

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2012 - 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Heymann called the meeting to order at 9:10 p.m.

- 1. Motion approving the following Closed Session Resolution at 9:10 p.m. was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilman Kashwick and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilperson Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

OMNIBUS OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION authorizing the governing body pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to exclude the public from the next portion of the meeting in order to permit the governing body to discuss per N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(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 item(s) 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 Heymann resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:39 p.m.

- 1a. The following motion was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

MOTION ACCEPTING THE CONCEPT OF THE PBA CONTRACT

Borough Attorney advised that he will confirm with the PBA attorney, make any revisions in the contract and report back to the Governing Body.

- 1b. The following motion was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilman Dolson and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai:

MOTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE BOY SCOUTS TO PUT BIRD HOUSES IN FARRELL WOODS

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 December 23, 2011 and to the Star Ledger and published on December 26, 2011, 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, Quentin Wiest
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine

Mayor Heymann deviated from the Agenda; and the following presentations were made during the Work Session:

3. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE FOLLOWING RETIRED OFFICERS:

- a. LIEUTENANT KEVIN DOERR
b. SERGEANT ALPHONSO YOUNG, JR.

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4. SWEARING IN OF THE FOLLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO RANK OF SERGEANT:
- a. CHRISTOPHER DIPPOLITO
 - b. THOMAS C. BRUECK
 - c. TIMOTHY P. CONWAY
 - d. DONALD O. NICOLETTI
 - e. JOHN McTIGUE (DETECTIVE BUREAU)

5. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS (*NON SALARIED*) TO THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS
 (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/3/12):
 No appointments were made by the Mayor for the following openings at this time:

<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

Motion approving the following Consent Agenda items minus Item Nos. 10, 10a. and 10f. 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:

7. INTRODUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING – REGULAR MEETING 2/8/12 @ 8:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD (Received from Borough Attorney 12/15/11 and 1/4/12):
- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2012:1113, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 147 “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR CHARITABLE DONATION BINS”
 - b. ORDINANCE NO. 2012:1114, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 167 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER REGARDING SOIL MOVEMENT”
 - c. ORDINANCE NO. 2012:1115, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER A301 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER REGARDING FEES AND DEPOSITS, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S FEES REGARDING TOWING”

RESOLUTIONS

8. BILL RESOLUTION – JANUARY 15, 2012
TO BE PREPARED BY DEPUTY TREASURER
9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY TREASURER TO ISSUE A REFUND CHECK TO CORE LOGIC FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES DUE TO TAX OVERPAYMENTS IN THE 4TH QUARTER 2011 TAX ACCOUNTS CREATED BY 2011 COUNTY BOARD JUDGMENT (Received from Tax Collector’s office 12/21/11):
 BLOCK 1203 LOT 20, 48 WESTMINSTER AVENUE - \$977.99
 BLOCK 1901 LOT 24, 34 WILLOW ROAD - \$1,063.92
 BLOCK 2105 LOT 9, 180 ANDERSON AVENUE - \$1,162.13
 BLOCK 2201 LOT 17, 50 WALKER AVENUE - \$605.62
10. — *POSSIBLE* RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR AS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE/IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAY TO PLAY REQUIREMENTS (Appointment not made at Reorganization Meeting held 1/3/12)
- 10a. — RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MICHAEL R. MC GLOIN TO THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN (PROBATIONARY), EFFECTIVE 1/16/12, AT THE CONTRACTUAL STARTING RATE OF \$44,160.00 ANNUALLY (Received from Administrator 1/6/12 @ 3 p.m.)

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- 10b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM VENDORS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 AS FOLLOWS: Commodity/Service: Electric Generation Service; Vendor: Direct Energy Business LLC, 2 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15222; Period: 1/1/12 to 12/31/12; Max Amt: \$100,000.00 (Received from Administrator 1/6/12 @ 3 p.m.)
- 10c. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a. (to expire on or after 3/31/12) AS FOLLOWS: Commodity/Service: Park & Playground Equipment & Parts (Memorial Swing Set); Vendor: Marturano Recreation Co.; State Contract #: A59052; Max Amt: \$3,438.89; Commodity/Service: Protective Clothing And Equipment (Firefighter Gear); Vendor: Skylands Area Fire Equipment & Training; State Contract #: A76359, Max Amt: \$8,512.12; Commodity/Service: WSCA Computer Contract (Comp Hardware); Vendor: Howard Industries Inc., Howard Computers; State Contract #: A70264; Max Amt: \$1,761.90; Commodity/Service: Police Equipment & Supplies (Ammunition); Vendor: Lawmen Supply Co NJ Inc; State Contract #: A73992; Max Amt: \$9,500.00; Commodity/Service: Police Equipment & Supplies (Vehicle Lights); Vendor: East Coast Emergency Lighting; State Contract #: A74184; Max Amt: \$5,500.24 (Received from Administrator 1/6/12 @ 3 p.m.)
- 10d. RESOLUTION CHANGING TITLE OF LI-TONG CHIANG FROM “REVENUE CLERK/ASSISTANT TO TAX COLLECTOR”, TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANT – PART TIME, DUE TO REORGANIZATION OF CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE TAX AND FINANCE OFFICE AREAS OF THE BOROUGH OPERATIONS, AT THE RATE OF \$24.51/HR. PURSUANT TO PAY RANGE FOR PART TIME CLERICAL PERSONNEL, PER ORDINANCE NO. 2011:1096, AND FOR A WORK SCHEDULE OF 1040 HOURS ANNUALLY, EFFECTIVE 1/16/12 (Received from Administrator 1/6/12 @ 3 p.m.)
- 10e. RESOLUTION SETTING THE HOURS OF A PART TIME CLERICAL POSITION OF POLICE RECORDS CLERK, FOR MARIA DEEGAN, EFFECTIVE 1/3/12, WITH A WORK SCHEDULE OF 1040 HOURS ANNUALLY (Received from Administrator 1/6/12 @ 3 p.m.)
- ~~10f.~~—POSSIBLE BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION NO. 5 (Requested by Administrator 1/6/12 @3 p.m.) TO BE PREPARED BY CFO/TREASURER

