

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013 - 7:30 P.M

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Mayor Heymann called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Heymann welcomed everyone to the Reorganization Meeting and 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 and The Star Ledger for publication on December 18, 2012, 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

Councilman Glidden read 10 great quotations on government politics and our money from President John Adams, Mark Twain, George Bernard Shaw, G. Gordon Liddy, Ronald Reagan, P.J. O'Rourke, Winston Churchill and Aesop.

INVOCATION

At this time, Rabbi David Widzer of Temple Beth-El gave the Invocation.

3. 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
Municipal Court Judge, Thomas Betancourt

4. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE:

a. COUNCIL-ELECT – Mayor Heymann informed that the Oaths of Office would be administered to Councilwoman Elect Alissa J. Latner and Councilman Elect Arthur Braun Dolson. She called upon Municipal Court Judge, Thomas Betancourt, who would be administering the Oaths of Office.

1) ALISSA J. LATNER – Municipal Court Judge Thomas Betancourt administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Alissa J. Latner.

2) ARTHUR BRAUN DOLSON – Municipal Court Judge Thomas Betancourt administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Arthur Braun Dolson.

5. MAYOR HEYMANN

a. DECLARE COUNCIL ORGANIZED FOR 2013 – Mayor Heymann declared the Council of the Borough of Closter organized for 2013.

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At this time, Mayor Heymann recognized the Members of the Knickerbocker Hook and Ladder Company in attendance and invited them to join her to be sworn in. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to the Fire Department Line Officers, (See No. 7 below); and all in attendance offered a round of applause

At this time, Mayor Heymann commenced with the 2013 Appointments.

6. APPOINTMENTS

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Administrator	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Administrative Secretary/ Civilian Records Clerk	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Affirmative Action Officer	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Animal Control Officer	<u>B.C. Animal Shelter</u>	<u>B.C. Animal Shelter</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Appraiser - Commercial Properties	<u>Louis S. Izenberg, MAI, SRA Izenberg Appraisal Associates</u>	<u>Louis S. Izenberg, MAI, SRA Izenberg Appraisal Associates</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Appraiser - Residential Properties	<u>Charles Ciolino Appraisal Systems, Inc.</u>	<u>Charles Ciolino Appraisal Systems, Inc.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Appropriate Authority	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Assessor Clerical Assistant	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u>	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Attorney	<u>Edward T. Rogan Edward Rogan & Associates, LLC</u>	<u>Edward T. Rogan Edward Rogan & Associates, LLC</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Auditor	<u>Gary J. Vinci Lerch, Vinci & Higgins</u>	<u>Gary J. Vinci Lerch, Vinci & Higgins</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Bergen Municipal Coalition	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Board of Health				
Member	<u>(Michael Rothschild Resigned)</u>	<u>Barbara Guile</u>	4 Years Unexp. (Rothschild)	31-Dec-14
Alternate No. 1	<u>Barbara Guile</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years 2 Years Unexp.	31-Dec-14
Alternate No. 2	<u>(Beth Ravit Resigned)</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	Unexp. (Ravit)	31-Dec-13
Bond Counsel Assistant to Borough Clerk	<u>M. Robert DeCotiis DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole (Reps) Doug Doyle/Bill Mayer</u>	<u>DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole (Reps) Doug Doyle/Bill Mayer</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Deputy Borough Clerk	<u>Carol Kroepke</u>	<u>Carol Kroepke</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
COAH Coordinator	<u>Arlene Corvelli</u>	<u>Arlene Corvelli</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
COAH Planner	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Construction/Building Department				
P/T Code Enforcement Official	<u>James Whitney</u>	<u>James Whitney</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
P/T Code Enforcement Official	<u>Youngmin Woo</u>	<u>Youngmin Woo</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Building /Technical Inspector	<u>Giuseppe LaMastra</u>	<u>Giuseppe LaMastra</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Technical Assistant	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Technical Assistant Code Enforcement Official (Trees)	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Deputy Court Administrator	<u>Raymond J. Cywinski</u>	<u>Bill Fuchs</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
	<u>Monica Chalarca</u>	<u>Monica Chalarca</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13

