

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES - TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012 - 7:30 P.M

Mayor Heymann called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 for publication on December 26, 2011, was posted on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board and has remained posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of the notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

2. OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Heymann welcomed all to the Reorganization Meeting for the year 2012.

3. ROLL CALL

Those present were the following:

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 Auditor, Liz Schick
Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Deputy Police Chief, Dennis Kaine

Also present:

Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi

4. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE:

a. COUNCIL-ELECT – Mayor Heymann informed that the Oaths of Office would be administered by Borough Attorney Edward T. Rogan.

- 1) JOHN W. KASHWICK, JR. – Borough Attorney administered the Oath of Office to Councilman John W. Kashwick, Jr.
- 2) DAVID H. BARAD – Borough Attorney administered the Oath of Office to Dr. David H. Barad

5. MAYOR HEYMANN

a. DECLARE COUNCIL ORGANIZED FOR 2012 – Mayor Heymann declared the Council organized for 2012

6. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Heymann made the following appointments and asked for Council confirmation:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Administrator	<u>Quentin W. Wiest II</u>	<u>Quentin W. Wiest II</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Administrative Secretary/Civilian Records Clerk	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Affirmative Action Officer	<u>Quentin W. Wiest II</u>	<u>Quentin W. Wiest II</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Animal Control Officer	<u>B.C. Animal Shelter</u>	<u>B.C. Animal Shelter</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12

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Appraiser - Commercial Properties	<u>Izenberg Appraisal Associates</u> <u>Louis S. Izenberg, MAI, SRA</u>	<u>Izenberg Appraisal Associates</u> <u>Louis S. Izenberg, MAI, SRA</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Appraiser - Residential Properties	<u>Appraisal Systems, Inc.</u> <u>Charles Ciolino</u>	<u>Appraisal Systems, Inc.</u> <u>Charles Ciolino</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Appropriate Authority	<u>Quentin W. Wiest II</u>	<u>Quentin W. Wiest II</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Assessor Clerical Assistant	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u>	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u>		
Attorney	<u>Edward T. Rogan</u>	<u>Edward T. Rogan</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Auditor	<u>Lerch, Vinci & Higgins</u> <u>Gary J. Vinci</u>	<u>Lerch, Vinci & Higgins</u> <u>Gary J. Vinci</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Bergen Municipal Coalition	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Board of Health				
Member	<u>Phyllis Buonomo</u>	<u>Phyllis Buonomo</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-15
Member	<u>Anthony Neusch</u>	<u>Anthony Neusch</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-15
Alternate No. 2	<u>Lorrie Nadel</u>	<u>Beth Ravit</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Bond Counsel	<u>M. Robert DeCotiis</u> <u>DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole</u> <u>(Reps) Doug Doyle/Bill</u> <u>Mayer</u>	<u>DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole</u> <u>(Reps) Doug Doyle/Bill</u> <u>Mayer</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Assistant to Borough Clerk	<u>Carol Kroepke</u>	<u>Carol Kroepke</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Office Assistant	<u>Arlene Corvelli</u>	<u>Arlene Corvelli</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
COAH Coordinator	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Construction/Building Department				
P/T Code Enforcement Official	<u>James Whitney</u>	<u>James Whitney</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
P/T Code Enforcement Official	<u>Youngmin Woo</u>	<u>Youngmin Woo</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Building /Technical Inspector	<u>Giuseppe LaMastra</u>	<u>Giuseppe LaMastra</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Technical Assistant	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Technical Assistant	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Code Enforcement Official (Trees)	<u>Raymond J. Cywinski</u>	<u>Bill Fuchs</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Deputy Court Administrator	<u>Monica Chalarca</u>	<u>Monica Chalarca</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Deputy Treasurer	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
DPW				
Superintendent of Public Works	<u>William Dahle III</u>	<u>William Dahle III</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Emergency Management				
Coordinator	<u>James Winters</u>	<u>James Winters</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-14
Deputy Coordinator	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Committee	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12