MOTIONS

11. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES (Distributed via e-mail on 1/6/12) NO ABSTENTIONS:
 a. SINE DIE MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2012
 b. REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2012
12. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING *NON-SALARIED* APPOINTMENTS/BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/3/12):

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION				
Member	Wilson Reimers	<u>No appointment</u>	2 Year	12/31/13
Member	Ophelia MacBain	<u>No appointment</u>	2 Year	12/31/13
Alt. No. 1	Donna Arbietman	<u>No appointment</u>	2 Year	12/31/13
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT				
Member	Robert Knee	<u>Heena Dhorajia</u>	4 Year	12/31/15
Member	Lorin Sonenshine	<u>Tom Hennessey</u>	4 Year	12/31/15
Alt. No. 1	Tom Hennessey	<u>Andrew Shyong</u>	2 Year un-expired to	12/31/12
Alt. No. 3	Dr. Andrew Shyong	<u>Joan Marks</u>	2 Year un-expired to	12/31/12

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13. MOTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR BELSKIE MUSEUM OF ARTS & SCIENCE, INC. TO SERVE WINE AT THEIR MONTHLY OPENING RECEPTIONS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2012 (7. M.L. 12/8/11)

14. REPORTS

- a. CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL – DECEMBER 2011 (Received 12/30/11)
- b. CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL - 2011 YEAR END REPORT (Received 1/5/12)
- c. FIRE CHIEF – DECEMBER 2011 (Received 1/4/12)

6b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MICHAEL R. MC GLOIN TO THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN (PROBATIONARY), EFFECTIVE 1/16/12, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RECENTLY AGREED CONTRACT FOR THE YEARS 2012, 2013 AND 2014 AT THE CONTRACTUAL STARTING RATE OF \$44,160.00 ANNUALLY

Motion of approval was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilman Kashwick and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Kashwick, Barad, Dolson and Amitai.

15. 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)

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Amitai, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Heymann.

Provided to the Mayor and Council
via e-mail on January 20, 2012
for approval at the Regular Meeting
to be held January 25, 2012

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 25, 2012
Consent Agenda Item No. 18a.

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WORK SESSION NOTES – JANUARY 11, 2012 - 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Work Session at Borough Hall on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. Mayor Heymann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. PROVISIONS OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, was included in the Notice of Meetings which was sent to The Record for publication on December 23, 2011 and The Star Ledger on December 26, 2011, 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.

3. ROLL CALL

Those persons present were the following:

Mayor Sophie Heymann
Councilpersons John C. Glidden, Jr., Alissa Latner, John Kashwick, David Barad,
Arthur Dolson (7:32 p.m.) and Victoria Amitai
Borough Administrator, Quentin Wiest
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine

At this time, Mayor Heymann informed she would be deviating from the Work Session Agenda and would address Item Nos. 3 and 4 on the Regular Meeting Agenda as follows:

RMA PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE POLICE
No. 3 DEPARTMENT TO THE FOLLOWING RETIRED OFFICERS:

- a. LIEUTENANT KEVIN DOERR
- b. SERGEANT ALPHONSO YOUNG, JR.

Councilman Glidden said that Lieutenant Kevin Doerr joined the police force in 1979 and retired on December 1, 2011 after 32 years of service. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1991 and to Lieutenant in 1997. He is best known for his work in internal affairs. Mayor Heymann presented a plaque to Lieutenant Doerr; and the public offered a round of applause.

Councilman Glidden said Sergeant Al Young joined the police force in 1980 and retired on December 1, 2011 after 31 years of service. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1997 and is best known for his work with computers and setting up the IT operations of the Department. Mayor Heymann presented a plaque to Sergeant Young; and the public offered a round of applause.

RMA SWEARING IN OF THE FOLLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO RANK OF SERGEANT:
No. 4

- a. CHRISTOPHER DIPPOLITO
- b. THOMAS C. BRUECK
- c. TIMOTHY P. CONWAY
- d. DONALD O. NICOLETTI
- e. JOHN McTIGUE (DETECTIVE BUREAU)

Councilman Glidden explained there was an initial competition for the promotions to Sergeant; and he expressed his appreciation to those to be promoted and the 12 applicants for the positions. He said the Public Safety Committee had the opportunity to interview the candidates and all 12 applicants are substantial police officers. The competition was keen and involved a written test, annual performance evaluations and interviews with the Public Safety Committee and Police Department Senior Officers.

Councilman Glidden announced the promotion of Officer Thomas Brueck to the rank of Sergeant. He joined the Department in 1997 and was educated at Thomas Edison State College and obtained an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. He graduated from the Bergen County Police Academy in addition to Northern Valley Regional High School. He has received numerous awards including the Pink Star Award for delivering a baby. He is also involved in Habitat for Humanity and the Annual PBA Toy Drive. He was born in Closter and currently resides in Northvale with his wife and son. Mayor Heymann administered the Oath of Office; and the public offered a round of applause.

Councilman Glidden announced the promotion of Officer Christopher Dippolito to the rank of Sergeant. He graduated from Seton Hall University with a Masters in Education, St. Thomas Aquinas College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and the Bergen County Police Academy. He joined the force in 1987, has received numerous awards and is best known for his work in school security. He is a Closter fireman, football coach and has done a great deal with the Special Olympics. He was born in Closter and currently resides in Harrington Park with his wife and children. Mayor Heymann administered the Oath of Office; and the public offered a round of applause.

