

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2019
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING, NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation: Deacon J. Peter Shoemaker

Statement: Mrs. Trotto read a statement setting forth the time, date and place of this meeting, that it was properly advertised, posted and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
Mr. Owens	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
Mrs. Stubbs-abs.	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
Mrs. Winters-abs.	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
Mr. Mignone	Deputy Chief Harkins, Police
Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Township Engineer
Mr. Mercado-abs.	

PRESENTATION: SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

Mayor Mayer, Chief Earle, and Deputy Chief Harkins swore in the following officers:

Lieutenant Melissa Capanna	Sergeant Kevin Schultz
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MINUTES:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

September 4, 2019

REGULAR SESSION:

September 9, 2019

September 23, 2019

Mr. Owens made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: Mr. Hutchison abstained from the regular session minutes of September 23, 2019. Mrs. Trotto abstained from the regular session minutes of September 23, 2019. All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

BID REPORT:

**REDWOOD STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT
BIDS RECEIVED OCTOBER 8, 2019 @ 10:00 AM**

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Walters Marine Construction	\$665,000.00
Mount Construction Company, Inc	\$675,470.00
Compass Construction, Inc	\$660,487.00

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the bids, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mrs. Trotto opened the public portion.

Peter Heignbaugh of Morningstar Court asked Council, in regards to Resolution 268 referencing the Broker of Record Health, when the existing contract ends and the new one begins. Mr. Cardis stated the current contract ends October 31 and the new one begins on November 1. Mr. Heignbaugh asked if this is behind schedule. Mr. Cardis explained that he would have like to have had it advertised earlier. Mr. Heignbaugh asked for information regarding payment to Blue Sky Power on the bill list. Mr. Cardis explained the payment is for consulting work for the

GEMS solar effort and Black Horse Pike School Phase II solar project. Mr. Heignbuagh asked if Blue Sky Power are energy experts. Mr. Cardis stated yes and they have designed the whole program which will generate lease payments to the township.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked Council what the past issues were regarding solar panels and GEMS landfill. Mr. Cardis stated that the township was waiting on the DEP because of the landfill being a superfund site. Mr. Polidoro asked why swamp pink is not an issue with this solar project. Mr. Cardis stated the DEP already researched the area and determined there is no swamp pink. Mr. Polidoro asked who is the current Broker of Record Health. Mr. Cardis stated Conner Strong and Buckelew. Mr. Polidoro asked if they ever contributed to PACs. Mrs. Trotto stated she did not know.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates asked Council if Resolution 273, accepting the audit, was in reference to a financial audit. Mr. Cardis stated the audit is for calendar year 2018. Mr. Krug described his review of the audit. Mr. Krug asked Council if the township works with other taxing entities to assist in lowering taxes. Mr. Cardis stated the township participates in shared services, cooperative agreements and purchasing agreements to save money.

Sam Sweet of Erial described rumors he heard that the previous administration wanted solar panels at the GEMS landfill, but council did not. Mr. Cardis stated council never voted on the solar panels, because the DEP never approved it. Mr. Sweet asked council if there was an issue in the past with Blue Sky Power due to vague invoices. Mr. Cardis explained that concern came from a resident at a council meeting and adjustments were made. Mr. Sweet asked who owns Blue Sky Power. Mr. Cardis stated he works with Mr. Parvin but does not know if he is the owner. Mr. Sweet asked council why they don't know who the owner is. Mr. Hutchison stated council cannot be expected to recall the name of every owner of every business the township does business with. Mr. Cardis explained the RFQ/RFP process for professional services. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

**RESOLUTIONS:
CONSENT AGENDA**

R-19:10-263

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, that the following bills are approved by the Township Council in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 0-82-16 and certified by the Chief Financial Officer that the claims are proper obligation of the township, that adequate funds are available to honor these claims in the account indicated and the claim should be paid:

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 7,426,204.85

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 366,132.00

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 16,402.00

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 121,130.45

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 11,125.53

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 415,753.43

Adopted: October 16, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

R-19:10-264

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDING OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to authorize the refunding of the following credit balances:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME AND ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
403	31	Colleen Doyle 405 Roosevelt Ave. Glendora, NJ 08029	2019	\$1,689.32	Overpayment
11108	29	Raymond & Myra Stratton 4 Millbridge Rd. Clementon, NJ 08021	2019	\$3,031.27	Overpayment
13802	27	Lowayne Mitchell 49 Deer Park Circle Blackwood, NJ 08012	2019	\$1,795.98	Overpayment
14402	31	Center for Family Services 22 Little Mill Rd. Laurel Springs, NJ 08021	2019	\$26.32	Overpayment
15815	5	Conrad and Sue Hess 10 Shane St. Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2019	\$720.78	Overpayment
18306	3	Wells Fargo Home Mtg. 1 Home Campus MAC F 2302-04D Des Moines, IA 50328	2019	\$2,859.10	Overpayment
20802	1	Knoll Run Assoc. 455 Larchmont Blvd, Suite 14A Mount Laurel, NJ 08054	2019	\$11.54	Overpayment