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Deputy Treasurer	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
DPW				
Superintendent of Public Works	<u>William Dahle III</u>	<u>William Dahle III</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Emergency Management				
Deputy Coordinator	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Committee	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>			
Employee Benefits Clerk	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	<u>Dorothy Woods</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
	<u>Stephen T. Boswell</u>	<u>Stephen T. Boswell</u>		
Engineer	<u>Boswell McClave Engineering</u> (Rep) <u>Nick DeNicola</u>	<u>Boswell McClave Engineering</u> (Rep) <u>Nick DeNicola</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
*Environmental Commission				
Member	<u>Brenda Cummings</u>	<u>Brenda Cummings</u>	3 Years 3 Years Unexp. (Ravit)	31-Dec-15
Member	(Vacant)	<u>Tom Colwell</u>		31-Dec-14
Member Planning Board Liaison	<u>Robert DiDio</u>	<u>Robert DiDio</u>	3 Years 2 Years Unexp. (Mayer)	31-Dec-15
Alternate No. 1	<u>Mary W. Mayer</u>	<u>Sylva Crump</u>		31-Dec-13
Alternate No. 2	(Vacant)	<u>Anthony Gray</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Associate Member	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u>	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Jaewook Jun</u>	<u>Jaewook Jun</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Financial Assistant P/T	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u>	<u>Li-Tong Chiang</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Fire Prevention				
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	<u>Mark Meyers</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Alphonso Young, Jr</u>	<u>Alphonso Young, Jr</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	<u>Michael Hunken</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Inspector/Secretary	<u>Brian Pierro</u>	<u>Brian Pierro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Food and Assistance Board				
Member	<u>Katie McDermott</u>	<u>Katie McDermott</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Member	<u>Suzanne Lerant</u>	<u>Suzanne Lerant</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Health Officer	<u>Mid Bergen Regional Health</u> <u>Commission/Sam Yanovich</u>	<u>Mid Bergen Regional Health</u> <u>Commission/Sam Yanovich</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Historians				
	<u>Orlando Tobia</u>	<u>Orlando Tobia</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
	<u>Louis Apa</u>	<u>William Cahill</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13

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Historic Preservation Commission				
Member (Class A)	<u>William J. Martin</u>	<u>William J. Martin</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-16
Member (Class B)	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u>	<u>Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-16
Member (Class C)	<u>Lewis Lobosco</u>	<u>Stuart Tray (Class A)</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-16
Alternate No. 1	<u>Orlando Tobia</u>	<u>Orlando Tobia</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Improvement Commission				
Member	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>Ann Brewster</u>	<u>Ann Brewster</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>Grace Kim Kook</u>	<u>Juana Reyes</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>Maria Kim</u>	<u>Maria Kim</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>Fred Pitofsky</u>	<u>Fred Pitofsky</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Member	<u>Tina Stratton</u>	<u>Tina Stratton</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Alternate No. 1	(Vacant)	<u>Shiran Slutzky</u>	2 Years Unexp. (Arbietman)	31-Dec-13
Alternate No. 2	<u>Shiran Slutzky</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Information Technology Coordinator				
	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Joint Insurance Fund				
Fund Commissioner	<u>Fred Pitofsky</u>	<u>Fred Pitofsky</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Alternate Fund Commissioner	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Safety Delegate	<u>William Dahle III</u>	<u>William Dahle III</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Safety Alternate	<u>Tony Lupardi</u>	<u>Tony Lupardi</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Safety Committee	<u>Dr. David Barad</u>	<u>Dr. David Barad</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Safety Committee	<u>Chris Pesce</u>	<u>Chris Pesce</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Risk Management Consultant				
	<u>Glenn Parsells Parsells Agency Inc.</u>	<u>Glenn Parsells Parsells Agency Inc.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Land Use Coordinator				
Planning Board	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	<u>Rose Mitchell</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Zoning Board of Adjustment	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	<u>Paul Demarest</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Library				
Trustee	<u>Kathy Rolland</u>	<u>Kathy Rolland</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-17
NJ Motion Picture/ TV Comm.				
	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Administrator	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Municipal Officer	<u>Chief Dennis Kaine</u>	<u>Chief Dennis Kaine</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Parking Reserve				
Councilperson	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Administrator	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Zoning Officer	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13