Councilman Glidden announced the promotion of Officer John (Jack) McTigue to the rank of Detective Sergeant. He joined the force in 1995 and is a graduate of Marist College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and Northern Valley Regional High School. He has received numerous awards including two Valor Awards in addition to being a Closter fireman. He was born in Closter and currently resides in Harrington Park with his wife and children. Mayor Heymann administered the Oath of Office; and the public offered a round of applause.

Councilman Glidden announced the promotion of Officer Donald Nicoletti to the rank of Sergeant. He joined the force in 1988 and attended Jersey City State College, obtained a Masters Degree in Special Education from Fairleigh Dickenson University and is a graduate of the Bergen County Police Academy. He has received numerous awards including Police Department of New Jersey Medal, two lifesaving awards and two apprehension awards. He participates in the Catholic Youth Organization and weight lifting. He was born in Closter, grew up in Cliffside Park and currently resides in Paramus with his wife and children. Mayor Heymann administered the Oath of Office; and the public offered a round of applause.

Councilman Glidden announced the promotion of Officer Tim Conway to the rank of Sergeant. He is a graduate of the Bergen County Police Academy and was a Sergeant in the Air Force. He attended the Air Force Community College and is a graduate of Northern Valley Regional High School. He has received the Honor Legion of New Jersey Award and Drug Enforcement of New Jersey Recognition Letter. He is a member of the American Legion. He was born in Closter and currently resides in Hewitt with his wife and children. Mayor Heymann administered the Oath of Office; and the public offered a round of applause.

Councilman Glidden said there have been major changes in the Police Department in the past few years including retirements, promotions and new hires. The Department has received CALEA certification. The Department has a new Chief and second in command, Lieutenant Winters and a new Detective Bureau. We have the best Police Department in northern New Jersey. Mayor Heymann welcomed all in attendance at the meeting from the Closter Police Department and neighboring departments.

At this time, Mayor Heymann explained they would be returning to the Work Session Agenda.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

a. MAIL LIST OF DECEMBER 15, 2011 - 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 and Item No. 3 was removed by Councilman Barad.

Item No. 5: Received 12/13/11, dated 12/12/11 from Linda Mosch, Project Director, Northern Branch Corridor EIS, NJ Transit Corporation, to Borough Clerk (Hard copy also mailed to Mayor, at 14 Garry Road with individually addressed letters to each Council person with CD sent to 14 Garry Road) re Hard copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Northern Branch Corridor Project (Northern Branch) and informing NJ Transit will conduct four (4) public hearing sessions to receive oral and written comments on the Northern Branch DEIS - to include a formal presentation, an open house with information and displays, and the ability to comment on the findings of the DEIS - Letter only! COMPLETE DEIS AND PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION ON FILE IN BOROUGH CLERK=S OFFICE

Councilman Kashwick wanted to make everyone aware these meetings were coming up regarding the Northern Branch Railroad. He plans to attend at least one of the hearings. Councilman Dolson added some information received from one of his employees, who is a retired NJ Transit worker. He was shown on the internet there is a South River Line that connects Camden and Trenton with standard gauge rails and no overhead wires. He explained there is a diesel between the cars that propels it with no smoke and it is co-opted with the freight line that shares the same tracks. Mayor Heymann informed that was one of the possibilities many people here pushed for in a very big way because there is less construction and the streets weren't going to be encumbered because the tracks were already ready. Somehow the Planners and Engineers that were working on this rejected that proposal. Mr. Dolson voiced his opinion that he thought it was strange since they had such a successful project down there why wouldn't they want to share it with us. He pointed out the CD presentation actually makes a point they don't want to come up this far because they said we didn't need them. Mr. Dolson said the northern part of Bergen County actually needs the freight line. At this time, Mayor Heymann informed that Closter has been a part of this process all along and Don Winters and Erik Lenander have been attending these

meetings for almost a dozen years. Closter's input has been relayed in the process. She referred to the line Mr. Dolson mentioned and agreed there is no reason why freight and passenger lines cannot use the same tracks. In other places the freight runs at night and the passenger line runs during the day. Mr. Dolson pointed out the railroad has over 100 year of history doing that. The project is pointed to be completed in 2030. Mayor Heymann said it was because they have to build the line and mentioned the light rail running in Hudson County if anyone wanted to take a look at it. Mr. Dolson voiced his opinion that he thought it was strange the project is hooking up as a light rail instead of a standard rail that is hooking in to the light rail system through Weehawken, Hoboken and Jersey City. This rail already goes to Secaucus and you could go to Secaucus Junction and hop another train to the city and be much more successful.

Mayor Heymann said there is another wrinkle. When the discussions first started, Tenafly was very jealous because they wanted to be the end station due to all the extra business and traffic which is the reason Cresskill, Demarest and Closter were cut out in the first place. Now after all the discussion to include Tenafly, they are totally opposed to having it. She does not know how this is going to come out. The Mayor said that if they started using diesel engines on the existing tracks with some upgrades, they could potentially start using it in less than 10 years. In answer to Mr. Dolson, she informed it is the rail bed that has to be upgraded.

At this time, Mayor Heymann informed the scoping project on the part of the Planners is several books this thick and are on her desk for anyone who wants to look at them. She feels it is a very good thing to know about.

Mayor Heymann said NJ Transit will certainly hear any comments and asked Mr. Dolson that if he wanted to write any of the comments discussed this evening up, he may do so on behalf of the Borough or on his own behalf if he wishes. She shared that some years ago she always thought the Demaree Farm would be a perfect transit village stop because if they ran the rails along the West Shore, there are 10 acres of land there that could accommodate parking for shopping and things.