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Engineer	<u>Stephen T. Boswell Boswell McClave Engineering (Rep) Nick DeNicola</u>	<u>Stephen T. Boswell Boswell McClave Engineering (Rep) Nick DeNicola</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
*Environmental Commission				
Member	<u>Beth Ravit</u>	<u>Beth Ravit</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>Steven Isaacson</u>	<u>Steven Isaacson</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>Mary W. Mayer</u>	<u>Paul McDonald</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	<u>Keith Scholz (Shade Tree Liaison)</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-14
Member/Council Liaison	<u>John Kashwick</u>	<u>John Kashwick</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-14
Alternate No. 1	<u>Philip Gotthelf</u>	<u>Mary W. Mayer</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Alternate No. 2 Shade Tree Liaison	<u>(Adam Nock resigned)</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Yr. Unexp. (Nock)	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u>	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Jayanthi Ramaswamy</u>	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Keith Scholz</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Board of Ethics				
(U) Member Library Recommendation	<u>Susan Semler</u>	<u>Susan Semler</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-16
(U) Member Public Member	<u>Thomas Reinecke</u>	<u>Thomas Reinecke</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-16
Finance Clerk	<u>Michaela Tomanova</u>	<u>Michaela Tomanova</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Fire Prevention				
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Alphonso Young, Jr</u>	<u>Alphonso Young, Jr</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Brian Pierro</u>	<u>Brian Pierro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Food and Assistance Board				
Member	<u>Annette Vasiloff</u>	<u>Annette Vasiloff</u>	2 Year	31-Dec-13
Member	<u>Katie McDermott</u>	<u>Katie McDermott</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Member	<u>Suzanne Lerant</u>	<u>Suzanne Lerant</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Health Officer	<u>Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission/Sam Yanovich</u>	<u>Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission/Sam Yanovich</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Historians				
	<u>Orlando Tobia</u>	<u>Orlando Tobia</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
	<u>Louis Apa</u>	<u>Louis Apa</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Historic Preservation Commission				
Member Reclassification	Tim Adriance (Class B)	<u>Tim Adriance (Class A)</u>		
Member (Class B)	<u>Irene Stella</u>	<u>Irene Stella</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-15
Member (Class C)	<u>Jennifer Rothschild</u>	<u>Jennifer Rothschild (Reclassify as "Class B")</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-15
Alternate No. 2	<u>Grisha Davida</u>	<u>Francesca Machiavelli</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13

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Improvement Commission				
Historic Preservation Commission Member	<u>Irene Stella</u>	<u>Irene Stella</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Member	<u>Wilson Reimers</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Member	<u>Iris S. Barad</u>	<u>Iris S. Barad</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Member	<u>Ophelia MacBain</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Member	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>Maria Kim</u>	2 Yr. Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-13
Member	<u>Cherylin Clarke</u>	<u>Cherylin Clarke</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Alternate No. 1	<u>Donna Arbietman</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Information Technology Coordinator				
	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Joint Insurance Fund				
Safety Delegate	<u>William Dahle III</u>	<u>William Dahle III</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Safety Alternate	<u>Jean Marie Varni</u>	<u>Tony Lupardi</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Safety Committee	<u>Dr. David Barad</u>	<u>Dr. David Barad</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Safety Committee	<u>Thomas Reinecke</u>	<u>Thomas Reinecke</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Risk Management Consultant				
	<u>Glenn Parsells Parsells Agency Inc.</u>	<u>Glenn Parsells Parsells Agency Inc.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Land Use Coordinator				
Planning Board	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Zoning Board of Adjustment	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Library				
Trustee	<u>Thomas Golodik</u>	<u>Thomas Golodik</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-16
Belskie Foundation Representative	<u>John J. Murphy</u>	<u>John J. Murphy</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-14
NJ Motion Picture/TV Comm.				
	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Administrator	<u>Quentin W. Wiest II</u>	<u>Quentin W. Wiest II</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Municipal Officer	<u>Deputy Chief Dennis Kaine</u>	<u>Chief Dennis Kaine</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Parking Reserve				
Councilperson	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Administrator	<u>Quentin W. Wiest II</u>	<u>Quentin W. Wiest II</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Zoning Officer	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Pension Certifying Agent				
	<u>Maria Passafaro</u>	<u>Maria Passafaro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Planner				
	<u>Hakim Associates Michael G. Hakim, LLA, RLA, PP, ASLA</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12