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Pension Certifying Agent	<u>Maria Passafaro</u>	<u>Maria Passafaro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Planner to Implement Portions of the 2008 Master Plan	<u>Francis J. Banisch, III</u> <u>Banisch Associates, Inc.</u>	<u>Francis J. Banisch, III</u> <u>Banisch Associates, Inc.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
*Planning Board				
*Class II Member/ Rep to Gov. of Closter	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Council Member - Class III	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
*Alternate No. 1	<u>Irene Stella</u>	<u>Irene Stella</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Police Matrons				
	<u>Kathleen Goldrick</u>	<u>Kathleen Goldrick</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Prosecutor	<u>Mark Peter Fierro</u> <u>Scott Mooney</u>	<u>Mark Peter Fierro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Alternate Prosecutor	<u>The Law Offices of</u> <u>Scott Mooney, L.L.C.</u> <u>Peter H. Kim</u> <u>Law Offices of</u> <u>Peter H. Kim, P.C.</u>	<u>No Appointment</u> <u>Peter H. Kim</u> <u>Law Offices of</u> <u>Peter H. Kim, P.C.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Public Defender	<u>Peter H. Kim, P.C.</u>	<u>Peter H. Kim, P.C.</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Qualified Purchasing Agent	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Recreation Commission				
Director	<u>James Oettinger</u>	<u>James Oettinger</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Deputy Director Field Maintenance	<u>John Kilduff</u>	<u>John Kilduff</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Assistant Director	<u>Brian Beddoe</u>	<u>Brian Beddoe</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Member	<u>Matthew Martire</u>	<u>Mary Ann Denner</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-17
Member	<u>Steven Potterton</u>	<u>Steven Potterton</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-17
Associate Member	<u>Doug Pangburn</u>	<u>Alfredo Freyre</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Joseph Yammarino</u>	<u>Joseph Yammarino</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Leslie Weatherly</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Wendy Nigro</u>	<u>Wendy Nigro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Karen Farber</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Nancy Reilly</u>	<u>Nancy Reilly</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Stephanie Nolan</u>	<u>Stephanie Nolan</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Mary Ann Denner</u>	<u>Chris Haray</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Paul Nyfenger</u>	<u>Paul Nyfenger</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>James Thompson</u>	<u>James Thompson</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Associate Member	<u>Dean C. Pialtos</u>	<u>Dean C. Pialtos</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
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>		

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School Crossing Guards (Continued)				
	<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				
Member	<u>George Futterknecht</u>	<u>George Futterknecht</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-17
Member	<u>Anthony Lupardi, Sr.</u>	<u>Anthony Lupardi, Sr.</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-17
Alternate No. 1	<u>Susan Boudet</u>	<u>Anthony Ix</u>	5 Years	31-Dec-17
Alternate No. 2	(Vacant)	<u>Patricia Ix</u>	4 Years Unexp. (Vacant)	31-Dec-15
Tax Collector	<u>Maria Passafaro</u>	<u>Maria Passafaro</u>	TENURE	
Assistant to Tax Collector/ Payroll Clerk	<u>Michaela Tomanova</u>	<u>Michaela Tomanova</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Temporary and Part-Time Clerical				
(Finance)	<u>Anum Qureshi</u>	<u>Anum Qureshi (1/2 - 1/11)</u> <u>Edis Martinez (1/2)</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
(Police Records Clerk)	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	<u>Maria Deegan</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
(Recreation)	<u>Gina Ferraro</u>	<u>Gina Ferraro</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Treasurer	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13
Zoning Board of Adjustment				
Member	<u>Theodore West</u>	<u>Theodore West</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-16
Member	<u>Mitchell Monaco</u>	<u>Mitchell Monaco</u>	4 Years	31-Dec-16
Alternate No. 1	<u>Andrew Shyong</u>	<u>Andrew Shyong</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Alternate No. 3	<u>Joan Marks</u>	<u>Joan Marks</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-14
Zoning Officer	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	<u>Leonard Sinowitz</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-13

