 with responses due 12/10/12. She informed that of the 8 licenses we have, 5 renewals have been received. On Monday she intends to contact the remaining licensees to remind them to renew before the end of the year to operate in 2013.

d. Borough Clerk reported that in 2013 she will be requesting the Borough Attorney’s office to review Code Ch. 129 re Limousine/Livery Licenses. She explained that Arlene (Corvelli, Deputy Borough Clerk) attended a seminar on her behalf and brought back a great deal of information regarding State Statute which she will provide to them for review and discussion.

4) STATUS REPORT RE 2012/2013 MEETING DATES

a. 2012 Meeting Dates – Ms. Castano reported 2012 Meeting Dates are current.

b. 2013 Meeting Dates - The Borough Clerk reported responses have been received from all Boards and Commissions; and a notice of early meetings for the first three weeks in January has been prepared and will be sent to The Record and Star-Ledger on 12/14/12 for publication 12/18/12. She informed that after the Reorganization Meeting is held, the 2013 Notice of Meetings will be sent to both newspapers for publication as well.

5) STATUS REPORT RE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS – Ms. Castano had nothing to report regarding this item.

6) STATUS REPORT RE PAPERLESS PACKETS – Borough Clerk reported we are making progress with paperless packets. She explained that she and Arlene have some great ideas they wanted to start at this time of the year but they will wait for 2013. She recalled many of the Governing Body members noting in the past that there is a great deal of miscellaneous information coming in, such as seminar notices from the League of Municipalities, invitations, reminders, DLGS updates, and asked for their input as to how they would like that information to be provided to them.

7) REPORT RE OPENING HELD 12/6/12 @ 11:00 A.M. RE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT POSITIONS FOR

THE YEAR 2013 (Notice posted on Web Site 10/26/12) – Ms. Castano reported the Professional Services opening was held as scheduled and she reminded she sent an e-mail informing the Governing Body that a package of materials would be ready for their pick up this evening. She informed in the memo she reported having received an untimely RFP; and she contacted the Borough Attorney’s office regarding same. Ms. Castano received a Resolution authorizing the re-advertisement for outstanding positions and asked for Governing Body approval during the Regular Meeting.

7. REPORTS (Continued)

B. BOROUGH CLERK (Continued)

8) REPORT – Borough Clerk reported on the following matters:

a. Codification – Upon approval of the Ordinances this evening, we will be e-mailing the ordinances that have been adopted to General Code and ask that they be placed on the web site and will proceed to request Supplement No. 19 which would include the ordinances adopted but not yet codified.

b. 97<sup>th</sup> Annual League Conference/Atlantic City – Ms. Castano reminded that since the Conference was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy, she received reimbursement from Caesar's for the hotel reservations that had been made in advance and is awaiting reimbursement from The Sheraton. She added that we are awaiting reimbursement from the League of Municipalities for the pre-registrations for attendees as well as payments made for those attending special seminars.

C. CHIEF OF POLICE

1) REPORT – Chief Kaine reported Closter Dock Road was milled and paved by Bergen County last week; and they had intended to assist the County in striping on Friday and Saturday but were rained out. At this time, Mayor Heymann noted that in Demarest the crosswalks are painted with a poly layer covering it; and asked if the same could be done in Closter and for what cost. The Borough Engineer advised it could be done and said the cost would be approximately \$15 per square yard, would cost about \$15,000 for the two crosswalks that were brick pavers before.

In answer to Mrs. Amitai, he explained that it could be a traffic slowing aid because it is more visible than plain blacktop. In answer to Mr. Kashwick, he explained that it is a rather new product so it is not yet known how long the product will last. The company had the product out previously but there were problems with it, so they corrected the issues; and this is supposedly a test of the new product.

At this time, Mr. Dahle informed he had spoken with the Police Department and the County; and it was made known that if the Borough chose to do this, the Borough would be taking full responsibility for it. If there's a pothole or if the paint fades, we would be responsible. Mr. Dahle voiced his opinion that the way he and Lt. Winters worked it out with the County, the downtown area will look gorgeous when it is complete. The way it is now, the County is responsible; and they have agreed to come in every three years and freshen up the (paint) downtown for us at no cost. Mayor Heymann questioned how Demarest paid for the special striping; and the Borough Engineer informed they received a grant for same and maintenance is their responsibility.

The Borough Administrator questioned if the parking spots over by Nonna Clementina's and J&B Lock would be repainted for two spots or one; and the Borough Engineer voiced his understanding that one spot is being eliminated in accordance with Title 39. Mr. Dahle informed they have been working closely with the County to try to get as many spots as possible; and he and Lt. Winters actually walked the downtown and made measurements to see if they could add extra spots in some areas.