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*Planning Board				
Mayor - Class I	<u>Sophie Heymann</u>	<u>Sophie Heymann</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
*Class II Member/ Rep to Gov. of Closter	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Council Member - Class III	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
*Class IV Member	<u>Mark Maddaloni</u>	<u>Mark Maddaloni</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-15
*Class IV Member	<u>Dean C. Paltos</u>	<u>Dean C. Paltos</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-15
*Alternate No. 2	<u>(Christiano Pereira resigned)</u>	<u>Paul Nyfenger</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Police Matrons				
	<u>Kathleen Goldrick</u>	<u>Kathleen Goldrick</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Prosecutor	<u>Mark Peter Fierro</u>	<u>Mark Peter Fierro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Alt. Prosecutor	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Public Defender	<u>Jung-Ho (Mike) Yae</u>	<u>Jung-Ho (Mike) Yae</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Qualified Purchasing Agent	<u>Michael Mariniello, Jr.</u>	<u>Michael Mariniello, Jr.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Recreation Commission				
Director	<u>James Oettinger</u>	<u>James Oettinger</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Deputy Director - Field Maintenance	<u>John Kilduff</u>	<u>John Kilduff</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Assistant Director	<u>Brian Beddoe</u>	<u>Brian Beddoe</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Member	<u>Allison Schwartz</u>	<u>Allison Schwartz</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-16
Associate Member	<u>Doug Pangburn</u>	<u>Doug Pangburn</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Joseph Yammarino</u>	<u>Joseph Yammarino</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Wendy Nigro</u>	<u>Wendy Nigro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Nancy Reilly</u>	<u>Nancy Reilly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Stephanie Nolan</u>	<u>Stephanie Nolan</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Mary Ann Denner</u>	<u>Mary Ann Denner</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Paul Nyfenger</u>	<u>Paul Nyfenger</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>James Thompson</u>	<u>James Thompson</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Associate Member	<u>Dean C. Paltos</u>	<u>Dean C. Paltos</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Revenue Clerk/Assistant to Tax Collector	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u>	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12

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School Crossing Guards				
	<u>Elizabeth Bussanich</u>	<u>Elizabeth Bussanich</u>		
	<u>Frances Fallon</u>	<u>Frances Fallon</u>		
	<u>Ivan Galinac</u>	<u>Ivan Galinac</u>		
	<u>Marija Galinac</u>	<u>Marija Galinac</u>		
	<u>Louise Hettinger</u>	<u>Louise Hettinger</u>		
	<u>Jaclyn Higgins</u>	<u>Jaclyn Higgins</u>		
	<u>Donna Kelly</u>	<u>Donna Kelly</u>		
	<u>Lori Liparini</u>	<u>Lori Liparini</u>		
	<u>Janine Micera</u>	<u>Janine Micera</u>		
	<u>Vito Annunziata</u>	<u>Vito Annunziata</u>		
	<u>Cheryl Friedrich</u>	<u>Cheryl Friedrich</u>		
	<u>Patrick T. Kruimer</u>	<u>Patrick T. Kruimer</u>		
	<u>Donald Winters</u>	<u>Donald Winters</u>		
*Shade Tree Commission				
Council Member	<u>John Kashwick</u>	<u>John Kashwick</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>(Adam Nock resigned)</u>	<u>Keith Scholz (Environmental Commission Liaison)</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-16
Member	<u>Louise Ungar</u>	<u>Louise Ungar</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-16
Alternate No. 2	<u>Kathi Cochran</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-15
Temporary and Part-Time Clerical				
(Finance)	<u>Anum Qureshi</u>	<u>Anum Qureshi</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
(Police Records Clerk)	<u>No Incumbent</u>	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
(Recreation)	<u>Gina Ferraro</u>	<u>Gina Ferraro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Treasurer	<u>Michael Mariniello, Jr.</u>	<u>Michael Mariniello, Jr.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
Zoning Board of Adjustment				
Member	<u>Robert Knee</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-15
Member	<u>Lorin Sonenshine</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-15
Alternate No. 2	<u>Mark Crisafulli</u>	<u>Evan Elias</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Alternate No. 4	<u>Marie Hartwell</u>	<u>John Gallucio</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-13
Zoning Officer	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-12
<i>* MAYORAL APPOINTMENT</i>				

