

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 28, 2019  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation: Rev. David McMurray

Statement: Mr. Mercado 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	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mr. Mignone	Captain Minosse, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Township Engineer-abs.
	Mr. Mercado	

**R-19:10-274**

**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM DISCUSSION  
OF EXEMPTED SUBJECT MATTER AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL SESSION  
OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER PURSUANT  
TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ. OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

**WHEREAS.** The Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey provides that certain matters may be discussed in “Executive Closed Session” without members of the public being permitted to attend, and

**WHEREAS.** The following items, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, are permitted closed session discussion,

1. Confidential Matter under Federal or State Statute or Court Rule.
2. Matter which would jeopardize the receipt of Federal Funds.
3. Matter constituting unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
4. Matter involving collective bargaining.
5. Matter involving purchase, lease or investment using public funds, or involving setting of bank rates.
6. Matters involving investigation of violations or possible violations of law. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that disclosure could impair such protection.
7. Matters involving Attorney Client privileges.
8. Matters involving personnel.
9. Matters involving proceedings which could result in civil penalty, suspension or loss of license.

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it Resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that there exists a need to discuss Litigation and Personnel, in executive closed session, and that the public be and is hereby excluded from this discussion on October 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that disclosure to the public of the executive closed session matter shall not be made public until such matter has been resolved.

Adopted: October 28, 2019

ATTEST:

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk, RMC  
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

Mr. Mercado stated that Council is going into Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Roll call: All 6 council members present.

Mr. Mercado stated that the closed session discussion was concerning a workmen's compensation settlement amount.

Mr. Owens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Council President  
Orlando Mercado

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	Mr. Mercado	

**MAYOR APPOINTMENT:**

Nancy Power, Township Clerk, read the mayor appointment of Deputy Chief David Harkins to the position of Chief of Police.

**BID REPORT:**

**2019/2020 SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTORS FOR PARTICIPATION IN  
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP'S SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM  
RFP'S RECEIVED OCTOBER 9, 2019 @ 10:00 AM**

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>
American Asphalt Company, INC (8)	Class II Truck	\$200.00 per hour
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Rahn Contracting, LLC (4)	Class I Truck	\$190.00 per hour
Rahn Contracting, LLC (1)	Class II Truck	\$200.00 per hour
Rahn Contracting, LLC (1)	Front End Loader	\$205.00 per hour
Rahn Contracting, LLC (2)	Backhoe	\$168.00 per hour
Rahn Contracting, LLC (2)	Skid Steer	\$168.00 per hour
Rahn Contracting, LLC (4)	Pick-up Truck	\$110.00 per hour

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BROKERAGE SERVICES FOR  
MEDICAL/PRESCRIPTION/DENTAL/VISION COVERAGE  
BIDS RECEIVED OCTOBER 22, 2019 @ 11:00 AM**

**CONTRACTOR**

Conner Strong & Buckelew

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked Council what the issue is in Cherrywood regarding Resolution 280 and underground environmental testing. Mr. Carlamere stated there is contamination on a property, not owned by the township, and this company needs access in order to investigate surrounding areas to confirm whether or not contamination has spread. Mr. Carlamere confirmed there is no cost to the township.

There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**R-19:10-275**

**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 \$ 553,693.34

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 220,595.85

**DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 20,595.85

**TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 93,205.58

**ANIMAL**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 520.00

**MANUAL CHECKS**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 85,314.02

Adopted: October 28, 2019

ATTEST:

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk, RMC  
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-19:10-276**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of Gloucester Township has previously issued a tax sale certificate to Cazenovia Creek Funding II, LLC, which certificate is dated December 27, 2018 covering premises commonly known as and referred to as Block 20302, Lot 1 as set out on the municipal tax map then in use which certificate bears number 18-01187,

**WHEREAS**, the lienholder has indicated to the Tax Collector that the original certificate was lost and have duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Loss with the Tax Collector, a copy of which is attached hereto;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Gloucester, that the Tax Collector of the municipality be and is hereby authorized, upon receipt of the appropriately executed notarized Loss Affidavit, to issue an appropriate duplicate tax sale certificate to the said purchaser covering the certificate lost as previously described all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws of 1997;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution and the Loss Affidavit be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued to said purchaser and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word "Duplicate" as required by law.

Adopted: October 28, 2019

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk, RMC  
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-19:10-277**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-19:10-270 ENTITLED "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 which are hereby amended 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 which are amended as follows.