Item No. 3: Received 12/12/11, dated 12/07/11 from Louise G. Ungar, Secretary, Shade Tree Commission re Offering the services of the Commission to suggest species of new trees to be planted at Ruckman Park re work being done on trees and potential removal of other trees at the request of the Recreation Commission

Councilman Barad requested the status of the removal of the trees at Ruckman Park. Councilman Kashwick informed the letter was offering the services of the Shade Tree Commission and said he doesn't think all of the trees have been removed at this point. Mayor Heymann said presently all we are saying is we are not going to plant more pear trees; and it will take a while to replace those trees because we have a long list of trees to be replaced; and it is expensive. Mr. Kashwick questioned if because the trees are in the park, could Green Acres funding be used. Borough Attorney explained he is not sure whether they are street trees or not because they are very close but affirmed that if they were in a park, the funds could be utilized.

Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, questioned what committee selected the pear trees in the first place. Mayor Heymann informed the Dept. of Agriculture and the Community Affairs Commission approximately 25 years ago recommended them as the best street trees to everyone in New Jersey. They emphasized they were fast growing and had a beautiful blooming in the Spring and color in the Fall. At that time, our specialist abided by the recommendations. In answer to Mr. Isaacson, the Mayor affirmed those are also the trees planted downtown. She voiced her opinion

that at this time we have fewer of them; and we will have less and less every year.

b. MAIL LIST OF DECEMBER 22, 2011 - Mayor Heymann asked if any member of the Council or public wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item No 4 was removed by Councilman Kashwick.

Item No. 4: Received 12/19/11 hand del=d by Brian Beddoe, dated 12/19/11 from David Blaikie, 640 Riverside Drive #11A, New York, NY 10031 re Requesting permission to film at named locations for MFA Thesis film and requesting a waiver of the associated fees (Copy to Deputy Chief Kaine, Glenn Parsells)

In answer to Councilman Kashwick, Mayor Heymann affirmed the waiver was granted at the last meeting.

c. MAIL LIST OF DECEMBER 29, 2011 - Mayor Heymann asked if any member of the Council or public wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item No. 3 was removed by Councilman Barad.

Item No. 3: Received 12/29/11, dated 12/28/11 from Arthur N. Chagaris, Beattie Padovano, LLC, Attorney for Planning Board, to Rose Mitchell, Planning Board Clerk (with 4 original resolutions enclosed), c: Mayor Heymann (w/o enclosures), John Lignos (w/o enclosures) re Four (4) original Resolutions signed by John Lignos concerning the LEED Certification requiring signature (no enclosures)

Mayor Heymann informed they would be discussing this as it is on the Agenda. Councilman Barad informed there was a letter but no attachments. The Borough Attorney said he only received the attachments two days ago. Councilman Kashwick said the letter was sent without enclosures and there was nothing attached. The Borough Clerk informed the attachments were received recently and placed on the upcoming Mail List. Mayor Heymann voiced her opinion it is not important because the Planning Board is not meeting again until after the next Council Meeting, so it can be taken up at that time. The Borough Attorney clarified that the attachments were only received by the Borough Clerk this week; and the Mail List item did not have the Resolution attached; however, we have it now.

d. MAIL LIST OF JANUARY 5, 2012 - Mayor Heymann asked if any member of the Council or public wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item No. 4 was removed by the Mayor and Item No. 7 was removed by Steve Isaacson.

Item No. 4: Received 01/04/12, dated 01/02/12 from Donald M. Farrell, Treasurer, Belskie Museum of Art & Science re Informing of opening of mixed media art exhibit of birds entitled AFor the Birds@ on 2/12/12; and proposing that the Closter Boy Scout Troop create bird houses from only natural resources, from which the Belskie will select bird houses to be permanently hung in the woods behind the library and requesting permission for same

Mayor Heymann voiced her opinion that this is a lovely project that the Belskie and the Library want to enact with the Closter Boy Scouts to create bird houses. Mayor Heymann requested that if it was agreed between the Council, she would respond to Mr. Farrell. Borough Attorney informed it should be memorialized. Councilwoman Amitai suggested showing the bird houses in store fronts for a period of time so everyone could see them as she doesn't think many people go behind the Library to Farrell Woods. Mayor Heymann requested that someone offer a motion in the Regular Meeting to memorialize granting permission to the Belskie.

Item No. 7: Received 01/04/12, dated No Date from Elliot W. Urdang, Esq., Attorney for Applicant, to Borough Clerk re Notice of Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing scheduled to be held 1/18/12 @ 8:00 p.m. re Application of David Hansen, 28 Naugle Street, Block 1302, Lots 2, 3 and 4 for a variance to permit an existing landscaping contractor=s business to remain on subject property and a variance to permit two principal uses

Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, referred to the variance to permit an existing landscaping contractor=s business to remain on subject property and a variance to permit two principal uses. He questioned if this was a residential area. Mayor Heymann explained that was why the applicant was going to the Zoning Board; and this is only notification of a hearing on same.

In response to Mr. Isaacson, the Borough Attorney advised they could not address any comments because this case is pending before another Board. He reiterated this is just a notification of the hearing and any comments, complaints or testimony need to be heard at that meeting.

Mr. Isaacson said he understood same and said he has heard many discussions about other areas in the industrial zone. He said that not even speaking of Naugle Street, the Mayor and Council have taken a pro-active stance; and he feels that before these things even get to the Zoning Board, the Mayor and Council should handle these requests on their own. The Borough Attorney again advised they cannot.

Mayor Heymann explained the Mayor and Council express their point of view when the Master Plan is designed or reviewed. She said this is a variance application to the Zoning Board; and that is not in the purview of the Mayor and Council.