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<u>2012 Council Committees</u>			
<u>Committee</u>	<u>Incumbent Chairperson Members</u>		<u>Chairperson Members</u>
Finance and Technology	Arthur Dolson Glidden/Kashwick		Arthur Dolson Glidden/Kashwick
Human Resources	John Kashwick Barad/Dolson		John Kashwick Barad/Dolson
Ordinances	David Barad Kashwick/Amitai		David Barad Kashwick/Amitai
Land Use and Construction	Victoria Amitai Barad/Dolson		Victoria Amitai Barad/Dolson
Public Safety	John Glidden Dolson/Latner		John Glidden Dolson/Latner
Public Works	Alissa Latner Amitai/Glidden		Alissa Latner Amitai/Glidden
<u>2012 Council Liaisons</u>			
Ambulance Corps.			Arthur Dolson
Board of Education			David Barad
Board of Health			Arthur Dolson
Engineer			Sophie Heymann
*Environmental Commission			John Kashwick
Fire			Alissa Latner
Historic Preservation Commission			John Kashwick
*Improvement Commission			Victoria Amitai
Library Board of Trustees			Alissa Latner
*Planning Board, Class III			Victoria Amitai
Police			John Glidden
Recreation Commission			John Glidden
Senior Citizens			Sophie Heymann
*Shade Tree Commission			John Kashwick
Zoning Board of Adjustment			Arthur Dolson
Council President			Arthur Dolson
Northern Valley Mayors Association			Sophie Heymann
*Voting Member - Not Liaison			

Borough Attorney reminded the Council that the appointments to the (Environmental Commission), Planning Board /Except for Class III Representative (and Shade Tree Commission) were solely the province of the Mayor; and, therefore, would not require Council confirmation.

Councilman Kashwick questioned the Zoning Board of Adjustment appointment for a position that has not been vacated by Tom Hennessey. Mayor Heymann said to remove that appointment from the listing.

Motion of approval 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.

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7. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE:

At this time, Police Commissioner, John Glidden, explained that there has been a great change in the Closter Police Department during the past year. A lot of senior officers retired; Chief of Police, David Berrian, retired; we have hired some new police officers; and we are about to make a number of promotions to Sergeant. Therefore, with great pride, he looked forward to the two promotions we are about to make this evening.

a. CHIEF OF POLICE – DENNIS KAINE – Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi administered the Oath of Office to Chief of Police Dennis Kaine.

Councilman Glidden provided the background of Dennis Kaine. He joined the force in 1985 and in 1999 was assigned to the Detective Bureau. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2003 and in 2011 was appointed Deputy Police Chief. He was actively involved in 2,000 investigations and in 2009 he was appointed Accreditations Manager of CALEA which resulted in a successful completion of the project. He holds an Associates Arts Degree in Business Administration from Bergen Community College and an Associates Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Bergen Community College. He is a life long resident of Dumont where is father, Warren Kaine, was the former Police Chief; and also present is his wife, Jean, and his children, Kevin and Jessica.

b. LIEUTENANT – JAMES WINTERS – Mayor Heymann administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant James Winters.

Councilman Glidden provided the background of James Winters. He was born and raised in Closter, graduated from Northern Valley Regional High School/Demarest and has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Bergen Community College. He joined the Police Department on March 1, 1986; and as a patrolman, was assigned as 911 Coordinator, Assistant Communications Manager and State Tag Officer. In 2000, he was appointed Emergency Management Coordinator and was promoted to Sergeant in 2003. In 2007, he was made Operational Manager of the Interboro Radio Network and is a member of the County Incident Management Team. He is a life member of the Closter Fire Department. He lives with his wife Doreen and stepdaughter Lily in Harrington Park.

c. ALL APPOINTEES

8a. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA (PROCEDURE TO BE EXPLAINED BY MAYOR)

Mayor Heymann reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda as follows and asked if any members of the Council or the Public wished to remove any item before a vote was taken.