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENT*

2013 Council Committees

<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 Dolson/Latner
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 Latner/Barad
Public Works	Alissa Latner Amitai/Glidden	Alissa Latner Dolson/Glidden

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2013 Council Liaisons

Ambulance Corps.	David Barad
Board of Education	Alissa Latner / 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	John Glidden
Northern Valley Mayors Association *Voting Member - Not Liaison	Sophie Heymann

2013 Mid-Year Appointments to be made in June

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Bergen County Community Development Program			
Mayor	<u>Sophie Heymann</u>	1-Jul-13	30-Jun-14
Governing Body Rep	<u>Victoria Amitai</u>	1-Jul-13	30-Jun-14
Mayor's Alternate	<u>Richard J. Sheola</u>	1-Jul-13	30-Jun-14
Governing Body Alternate Rep	<u>John Kashwick</u>	1-Jul-13	30-Jun-14
Bergen County Open Space Trust Regional Committee			
Governing Body Rep	<u>Mayor Sophie Heymann</u>	1-Jul-13	30-Jun-14
Fire Official	<u>Kevin Whitney</u>	1-Aug-13	31-Jul-15

Motion approving the above noted 2013 appointments 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. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE:

- a. AMBULANCE CORPS LINE OFFICERS
- b. FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE OFFICERS
 - Chris Pesce, Chief
 - Brian Pierro, Acting Captain
 - Kurt Vreeland, Lieutenant
 - Thomas Pierro, Safety Officer
- c. ALL APPOINTEES

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

RESOLUTIONS

9.* RE WAIVING READING OF THE MINUTES

~~10.*~~ RE FIXING MEETING DATES FOR 2013

This resolution was removed by the Borough Clerk who noted that the last meeting of the Mayor and Council for 2013 is scheduled to be held on Monday, December 23, with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day immediately following. She explained that as a result of the excessive workload her office experienced for the last meeting in December of this year, she requested approval to remove the December 23rd meeting from the schedule.

Motion to remove December 23rd from the 2013 schedule of Mayor and Council meetings was made by Councilman Glidden, seconded by Councilwoman Amitai and declared carried by Mayor Heymann upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Glidden, Latner, Barad, Dolson and Amitai. Councilman Kashwick voted no.

11.* RE INTEREST RATES AND PENALTIES

12.* RE WARRANTS

13.* RE DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

14.* RE DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON BANK ACCOUNTS FOR 2013

15.* ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2013

16.* RE DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

17.* RE EXEMPTING CHARGES FOR OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS AND SETTING FEES FOR ALL OTHER MEETING NOTICES FOR 2013

18.* ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2013

19.* RE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

- a. ATTORNEY
- b. AUDITOR
- c. BOND COUNSEL
- d. BOROUGH APPRAISER – COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
- e. BOROUGH APPRAISER – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
- f. BOROUGH ENGINEER
- g. BOROUGH PLANNER (MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION)
- h. COAH PLANNER
- i. PROSECUTOR
- ~~j. ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR~~

This Resolution was removed by the Borough Attorney. Mr. Rogan explained that no bids were received; therefore, they cannot prepare the contract at this time. Councilman Glidden noted Mr. Mooney, last year's Alternate, had contacted him to say he was appointed Borough Attorney in Emerson; therefore, he could not apply for the position this year. The Borough Attorney informed that they can re-advertise very soon, but the Resolution to authorize preparation of a contract cannot be voted on. Mayor Heymann noted that we have advertised twice for the Alternate Prosecutor position with no responses.