At this time, the Borough Attorney informed that this type of topic would be perfect for the Joint Board Meeting to discuss in terms of recommendations as to zoning and policy. The Mayor and Council cannot speak to an application or zone while an application is pending. In response to Mr. Isaacson he explained that, by definition, any application in front of the Zoning Board of Adjustment is asking for a variance. He said just because they apply does not mean they are going to get it; it just means they are asking for it.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING
 (Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of January 11, 2012)

Mayor Heymann asked the members of the Governing Body and the public to review the Consent Agenda items and remove any they wished to address at this time:

12. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING *NON-SALARIED* APPOINTMENTS/BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/3/12):

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION				
Member	Wilson Reimers	_____	2 Year	12/31/13
Member	Ophelia MacBain	_____	2 Year	12/31/13
Alt. No. 1	Donna Arbietman	_____	2 Year	12/31/13
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT				
Member	Robert Knee	_____	4 Year	12/31/15
Member	Lorin Sonenshine	_____	4 Year	12/31/15

Councilman Dolson referred to Item No. 12, noted above, regarding the Zoning Board of Adjustment Appointments. He explained that the Zoning Board meeting is scheduled to be held next week and voiced his opinion that there should be a full complement considering there are two full-term Member vacancies at this time. Mayor Heymann said that the motion could be removed during regular session.

Borough Attorney advised that during the first 30 days, the Mayor nominates and the Council can then approve or disapprove. Councilman Dolson noted that an excellent resume was received from an engineer/architect resident, Heena Dhorajia, and expressed support for her appointment as a Member (for a 4-year term to 12/31/15). He also expressed support for former Councilman Tom Hennessey as a Member of the Board (for a 4-year term to 12/31/15) and current Alternate (No. 3) Andrew Shyong as Alternate No. 1 (to fill the unexpired 2-year term of Mr. Hennessey to 12/31/12). Mr. Dolson also recommended Joan Marks to serve as Alternate No. 3 (to fill the unexpired 2-year term of Andrew Shyong to 12/31/12).

Mayor Heymann said that she would take the matter under consideration. In response to Mrs. Amitai's inquiry, Borough Attorney advised that two of the alternate appointments (made at the Reorganization Meeting on 1/3/12) were official. Mayor Heymann noted that Evan Elias and John Galluccio were appointed Alternates Nos. 2 and 4 respectively (both for 2-year terms to 12/31/13).

10. **POSSIBLE RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR AS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE/IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAY TO PLAY REQUIREMENTS**
(Appointment not made at Reorganization Meeting held 1/3/12)

Councilman Kashwick questioned whether there was a possible appointment for Alternate Prosecutor. Borough Clerk advised that the appointment could not be made since the same person submitted an application for both Prosecutor and Alternate Prosecutor. She was advised that another RFQ would have to be advertised as well as the customary procedure to be followed.

- 10a. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MICHAEL R. MC GLOIN TO THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN (PROBATIONARY), EFFECTIVE 1/16/12, AT THE CONTRACTUAL STARTING RATE OF \$44,160.00 ANNUALLY (Received from Administrator 1/6/12 @ 3 p.m.)**

Mayor Heymann advised that this Resolution would be removed from the Consent Agenda inasmuch as we will have an interview with the gentleman in closed session after the regular session; and then we can come back; and if we so choose, we can make that appointment.

- 10b. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM VENDORS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 AS FOLLOWS: Commodity/Service: Electric Generation Service; Vendor: Direct Energy Business LLC, 2 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15222; Period: 1/1/12 to 12/31/12; Max Amt: \$100,000.00 (Received from Administrator 1/6/12 @ 3 p.m.)**

In answer to Jesse Rosenblum, 65 Knickerbocker Road, Borough Administrator advised that it is the same vendor as 2011 and the Cooperative System takes bids on electrical utility service. We continue to pay a delivery charge to Rockland Electric but the power is provided by Direct Energy Business LLC.

- 10f. *POSSIBLE* BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION NO. 5 (Requested by Administrator 1/6/12 @3 p.m.) TO BE PREPARED BY CFO/TREASURER

Borough Administrator advised that a transfer resolution would not be needed.

6. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

A. BOROUGH ATTORNEY

1) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (Requested by Borough Attorney 4/6/11) – Mr. Rogan reminded this is the LEEDS Ordinance referred to earlier which was just received this week in the form of a Resolution to be considered by the Planning Board. He explained that many discussions have occurred on the subject and about a year ago we had received an ordinance from the Planning Board for consideration which had a very peculiar limiting schedule. The proposed ordinance was sent back to the Board, who reviewed it; and it has now been revised and sent back to the Council. He advised the Council should look at it for discussion. He explained that the bottom line is that it is a program that encourages environmentally better buildings and there are different certification levels - silver/gold/platinum. Depending on the how compliant you are with the standards, the Planning Board is suggesting that more leeway be given on the limiting schedule. He voiced his opinion that it is much more reasonable now than the first version; now there is 0.5 for each step up from silver to platinum. Mr. Rogan suggested the Council review the procedure for something like this and explained as follows: when the Planning Board or someone here for that matter suggests this type of proposal, it's essentially a proposal to consider changing the zoning code; in this case, the limiting schedule. The process would be that the Council discuss it and come up with an ordinance either one exactly the same as the Planning Board is suggesting or a different one. The Council puts something together in a proposed ordinance form; the Planning Board has 30 days to look at it; and they can approve it as is or make changes and send it back to the Council. Irrespective of whether they get it back to the Council within the 30 days, the Council can take action. Preferably, the whole concept is that the Council has the input of its players. In this case, we already have a preview of what they are looking at but the Council is the policy maker. In response to Dr. Barad, the Borough Attorney affirmed his understanding of the process. Mr. Rogan explained this has certainly been discussed numerous times with significant input from the Council; and the result is this "major renovation" from what they originally proposed; and we are now basically in the final stages.

2) REPORT – Mr. Rogan reported on the following:

- a. He is happy to report that the DPW Teamsters Grievance that was filed with the Arbitrator regarding including two people in the union, which had previously been discussed primarily in Closed Session, has been dismissed. It was dismissed by the Arbitrator because they were not in a position to proceed. In response to Mrs. Amitai, the Borough Attorney explained that several months ago, the Teamsters had requested that two people who are currently not in the Teamsters Union be added. Submissions were made by himself and the Teamsters; and a date was being set for a hearing. They basically didn't respond to our Brief; and as a result, the Arbitrator dismissed the case. Mr. Rogan announced we have no grievances currently pending.
- b. He has three items for Closed Session: one regarding personnel as discussed before regarding interviewing a prospective Police Officer, PBA negotiations and acquisition of public lands.

6. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS (Continued)

B. BOROUGH ENGINEER

- 1) STATUS REPORT RE 2009 SAFE STREETS TO SCHOOL SIDEWALK PROJECT NJDOT \$275,000 - Authorization to proceed rec'd 8/9/11; Awarded to Marini Bros. Construction Co., Inc. at RM 10/12/11 – The Borough Engineer informed they had a pre-construction meeting with Marini Bros. on 12/2/11; and the anticipated start of the project is 3/15/12, weather permitting. The scheduled completion of the project is around 5/25/12; so, it will be a short project.
- 2) STATUS REPORT RE HERBERT AVENUE IMPVTS., SECTION 4 (2011 NJDOT Municipal Aid - \$145,846; Closter - \$5,000), MEMORIAL FIELD BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS (2009 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund \$37,500/Closter Open Space Trust Fund \$37,500) AND RUCKMAN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS & CRACK SEALING (remaining Funds from 2009 Road Improvement Program - \$51,895) Contract awarded (RM 4/26/11) to AJM Contractors – The Borough Engineer reminded in his last report that they are in winter shut down mode. Herbert Avenue has been completed entirely; Ruckman Road still has a few small punch list items – mainly two small ponding areas that the contractors will come back and fix in the spring; and the basketball courts have the initial pavement put down and in the spring it will be resurfaced and re-stripped.
- 3) STATUS REPORT RE DREDGING AND RESTORATION OF RUCKMAN POND, BLOCK 1901, LOT 1 (RM 6/8/11) – The Borough engineer reported the DEP permit was received on 11/29/11 and now the critical path will be with the Bergen County Mosquito Control Commission. They actually dredge the pond on behalf of the Borough, using the Borough's equipment. Mayor Heymann informed she was notified the project will take place at the end of May or beginning of June 2012. Mr. DeNicola reminded that the Commission is very understaffed and very far behind in work so they requested Mayor Heymann contact some people to see if the project could get moved to the near future as opposed to the original estimate of summer 2013. He thanked the Mayor for her assistance with this project.

At this time, Mr. Kashwick questioned if the Safe Streets to School contractor is aware of the trees that will now be saved on Harrington Avenue; and Mr. DeNicola affirmed same.

7. REPORTS

A. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

- 1) STATUS REPORT RE BOROUGH WEB SITE – Mr. Wiest reported he had no update regarding this item.
- 2) STATUS REPORT RE FOLLOWING INSURANCE MATTER(S): – Mr. Wiest reported he had no update regarding these items.
 - a. Report re follow up of insurance requirements for use of Senior Center (WS 10/26/11)
 - b. Report re follow up of following Mail List requests:
 1. American Cancer Society (3. M.L. 11/10/11) request to conduct 25th Annual George Washington Bridge Challenge partially through the Borough on 6/10/12
 2. American Diabetes Association (7. M.L. 11/10/11) request to conduct Tour de Cure partially through the Borough on 6/3/12
- 3) STATUS REPORT RE COORDINATION OF ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS (RMA 10/13/10) – Mr. Wiest reported he had no update regarding this item.

7. REPORTS (Continued)
- A. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR (Continued)
- 4) FOLLOW UP REPORT RE ROLL OFF TRUCK (Contract received 6/23/11) – Mr. Wiest reported he had no update regarding this item.
- 5) STATUS REPORT RE PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR SANITATION/TRASH COLLECTION (RM 1/26/11) – the Borough Administrator informed he provided a copy of the Notice to Bidders to the Borough Clerk and that she has asked for a copy of the bid specifications. He will provide those to her and to the Borough Attorney prior to the scheduling of the bid but he anticipates something before the end of March.
- 6) STATUS REPORT RE DEMOLITION OF 131 WEST STREET – The Borough Administrator reminded there was a delay in getting some of the paperwork from the contractor but all is now in place. The contractor has obtained all of the proper permits; and he was told last week the demolition was scheduled for this week. Mr. Wiest informed he stopped by there today but nothing has occurred yet. He did speak with the contractor personally on Friday who advised he would be starting demolition this week.
- 7) REPORT RE STATUS OF STREET SWEEPER (CONTRACT AWARDED/RM 12/14/11) – Mr. Wiest reported he has not seen a contract go out for the Street Sweeper yet but the vendor is ready to deliver because we purchased a demonstrator model. In response to the Borough Clerk’s inquiry regarding the specifications, Mr. Wiest explained if we want to get a contract in place, we should do that quickly because the unit is ready to deliver.
- 8) STATUS REPORT RE REQUEST FROM RECREATION COMMISSION (4. M.L. 11/17/11) TO REMOVE “DANGEROUS TREES” IN THE PARKS – The Borough Administrator reported we received an evaluation of the trees at Memorial Park. We will be getting prices for doing some tree work. He is intentionally holding off on this because every contractor is still busy finishing storm related work. Mr. Wiest thinks this can be held off until closer to the Spring when we are more likely to get more responsiveness from the contractors.
- 9) STATUS REPORT RE FOLLOW UP OF REQUEST BY CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF BACK-UP ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR ON PER DIEM BASIS (1.M.L. 12/1/11/WS 11/21/11) – Mr. Wiest reported that an announcement and job description on the web site have been posted for the position; though he does not believe we have received any applications yet.
- 10) STATUS REPORT RE:
- a. REPAIR OF HORN HOUSE (WS 12/14/11) – Borough Administrator informed a purchase order has been issued for the repair of the horn house and the contractor and Billy Dahle will be discussing gaining access to the property.
- b. NEW ROOF AND CHIMNEY/MASONRY WORK/MAC BAIN FARM HOUSE (WS 12/14/11) – Mr. Wiest informed we received a couple of prices and are awaiting a third quote with regard to the roofing work. This will probably be another few weeks out.