RESOLUTIONS

- 9.* RE MINUTES
- 10.* RE MEETING DATES
- 11.* RE INTEREST RATES AND PENALTIES
- 12.* RE WARRANTS
- 13.* RE DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES
- 14.* ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2012
- 15.* RE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
- 16.* RE MEETING NOTICES
- 17.* ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2012

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8a. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

18.* RE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

- a. ATTORNEY
- b. AUDITOR
- c. BOND COUNSEL
- d. ENGINEER
- e. PROSECUTOR
- f. PUBLIC DEFENDER
- g. RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
- h. REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL
 - 1) RESIDENTIAL
 - 2) COMMERCIAL
- i. ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES/COUNTY OF BERGEN
- j. STATE MANDATED BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS COMPLIANCE PROGRAM/COUNTY OF BERGEN
- k. PUBLIC HEALTH
- l. ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING SERVICES

19.* AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. BOROUGH CLERK.....\$150.00
- b. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.....\$100.00
- c. DETECTIVE BUREAU.....\$100.00
- d. POLICE DEPARTMENT.....\$150.00

20.* AUTHORIZING TAX SALE OF 2011 DELINQUENT TAXES

8b. VOTE OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion approving the Consent Agenda 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.

21. REVIEW AND VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

22. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY

In answer to Councilman Barad, Mayor Heymann advised that the Fire Department had their meeting this evening. The officers of the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps will be sworn in at their respective annual meetings and will be approved by the Council.

23. MAYOR HEYMANN – REMARKS

“As I contemplate this past year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude; Gratitude to nature, which has left our town relatively unscathed from the various 2011 weather happenings, gratitude for all who made sure our recovery would be as speedy as one could hope for,..... gratitude for our library and its many programs, from pre-schoolers to jobless veterans, to foreign language speakers ,..... gratitude for our schools and their shining music programs,.... gratitude for all those ingredients that make our small town just exactly what it says on the Lions Club sign: Closter, It’s a wonderful town.

Let me refine this further: Our Borough Council consists of six very independent members, with different philosophies, but always working only for the good of our community, our recreational teams consciously choose to play for the pleasure of the game, and not for the competitive win – Closter does not belong to Official Little League, but we do have 185 totally dedicated coaches. Our Scouts, with their dynamic leadership, are investing no less than four Eagle Scouts this very month. Our police department volunteers collected 600 coats for the homeless, and, with the help of our fire department and 26 other police departments in this area, collected 2 and a half tractor trailer fulls of new toys to make ill and underprivileged children smile for Christmas. Our fire Department answered over 360 calls, and our Ambulance Corps responded to a record of over 700 calls in 2011. Our Food Pantry provided fresh fruits and vegetables as well as fresh bread to add to the canned goods that our community so generously donates. Elks and Legionnaires, as well as churches, scouts, ball players, and school musicians made both our Memorial Day Parade and our 9/11 Memorial memorable occasions. The Belskie Museum volunteers mount two great exhibits every month, and the many, many volunteers at our houses of worship are always ready to help anyone in need, spiritual or physical, regardless of their affiliation.

After so many years of effort by our Environmental commission, the Cross Closter Trail was completed with a segment within the United Water property, made possible by an Eagle Scout project. The Scouts,

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with a little help from our DPW Superintendent, built the bridge that provides access to the trail. This is a first use of United Water property -providing access to a Borough trail.

Led by the Environmental Commission, Closter is proudly "green," and proud of our Shade Tree Commission, which is maintaining our trees with timely pruning and replacements, even with the budget crunch.

That final section of the Cross-Closter trail is but one of the things that happened in 2011. We continued to upgrade our technology, and are awaiting a transfer to the paper-less society for our Borough Council. We upgraded our lighting sustainability, with a state pass-through grant. We completed section one of road resurfacing on Herbert Avenue, and did a section of Ruckman road as well. We are only waiting for Springtime weather to complete resurfacing of the basketball courts at Memorial field. That will complete the playground renovations we installed at Memorial. Unfortunately, two weeks after the installation, the Halloween storm toppled a tree branch onto a brand new swing set, and tore it apart. We do carry insurance for such events and the swing set will be replaced.... With volunteer support, we put in a handicapped accessible walkway to the ball field. At Ruckman Park, we cut a ribbon to celebrate our new bathrooms cum refreshment stand, also built with the help of many generous volunteers.

Our Planning Board is finalizing details to make Closter one of the first communities to reward "green" building. The Planning Board is also hard at work simplifying a number of our ordinances to encourage business activities in Closter. Not least among these is a total revision of our Sign ordinance, with a very active and talented committee meeting monthly to achieve that goal. Having its hopes pitched back and forth in the seas of the Bankruptcy Court all year, the Planning board is now confident that it will have the opportunity to evaluate new plans for Closter Plaza very soon, and that construction could begin this year.