<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Amount to be Credited</b>
10201	10.01	Gustavo Garcia-Hernandez	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption (Original) As of 8/8/19 (Amended)	\$5,111.98 – 2019 2 <sup>nd</sup> half \$6,479.98 – 2020 1st half \$7,228.50
16124	6	Gary F. Sweeney	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption (Original) As of 7/3/19 (Amended)	\$2,650.28 – 2019 2 <sup>nd</sup> half \$2,518.41 \$2,695.20 – 2020 1st half

Adopted: October 28, 2019

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk, RMC  
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-19:10-278**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING  
CONNOR STRONG & BUCKELEW AS BROKER OF RECORD -HEALTH  
INSURANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester is desirous of appointing a Broker of Record - Health for the Township of Gloucester for a three year period beginning November 1, 2019 and ending October 31, 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester adopted a resolution allowing the Township of Gloucester to solicit RFQ's and obtained a proposal(s), and

**WHEREAS**, after careful review, Connor Strong & Buckelew was determined to meet the qualifications required by Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Connor Strong & Buckelew be appointed as Broker of Record - Health for a three year period from November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022.

Adopted: October 28, 2019

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President of Council

ATTEST:

Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk, RMC  
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-19:10-279**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE READVERTISING OF BIDS FOR THE  
REHABILITATION OF THE LAKELAND PUBLIC STREET HOCKEY RINKS**

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Budget provides funds for the purchase of certain materials and supplies and equipment whose aggregate value will exceed \$40,000.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the State Statutes require that items exceeding \$40,000.00 be properly advertised and bids received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Advertising of Bids is hereby authorized, in accordance with the respective specifications for the following:

**THE REHABILITATION OF THE LAKELAND PUBLIC  
STREET HOCKEY RINKS**

Adopted: October 28, 2019

ATTEST:

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk, RMC  
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-19:10-280**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A TEMPORARY ACCESS  
AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN PT CONSULTANTS, INC. AND THE TOWNSHIP  
OF GLOUCESTER TO PERFORM UNDER GROUND ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING  
AT BLOCK 13606, LOT 54 WHICH IS CHERRYWOOD DRIVE PARK PROPERTY  
OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, PT Consultants, Inc., has determined the need to investigate and conduct groundwater testing resulting from a possible contamination from 1340 Blackwood Clementon Road; and

**WHEREAS**, State law and regulations mandates that an investigation must be done to determine the extent of the possible contamination to Block 13606, Lot 54; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Council is in agreement to allow PT Consultants, Inc. to conduct an investigation of possible groundwater contamination of Block 13606, Lot 54; and

**WHEREAS**, PT Consultants, Inc. is requesting a temporary access agreement to install 12 temporary monitoring wells within Block 13606, Lot 54 to conduct the groundwater environmental testing; and

**WHEREAS**, PT Consultants, Inc. will require one day to install the monitoring wells and to sample the ground water.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Gloucester of the County of Camden that the proper Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the Temporary Access Agreement by and between the PT Consultants, Inc., and the Township of

Gloucester for the purposes of access and installation of 12 temporary monitoring wells and groundwater testing on Block 13606, Lot 54. It is understood that that any disturbance to the property will be restored to the same way it was prior to this Temporary Access Agreement at no cost to the Township of Gloucester and all costs shall be borne by PT Consultants, Inc.

Adopted: October 28, 2019

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-19:10-281**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND VARIOUS CONTRACTORS FOR SNOW REMOVAL FOR 2019 – 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for Snow Removal in the Township of Gloucester.

**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 the following contractors for snow removal at contract prices shown.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above named contractors shall provide proof of liability insurance and other appropriate insurances before delivery of a fully executed contract.

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Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk, RMC  
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Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Richard Szerbin of Yorkshire Road expressed his concerns to Council regarding the incident that occurred at 40 Yorkshire Road on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. Mr. Szerbin asked Council if there are plans to increase police presence to control what is happening in Brittany Woods. Mr. Mercado stated there is a community group that participates with the police in order to better the area and increase neighborhood participation. Captain Minosse stated the police community outreach vehicle is scheduled to be in Brittany Woods next week to engage both children and adults. Mr. Szerbin stated the last time the vehicle was in Brittany Woods was after the last shooting. Mr. Szerbin stated he has done all that he can from lighting up his back yard to installing cameras on his property and asked the township to please do something.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates expressed his concerns with local business and economic development within the township. Mr. Mercado explained that Council was instrumental in bringing the Gloucester Premium Outlets to the township by serving as the Redevelopment Entity. Mr. Mercado explained that the administration and the economic development committee actively reach out to drive businesses into the township, but the main role of council is to serve as a legislative body.

There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a safe Halloween.

Mr. Owens thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the first responders.

Mrs. Winters wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

Mr. Mignone wished everyone a great week.

Mrs. Trotto congratulated everyone on the annual Trunk & Treat. The event had a great turnout and great feedback.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the police and public works for their assistance with Trunk & Treat. Mr. Mercado stated the Food Truck and Craft Beer Festival was a wonderful event that drew new faces into the township. Mr. Mercado announced the November workshop has been moved to Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> due to the swearing in of Deputy Chief Harkins taking place on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Denis Flyer Theater at Camden County College. Mr. Mercado also reminded residents to vote next Tuesday.

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

Nancy Power  
Township Clerk, RMC