In answer to Dr. Barad, the Borough Administrator affirmed the issues of “trees in parks” was being placed on a future agenda. Dr. Barad informed that each year at the 9/11 Memorial, they wait for a particular time where the sun shines through the memorial; and at this time, there is a tree that is growing up behind it and the top of it is blocking the sun at that particular moment. He asked if there was a way that tree could be topped to allow the memorial to work as it was originally designed. Mr. Wiest agreed to look into same. Mayor Heymann suggested using a perfect picture The Suburbanite has showing the beam at that moment, and said perhaps it could be utilized in making a decision

7. REPORTS (Continued)

A. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR (Continued).

11) REPORT – Discussion was held regarding the following matters:

At this time, Mr. Kashwick informed he reviewed the web site's contacts directory and the meeting minutes for the boards and commissions of which he is a member. Historic Commission and Shade Tree Commission are missing some; and he wanted to bring it to the Council's attention for assistance in getting that up to date.

Mr. Wiest informed he has sent several notes to Kevin Whitney regarding this issue and what we would like him to do is to train the secretaries to be able to post their own agendas and minutes as they complete them. It hasn't happened yet; but, hopefully, in the near future it will. Mr. Kashwick commended Mr. Glidden for getting the Recreation Commission to post some information on the web site and Mr. Dolson thanked Mr. Kashwick for the reminder.

In response to Dr. Barad, the Borough Administrator explained the current procedure is to send materials to Kevin Whitney who then posts them. Sometimes he gets behind which is why we have asked for his assistance in training the boards to do it themselves.

At this time, Mrs. Amitai voiced her opposition to having a lot of people's hand posting things to our web site. She expressed her opinion that it would be a major mistake and everything should funnel through a single person.

Mayor Heymann voiced her opinion that this is something that needs further exploration because there are some things that clearly need to be checked out and other things that are mechanical issues. The Mayor referred to Mr. Wiest's comments and agreed the one thing that is woefully out of date in addition to contacts for boards and commissions are the community contacts. Mayor Heymann informed that the 6th grade Girl Scout Troop has volunteered to do the telephoning and exploration to get those numbers up to date; and they will provide a complete updated list of the contacts. She feels there are different phases to getting the entire web site up to date and we are working on that. Mrs. Amitai reminded that the CIC had done this a few years ago; and Mayor Heymann informed it has not been updated since.

B. BOROUGH CLERK

1) REPORT RE 2012 APPOINTMENTS – Ms. Castano reported 132 Appointments were made at the Reorganization Meeting on 1/3/12; and we will have a minor amount to follow up from this meeting.

2) REPORT RE 2012 OATHS OF OFFICE – Borough Clerk informed that 122 of the appointments require an Oath of Office. Since some people hold more than one office or title, approximately 74 Oaths have been sent out - mailed/distributed internally/distributed externally. She explained that Arlene's idea about different color oaths has made a difference by using white for Mayor and Council appointments and blue for the Citizen Service Act. Since our Police Department is not open 24/7 anymore, we have instituted a new system whereby we put the Oaths in the Clerk's window for pick up by the Board/Commission having a meeting that night. We are not mailing anything or using postage; and it has become a quicker way to distribute and receive them. It worked well for the Recreation Commission on Tuesday as well as the Shade Tree Commission.

3) STATUS REPORT RE 2012 LICENSES – Ms. Castano reported we are almost current; we have two limousine/livery licenses that have to be finalized; and, hopefully, by the next meeting, that will be accomplished.

4) REPORT RE 2012 MEETING DATES – Ms. Castano reported we had major problems with 2012 meeting dates. She informed she sent the 2012 Annual Meeting Notice to

7. REPORTS (Continued)

B. BOROUGH CLERK (Continued)

The Record and the Star-Ledger for publication as soon after the Reorganization Meeting as possible; however, a number of people referred to the 2012 Borough calendar which was distributed to every home the first of the year; and there were several conflicts that had to be corrected. She explained that she keeps trying to emphasize the fact that the Boards and Commissions have to provide the meeting dates to her by the end of the year. It can't take place any sooner than the beginning of the year when we have all of the information. The Borough calendar goes out earlier, but in some instances because current information is not provided, they refer to the old dates (in the previous Borough calendar); and we are experiencing problems with that misinformation. Ms. Castano sent the 2012 Annual Notice of Meetings to our IT person to be posted on the web site after it was published in the two newspapers, which was accomplished by 1/10/12. She advised that if anyone informs they have a problem, they should be directed either to her office or the Web Site for clarification.

5) REPORT RE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS – Ms. Castano reported that Financial Disclosure Statements are being sent together with the Oaths for newly appointed individuals, which have to be distributed, signed and returned within 30 days of their appointment; the remainder are due prior to April 30. The Board of Ethics will be meeting on 1/12/12 and she will be providing them with the five we have received to date. The Borough Clerk informed that as soon as Chief Kaine was sworn in, she received an OPRA request for his Financial Disclosure Statement. Once the Board of Ethics reviews it and approves it, the statement will be provided as requested.

6) STATUS REPORT RE PAPERLESS PACKETS – Ms. Castano had nothing new to report at this time.

7) REPORT RE FOLLOW UP FOR PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT POSITION/ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR – Ms. Castano requested authorization to restart the RFQ process for the Alternate Prosecutor; no one voiced any objections to same.

8) STATUS REPORT RE CODIFICATION – Ms. Castano reported at the request of the Administrator, she sent a letter to General Code Publishers requesting an estimate for Supplement No. 18 (comprised of all Ordinances on the web site as not yet codified from Ordinance Nos. 2010:1082 to 2011:1112). She will forward the estimate to Mr. Wiest upon receipt.