After more than five years of negotiations and construction, the Vantage home for mentally disabled adults will open on January 24, at Railroad and VanSciver Avenues, and the Borough is already studying additional housing for disabled adults, sponsored by United Way.

Our Historic Commission was, as usual, hard at work: With a great deal of archival documentation, we succeeded in declaring the Brooks farm a historic site. The Centenary AME church will be given the same designation this month. And work is in progress to list Borough Hall as well. Speaking of Borough Hall, we are continuing the ongoing process of upgrading and maintaining our beloved WPA building - in 2011 we obtained an evaluation of necessary repairs from a qualified architect, which we will begin to implement. In the meantime, we turned underused space on our second floor into a very attractive conference room, adorned by a gallery of work by Closter artists, replaced quarterly, courtesy of Kurt Haiman and the Belskie museum.

We continued effectively in augmenting the services we share with other communities. We sometimes do this formally, as in the contractual agreements we have with Harrington Park, its Board of Education, and the Northern Valley High School at Demarest, to use our DPW fuel pumps. And sometimes informally, when we lend each other equipment and even manpower coverage, in friendly cooperation. This year, however, we increased the financial benefits from shared services dramatically, by transferring our local Interborough dispatch services to County of Bergen auspices, saving our tax payers many thousands of dollars. There have been a few glitches along the way, but we are in the process of resolving whatever problems remain. We are also continuing the process of investigating what benefits there might be to sharing services with our neighboring police departments.

After the heartbreak of losing over 1600 fish in Ruckman Pond as a result of deep ice cover over a pond grown too shallow, we have completed plans to dredge the pond with the help of the County Mosquito Control department and our own DPW. We anticipate that this will take place in late spring. Ruckman Ponds' fish kill was, unfortunately, not our only natural disaster in Closter in 2011. Hurricane Irene gave us a wallop with minor floods, power outages and related damage from which we had barely recovered when we were stricken with the Halloween snow storm. Unprecedented tree damage from snow weighing down trees in full leaf left better than half of Closter without power for as much as six days. I cannot praise enough the police officers and the volunteers from the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps who stayed on duty throughout the emergency, as well as the librarians who kept our library open as emergency shelter, and the many, many residents who helped their elderly or disabled neighbors. The storm was also a learning lesson for us, as we noted the various problems, to make sure we would be prepared, should such an eventuality happen again.

The most dramatic change in 2011 was the turnover in our Police force. After the retirement of our two remaining lieutenants and three of our five sergeants, as well as our chief of Police, the Borough Council conducted exhaustive tests and interviews to promote some of our present officers and hire new replacements. Tonight we are proudly making part of that process official as we name Chief Dennis Kaine and Lieutenant James Winters -At our next council meeting we will have the pleasure of pinning stripes on our new, very carefully selected and deserving, sergeants.

Other items we will take up in 2012 will be providing bathrooms at Schauble and Mollicone Parks, repairing the roof at the MacBain farm, improving Hickory Lane, continuing to seek cost-effective shared

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services, adding to our trails and open spaces, finding new ways to support our business community and enhance the attractiveness of our Main Street. We will continue to pursue sustainability, with enabling ordinances as well as publicity and education.

Sadly, we lost some of our most valued residents and public servants this past year: Richard Rudick, a dedicated volunteer, especially in the recreation department, Philip Addison, a 50 year member of the Fire dept., Margaret Binaghi, a long time volunteer for many causes, Marcia Mufson, a member of a volunteer family, par excellence, and Marilyn London, a long-time teacher at Hillside School.

All of us on the Closter Council are pleased that we have been able to keep our property tax below the 2% limit, without eliminating any services. In fact, the tax increase was only 1.8% and the increase on the average home was 1.6%, far below the cost of living increase. We anticipate doing at least as well in 2012. We have slowed some of our maintenance tasks and replacement schedules, but not to the detriment of the safety and comfort of our residents and businesses.

It is with humility that I thank our very cooperative and effective Borough staff and professionals for making that possible. Each and every one put out their best, uncomplaining effort to assure that Closter remain that "wonderful town" on the Lions club sign."

24. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Heymann opened the meeting to the public. No one wished to be heard.

25. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 8:22 p.m. was made by Councilman Kashwick, seconded by Councilman Glidden and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Heymann.

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