ADOPTED: October 16, 2019

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

R-19:10-265

RESOLUTION EXTENDING MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER TO EXTEND THE COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY AND DEER CARCASS REMOVAL SERVICE, LLC

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Camden, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency", has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the removal of Deer Carcass, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, wishes to continue their participation in the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of October, 2019 by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Gloucester Township does hereby extend their participation in the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Camden County from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Adopted: October 16, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

R-19:10-266

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF ENCROACHMENT DEPOSITS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following encroachment deposits be and are hereby authorized to be refunded:

Stephen Rizzo, Inc
79 E. Lake Drive
Audubon, NJ 08106

APPLICATION: #216869
ESCROW: #216104
PERMIT: #11030

AMOUNT: \$366.00

APPLICATION: #216870
ESCROW: #216105
PERMIT: #11031

AMOUNT: \$378.00

TOTAL: \$744.00

Adopted: October 16, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

R-19:10-267

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF RFP/RFQ'S VIA THE
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
WEBSITE FOR ONLINE TAX SALE HOSTING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of New Jersey pursuant to Public Contracts and Pay-to-Play legislation authorizes requests for proposals/qualifications for various professional services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Soliciting of RFP/RFQ'S via the Gloucester Township Website is hereby confirmed, in accordance with the respective specifications provided through the office of the Business Administrator for the following:

ONLINE TAX SALE HOSTING SERVICES

Adopted: October 16, 2019

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

R-19:10-268

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SOLICITATION OF RFQ'S VIA THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR BROKER OF RECORD - HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester is in need of a Broker of Record – Health, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester hereby authorized the Township Administrator to go out for RFQ's for Broker of Record – Health via the Gloucester Township Website.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Soliciting of RFQ's via the Gloucester Township Website is hereby confirmed, in accordance with the respective specifications provided through the office of the Business Administrator.

Adopted: October 16, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

R-19:10-269

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GRANT SENIOR CITIZEN, DISABLED, OR VETERAN DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2019 AS INDICATED AND TO ADJUST ANY BALANCE

WHEREAS, the following applicants are the owners of a residential property located in the Township of Gloucester, and,

WHEREAS, they have properly filed an application for a Senior Citizen, Disabled, or Veteran Deduction with proof of eligibility, and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has reviewed and approved said application and adjusted the records for 2019,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is authorized to grant said deduction and/or adjust any resulting balances for the year 2019 and refund any balances for the amounts indicated.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount of Deduction
4704	1	Anthony Santanello Deduction 2019	Add Veteran	250.00
7806	12	Donald Cowin Deduction 2019	Add Veteran	250.00
7806	22	Stephen Kochan Deduction 2019	Add Senior Citizen	250.00
11401	3	Bonita Morrison Deduction 2019	Add Disabled	250.00
15907	8	Jean Torres Deduction 2019	Add Veteran	250.00
17902	4.17	Elizabeth Ryan Deduction 2019	Add Senior Citizen	250.00
18603	6.02	Stephen Davis Deduction 2019	Add Senior Citizen	250.00

ADOPTED: October 16, 2019

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

R-19:10-270

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN OR OTHER EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 2019 AND 2020 FIRST HALF AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CREDIT TAXES AND REFUND ANY OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the following names are owners and residents of property in the Township of Gloucester, and

WHEREAS, they have made proper application for Total and Permanent Service-Connected Disability tax exempt status on their property designated with the block and lots listed below and,