9) REPORT – Ms. Castano reported on the following:
a. Webinar being taken by Arlene every Tuesday in the month of January and February from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. It is a free course that is part of the Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records (IPER) program developed by the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) in cooperation with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Its purpose is to deliver training to State, territorial and local governments nationwide to give them the knowledge and skills needed to secure essential records and recover records damaged by natural or human caused emergencies. Ms. Castano informed that the reason for this is due to the variety of emergencies Closter has had in the past and how we can protect our records in the future.

b. Follow up by Ordinance Committee – Ms. Castano informed she has a report to provide to the Ordinance Committee for follow up because we have had ordinances passed recently that include fees; but they are not yet referenced in the “Fees and Deposits” Chapter (A301).

In response to Mr. Kashwick and Dr. Barad, the Borough Clerk informed the Ordinances pending are all the Ordinances listed on our Web Site as “Legislation not yet codified” from Ordinance Nos. 2010:1082 to 2011:1112.

7. REPORTS (Continued)

C. CHIEF OF POLICE

1) REPORT – Chief Kaine reported that he, the Mayor and Councilman Glidden met with the County last week to discuss dispatch issues that occurred during the snow storm as detailed in the letter sent by the Mayor. He voiced his opinion that the County was very receptive and they are working on corrections to those issues.

At this time, Chief Kaine thanked everyone for the promotions made in the Department and expressed his feeling that there is a good chain of command and working structure of the Department. He hopes they will have a good interview after the Work Session this evening with the potential patrolman. Mayor Heymann wished to point out that for the second half of 2011 there was a notable increase in the number of summonses issued. Chief Kaine reported there were also double the number of DWI's and, unfortunately, domestic violence arrests. He voiced his understanding that a lot of it stems from the state of the economy – a lot of people's tensions are up and people are out of work. The Chief reported there were two robberies in December; one was the cabbie assault/robbery on a patron and the Closter Dock Road robbery.

At this time, Councilman Glidden reminded that everyone was invited to the Policemen's party at the Fire House and voiced his opinion that especially in instances like these, the Mayor and Council should be present. He then expressed his hopes to wrap up the meetings expeditiously.

D. MAYOR

1) STATUS REPORT RE FOLLOWING GRANTS: Mayor Heymann reported she had no updates regarding any of the grant proposals.

a. FILED

1. 2012 ROID GRANT (REC OPPS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHALLENGER RECREATION PROGRAM - \$10,000) Authorization for application RM 6/8/11
2. 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)
3. 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)

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. 2010 BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION (Municipal Park Improvement Program/Purchase of Playground Equipment/Memorial Park - \$37,500/match – RM 9/22/10) (Contract authorized for execution/RM 10/12/11)

c. TO BE FILED - To be announced by Mayor

2) REPORT – Mayor Heymann reported on the following:
a) This past Sunday, four new Eagle Scouts were vested. She voiced her opinion that these young men are something for Closter to be proud of, and informed there is in fact a long

7. REPORTS (Continued)

D. MAYOR (Continued)

list of Closter residents and people who are active in Closter, who have been chosen as Eagle Scouts some time in the past: one of which is Ross Herbert.

b) The Belskie Museum has a very special exhibit right now by a husband and wife pair who were Holocaust survivors. Mr. and Mrs. Adler settled in the United States and they are representing hope for the future and remembering the past. She reported the opening drew a record crowd of 187 people; which is a lot for any museum and certainly for Closter. She recommended everyone stop and visit and reminded the bird exhibit will follow.

c) Mayor Heymann informed that on 1/24/12 there will be the ribbon cutting for the new Vantage residence for 16 disabled adults. She said everyone got the invitation and asked that everyone attend because Closter will be thanked for their assistance in helping complete the process.

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

Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, suggested that the Oaths of Office and Financial Disclosure Statements be e-mailed to each individual for completion and return thereby saving postage. He advised that on Saturday he visited the Police Department to turn in old cell phones and used the phone as indicated to contact the Department. He was advised to come back on Monday when the individual in charge would be in. He said he ultimately went around the corner to another door where a new sergeant took the phones and suggested that a complaint be filed with the Mayor because the phone calls are not being routed to the police. Police Chief advised that when the building is locked the calls are routed to Mahwah. Mayor Heymann said that there is not always an officer in the building when the building is locked.

Mr. Isaacson asked if there is an ordinance allowing the construction of 3-story buildings in the downtown and Borough Attorney advised that the construction would require a variance. Mr. Isaacson referred to a newspaper article noting that several mayors are using more surplus to stay within the 2% CAP and questioned if the Housing Fund can be used for a tax incentive for property owners in the downtown area to construct a second or third floor to their structure. Mayor Heymann answered that the municipality does not have the authority to give tax concessions however Closter is using the funds hopefully to increase our COAH housing. As far as extra stories on Main Street, one application has been approved by the Zoning Board and another has a pending application. There have been discussions on the use of the COAH funds, which we will lose if not used by the end of the year. Mr. Isaacson expressed support for COAH housing in the downtown area and Mayor Heymann said there are COAH regulations on eligible renters. She said the Borough needs market priced housing in lower brackets and we would be getting through the current projects on Main Street. COAH funds can only be used for COAH housing.

11. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS, IF APPROPRIATE

CLOSTER MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION NOTES – JANUARY 11, 2012 - 7:30 P.M.

12. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY
13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Work Session at 9:08 p.m. was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilman Dolson and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Heymann.

Provided to the Mayor and Council
via e-mail on January 20, 2012
for approval at the Regular Meeting
to be held January 25, 2012

Loretta Castano, RMC
Borough Clerk

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

Approved at the Regular Meeting held January 25, 2012
Consent Agenda Item No. 18b.