- k. PUBLIC DEFENDER
- l. RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
- m. ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES/COUNTY OF BERGEN
- n. STATE MANDATED BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS COMPLIANCE PROGRAM/COUNTY OF BERGEN
- o. PUBLIC HEALTH
- p. ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING SERVICES

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8a. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

20.* 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

21.* AUTHORIZING TAX SALE OF 2012 DELINQUENT TAXES

22.* RE REDEMPTION CALCULATION FEES

23.* AUTHORIZING THE BELSKIE MUSEUM TO SERVE WINE AT MONTHLY ANNUAL RECEPTIONS IN CALENDAR YEAR 2013 (7. M.L. 12/13/12) TO BE PREPARED BY BOROUGH ATTORNEY

8b. VOTE OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion approving the Consent Agenda minus Item Nos. 10 and 19j. 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.

21. REVIEW AND VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

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

At this time, Councilman Kashwick noted Item No. 7, “Administration of Oaths of Office to All Appointees: was passed over; and he asked Mayor Heymann if she would like to administer the Oaths to the various appointees in attendance this evening.

Mayor Heymann invited the appointees to join her; she administered the Oaths of Office and the public offered a round of applause.

23. MAYOR HEYMANN – REMARKS

“To 2012, I say good riddance!

It has been a difficult year for many of us... Sandy overwhelmed the New Jersey coast and reached our neighbors in Moonachie, Little Ferry and Hoboken. Closter, though far more fortunate, lost power, heat and light for a week, and the many trees that came down totaled at least one house and dozens of transformers. But difficult times bring out the best in most of us, and Closter certainly proved that. I'm thinking of the PTO and Marnie Mai who provided lunch and fun and games for cabin fevered kids and their stressed-out moms, for Librarian Ruth Rando, who provided warmth and light, but also strode the length of the library with her cell phone, to access the library reference system for our residents in the absence of the library's Verizon connection; for Linda Albelli who volunteered coffee service for those residents who had sought comfort in the library; for the pastors and women of St. Paul's church, who provided a hot soup lunch for anyone to partake, the police officers who checked with our frailest Seniors and made sure they were comfortable, for our firemen who answered unending false alarms caused by power deprived residential alarms, for our OEM crew who left their own families to monitor our command post 24/7. And the many kind residents who checked on their neighbors and offered help, warmth and food when they were the lucky owners of a generator. And the many Closterites who brought coats and toys for the victims of the 2012 disasters, and the officers who volunteered their time to collect and distribute those items. And, of course, the always ready members of the ambulance corps, the church and synagogue members who made extraordinary contributions on behalf of disaster victims, the Scouts who complete building projects to improve our town, the residents who shovel snow for their neighbors, or give them rides to church or to shop.

But I also want to talk about other volunteers in Closter whose dedication to our community often goes unrecognized and unrewarded: They are the men and women who fill our many

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committees, commissions and boards. Always acting for the common good, they must sometimes, with a heavy heart, rule against their friends and neighbors. They spend many hours reading background materials on the issues to come before them, attend meetings into the wee hours of the night away from their families, among many other ways they serve their beloved Borough and all of us. The reward is their sense of accomplishment in assuring that Closter continue as an always better more livable community, and their sense of doing something for others. I'd like to enumerate these boards, to show all their members that we do appreciate all their work and to encourage you, today's audience to participate as well. We always welcome volunteers. So here goes: The Belskie Museum Board, and the Closter Library Board; the Closter Recreation Commission, the Coaches Association, and the individual sports coaches, the Nature Center Board, the Environmental Commission, and the Shade Tree Commission, the Board of Health and the Food and Assistance Board, the Senior Citizens Board, the Closter Improvement Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission, the sign committee, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board. Hundreds of our fellow citizens serve us this way. Infrequently praised, but more often criticized for their actions, they seek no reward beyond service to their home community. The service they provide gratuitously would cost taxpayers in the hundreds of thousands for judges and lawyers, engineers and architects, horticulturists and arborists, doctors and social workers. After hearing this pithy description, wouldn't you like to join them?