WHEREAS, they have submitted proper evidence of Total and Permanent Disability rating from the U.S. Veterans Administration in accordance with State Regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is authorized to grant said exemption, credit property taxes as stated for 2019 and 2020 first half and refund any resulting credit balances.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount to be Credited
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9110	15	James F. Wheeling	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 9/17/19	\$2,261.51 – 2019 2 nd half \$4,030.40 – 2020 1st half
10201	10.01	Gustavo Garcia-Hernandez	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 8/8/19	\$5,111.98 – 2019 2 nd half \$6,479.98 – 2020 1st half
12905	8	John M. Berle	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 9/4/19	\$1,991.60 – 2019 2 nd half \$3,090.42 – 2020 1st half
13602	16	Orlando Gil-Torres	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 9/17/19	\$1,386.30 – 2019 2 nd half \$2,446.41 – 2020 1st half
15305	32.01	Kathleen Corazzini	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 9/5/19	\$2,672.16 – 2019 2 nd half \$4,146.45 – 2020 1st half
16124	6	Gary F. Sweeney	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 7/3/19	\$2,650.28 – 2019 2 nd half \$2,695.20 – 2020 1st half
16801	55	Aubrey Davidson	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 9/30/19	\$2,200.32 – 2019 2 nd half \$4,400.62 – 2020 1st half
18102	9.02	Eric Began	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 9/16/19	\$1,720.37 – 2019 2 nd half \$2,977.55 – 2020 1st half
18310	78	Matthew J. Formica	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 5/31/19	\$7,308.94 – 2019 2 nd half \$7,308.94 – 2020 1st half
18310	87	Sophia Shuler	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 9/3/19	\$5,994.98 – 2019 2 nd half \$9,223.04 – 2020 1st half
8011	14	Marlene Argentina	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 6/17/19	\$4,287.73 – 2019 2 nd half \$4,287.73 – 2020 1st half
15821	29	John Guzik	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 5/30/19	\$5,101.67 – 2019-2 nd half \$5,082.37 – 2020 1st half

ADOPTED: October 16, 2019

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

R-19:10-271

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF ENCROACHMENT DEPOSITS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following encroachment deposits be and are hereby authorized to be refunded:

Accupro Environmental
505 S. Blackhorse Pike
Turnersville, NJ 08012

APPLICATION: #201555

ESCROW: #192114

PERMIT: #10184

AMOUNT: \$285.00

ADOPTED: October 16, 2019

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

R-19:10-272

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND COMPASS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF REDWOOD STREET CULVERT

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for the Replacement of Redwood Street Culvert, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been provided, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council received bids or quotes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the proper Township Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Compass Construction, Inc. for the Replacement of Redwood Street Culvert in the amount of \$603,365.00 which was the lowest bid or quote received.

Adopted: October 16, 2019

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

R-19:10-273

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF GLOUCESTER ACCEPTING THE 2018 AUDIT OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2018 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the firm of Bowman and Company, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 , and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body.

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs.

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled, “Findings and Questioned costs” or “Findings and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Findings and Questioned Costs” or “Findings and Recommendations”, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with , at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52- to wit:

R.S. 52-27BB-52 – A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his/her office.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Adopted: October 16, 2019

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mrs. Trotto opened the public portion.

Peter Heignbaugh of Morningstar Court stated Conner Strong and Buckelew donated to the 2015 council campaign after the election. Mr. Cardis stated Conner Strong and Buckelew are hired professionals in numerous local municipalities.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked Council if they have considered removing the curfew for Mischief Night. Mrs. Trotto stated she would speak with Council President Mercado, but she did not see the need to alter the curfew.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates stated a county road near his home was paved. Mr. Krug asked Council if they reviewed the information Brian Burns brought before council at the last meeting regarding a tract of land. Mr. Carlamere stated the township has been working on obtaining this land for some time. Mr. Lechner stated he has been working on this project for several years. The land has been appraised, assessed, surveyed, and some debris remains to be cleaned up. Mr. Carlamere stated contracts have been signed, contingent on Green Acre funding.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked Council if RFQ's were required for any contracts over \$40,000. Mr. Cardis stated the threshold was \$17,500. Mr. Sweet asked if donations could be given to PACs if bidders were between \$17,500 and \$40,000. Mr. Carlamere explained the Pay to Play legislation and exemption if a public bidding is held. Mr. Sweet asked how the Housing Authority receives funding. Mr. Carlamere stated through the market to affordable housing, investors, and tax credits. Mr. Sweet stated he is aware that the housing authority removed a professional because they do not have the funds. Mr. Cardis explained that the township's professional has agreed to provide the service under no additional cost to the township under our current proposal. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Deputy Chief Harkins announced that Chief Earle's final radio call is October 30. The public is invited to Denis Flyer Theater at Camden County College on November 4th at 7pm for Deputy Chief Harkins swear in ceremony.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison stressed the importance of supporting claims and accusations made during the public portion. Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Mr. Owens thanked everyone for coming and congratulated the officers sworn in this evening.

Mr. Owens congratulated Deputy Chief Harkins on his promotion. Mr. Owens announced that Gloucester Township received a community redevelopment award for the Gloucester Premium Outlets. Mr. Owens stated Saturday October 26th is the Food and Beer Festival in Downtown Blackwood and this Saturday is the rabies clinic.

Mr. Mignone reminded residents that October 25th is Trunk and Treat. Mr. Mignone congratulated the officers worn in and Deputy Chief Harkins.

Mrs. Trotto congratulated the officers sworn in and Deputy Chief Harkins.