The Administrator informed he just wanted the Council to be aware that if there was a reduction to one spot to not be surprised. Mr. Dahle voiced his understanding that Lt. Winters was trying to do what was necessary by law; and said he believed it was supposed to be 25 feet from a crosswalk. Chief Kaine affirmed the law states parking spots have to be 25 feet from a crosswalk, so the second spot is actually illegal. The Borough Engineer noted there are also issues at the Durie Avenue intersection as well; and Mr. Dahle informed they are moving that towards the clock tower and were actually able to add one spot on each side.

Chief Kaine reported the Police Department is going through (CALEA) reaccreditation; and assessors for the New Jersey State Police Chiefs Association will be at headquarters on Sunday, 12/16, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday, 12/17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The two day on-site evaluation is part of the reaccreditation process.

7. REPORTS (Continued)

D. MAYOR

1) STATUS REPORT RE FOLLOWING GRANTS: Mayor Heymann informed she had no updates regarding the following grants:

a. FILED

1. NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM SUPPORTING THE DESIRE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO OBTAIN A GRANT IN A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO FUND THE EXTENSION OF THE CROSS CLOSTER TRAIL PROJECT; SAID GRANT PROGRAM REQUIRES A CASH MATCH OF 20% OF THE AMOUNT AWARDED OR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$6,250.00 (Authorized RM 2/8/12)
2. 2013 ROID GRANT (REC OPPTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHALLENGER RECREATION PROGRAM - \$10,000) Authorization for application RM 6/13/12
3. 2013 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$326,300 TOWARDS POTENTIAL \$435,000 RENOVATION/REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE EXTERIOR OF BOROUGH HALL (Authorized RM 9/24/12)

b. AWARDED

1. CDBG GRANT APPLICATION (\$20,000) TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY (RM 8/11/10) (Award received 11. M.L. 7/7/11) (Contract authorized for execution/RM 10/12/11)
2. 2012 ROID GRANT (REC OPPTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHALLENGER RECREATION PROGRAM - \$10,000) Authorization for application RM 6/8/11/Awarded \$5,000 (8. M.L. 5/31/12) Grant/Loan Agreement No. 2012-05157-0351-00
3. 2011 BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND GRANT – LAND ACQUISITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$283,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 1805, LOT 1, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE CLOSTER SWIM CLUB AT BLANCH AVENUE (RM 8/10/11)/Awarded \$283,000 (7. M.L. 6/14/12)
4. 2011 BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND GRANT – MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS – MATCHING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 FOR SCHAUBLE AND MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS (RM 8/10/11)/ Awarded \$12,500 for Memorial Park Batting Cage/Bleachers and \$27,500 for Schauble Park Walking Path (7. M.L. 6/14/12) Memorial Park Contract No. 12-00280/Schauble Park Contract No. 12-00281
5. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.00 TO FUND THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN, GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT (50% match of total project amount) (Authorized RM 2/22/12) Award reported by Mr. Kashwick/WS 11/19/12

c. TO BE FILED - To be announced by Mayor

- 2) REPORT – Mayor Heymann informed she had a few announcements as follows:

Mayor Heymann extended her congratulations to Councilman John Kashwick for receiving a major award for Volunteer of the Year from the Sierra Club. The Suburbanite's article contained a big typo but she brought a copy for Mr. Kashwick just in case he wanted it.

Mayor Heymann informed that Northern Valley Regional High School has the highest level in testing and graduation rates of any of the schools in the Bergen/Passaic area. These rates are a result of the new rules instituted by the Federal Government as to how to measure graduation rates. She said most areas had a reduction in graduation rates as a result of this. At Northern Valley/Demarest, the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade passing rate for language was 99.4%; for math 95.6% and the graduation rate for 2012 is 99.7%. The Mayor voiced her sentiments that we should all be very proud of the High School.

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D. MAYOR (Continued)  
2) REPORT (Continued)

Mayor Heymann announced that the Borough is making good use of the web site. She noted Councilman Kashwick shared at a previous meeting the plans to post open positions for Boards and Commissions and said it is now on the web site. She invited everyone to check it out. The Mayor said she also asked Youngmin Woo from the Building Department to translate the Building Permit Application into Korean and it will be posted on the web site if it has not already been done.

8. OLD BUSINESS

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

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

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 10:05 p.m. was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilman Kashwick and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Heymann.

Provided to the Mayor and Council  
via web portal on December 21, 2012  
for approval at the Regular Meeting  
to be held December 26, 2012

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Loretta Castano, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Prepared by Arlene Corvelli, RMC, and  
Carol Kroepke, RMC, utilizing recording  
and the Borough Clerk's notes

Approved at the Regular Meeting held December 26, 2012  
Consent Agenda Item No. 19b.