What did we accomplish in concert in A.D. 2012? Top of the list is the renovation of Ruckman pond. Because of the cooperation of the Bergen County Mosquito Commission and the extraordinary efforts of Bill Dahle, our DPW superintendent and his crew, a project that cost several of our neighbors, doing the same work, many hundreds of thousands of dollars, but Closter completed for under \$70,000. We finally completed the bathroom at Ruckman Park, and approved the working plans for bathrooms and Mollicone and Schauble parks. We completed a network of sidewalks near Tenakill School to encourage safe walk to school, we completed the paving of Herbert Avenue, Blanch Avenue and West street as well as Reuten Drive. The Van Sciver Vantage home for sixteen disabled persons on Railroad Avenue, and our Food and Assistance Board helped to service those families and individuals immediately. With the help of our Scouts, we improved Schauble field, and added a track there. New signage at the Nature Center welcomed walkers, and the Environmental Commission laid plans for new trails. The revival of our Chamber of Commerce provided us with entertainment in July and a scarecrow contest in October. Also, on the lighter side, a Leonardo DiCaprio movie, the Wolf of Wall Street, filmed a segment at Closter Plaza, giving the world a chance to see our town, when the movie is released in the Spring.

Besides the Wolf of Wall Street at Closter Plaza, what else can we expect in 2013? Certainly real progress at that infamous Plaza! And real progress in solving some of our land use issues - and increasing our "Green" profile and Closter's sustainability. We will also manage our expenses to remain under the 2% cap for real estate taxes. We will develop a realistic operating budget that will address our immediate service needs while, nevertheless, plan appropriately for our long-term needs, including renovation improvements on our borough hall. We will continue to cooperate with our revitalized Chamber of Commerce to encourage business activity in Closter. We will seek out ways to inform and educate our residents; I will increase my introductions to the operation of the Mayor and council by encouraging even more Scouts and school groups to role play at Borough Hall, and we will mount a major campaign to encourage recycling. We are going to concentrate on communications: Communication to assure that all Closter residents and business persons be apprised of all our events and all our proposals; communication to assure that, even in emergencies, we find ways to keep everyone informed. As to emergencies, should we be so unfortunate as to face another monster storm, we will provide better support for heating (or cooling) light and charging.

One final thought....The current motion picture on President Lincoln focuses on his dilemma in trying to preserve the Union while eliminating discrimination. In reviewing the film, conservative columnist Clarence Page stated: "Democratic governance... requires compromises, You can't always get what you want, but we can work together.. to get what we need."

24. 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)

Tom Colwell, 25 Cedar Court, member of the Environmental Commission, thanked the Mayor for the appointment and noted that he also serves on the Vantage Health System Board of Directors. He thanked the governing body for what was done for the Van Sciver residence. He said he wrote a letter to the editor thanking the Police Department and the schools in the

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aftermath of the Newtown, Connecticut incident.

Richard Ryan, 212 Knickerbocker Road, thanked all involved for the excellent response during Hurricane Sandy but noted that the signal at Knickerbocker Road and High Street was not operational and the stop sign, he felt, was not adequate/not visible enough. The handicap skid plate on the southwest corner was removed for approximately 7 months, repaired and now is off again. The corner is not safe and he noted that towns to the north and south use generators, which appear to be very effective. Mayor Heymann said the matter has been discussed with the Police Department; and she suggested that he speak to the Police Chief after the meeting.

25. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 8:30 p.m. was made by Councilman Kashwick, seconded by Councilman Barad and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Heymann.

Provided to the Mayor and Council via web portal on January 4, 2013 for approval at the Regular Meeting to be held January 9, 2013

Loretta Castano, RMC
Borough Clerk

Prepared by Carol Kroepke, RMC, and Arlene Corvelli, RMC, utilizing recording of this meeting

Approved at the Regular Meeting held January 9, 2013
Consent Agenda Item No. 11d.