

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2020
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING, NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation: Reverend Canon Richard Wrede

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-abs.
	Mrs. Stubbs	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Winters	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mr. Mignone	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Township Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Peter Heignbaugh of Morningstar Court asked for clarification regarding ordinance O-20-01.

Mr. Cardis clarified NJEIT funds and the ordinance.

David Haag of Highland Village expressed his concern with ordinance O-20-02.

Ray Polidoro of Erial expressed his concerns with ordinance O-20-01 and borrowing funds.

Mr. Cardis explained the difference between general obligation bonds and NJEIT financing. Mr.

Polidoro expressed his concerns regarding O-20-02. Mr. Cardis explained the difference

between the tax levy cap and the appropriation cap.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates asked for clarification regarding the award of the hockey rink

rehabilitation to Area 51 Lawncare. Mr. Cardis explained the township was permitted to enter

negotiations with Area 51 after two separate failed bid attempts as long as the specifications

remained the same. Mr. Cardis explained the increase in price was to cover union labor.

David Haag of Highland Village asked if Dave and Buster's has a tax abatement. Mr. Carlamere

explained the resolution is for an application for a gaming license.

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

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF:

Reorganization: January 3, 2020

Regular Session(s): January 13, 2020
January 27, 2020

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote:

Mr. Owens abstained from the January 3, 2020 Reorganization meeting. Mrs. Stubbs abstained from the January 13, 2020 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

O-20-01

**ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE O-14-02 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2014, the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Township") duly and finally adopted Bond Ordinance O-14-02 ("Bond Ordinance"), authorizing various improvements to the Township's Stormwater Drainage System and Redwood Street Culvert ("Prior Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the Township has completed the Prior Improvements set forth in Section 7A of the Bond Ordinance and has a remaining unspent appropriation of \$684,368; and

WHEREAS, the project costs for the Prior Improvements listed in Section 7B of the Bond Ordinance are greater than originally anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to amend the Bond Ordinance to decrease the appropriation set forth in Section 7A by \$684,368 and increase the appropriation set forth in Section 7B by same to allow for the completion of the Prior Improvements set forth in Section 7B of the Bond Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented (“Local Bond Law”), as follows:

Section 1. Section 7 of the Bond Ordinance is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to provide as follows:

“Section 7. The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A.	Various Improvements to the Township’s Storm Water Drainage System including, but not limited to, Pipe Replacement and Basin Rehabilitation; together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly described in the Loan Application on file in the Township Clerk’s office.	\$657,267	\$0	\$657,267	40 years
B.	Various Improvements to the Redwood Street Culvert; together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly described in the Loan Application on file in the Township Clerk’s office.	1,092,733	0	1,092,733	40 years
		\$1,750,000	\$0	\$1,750,000	"

Section 2. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the regulations promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail the amended applicable capital budget and applicable capital improvement program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, are on file with the Clerk and available for public inspection.

Section 3. All other parts of the Bond Ordinance not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Introduction: February 10, 2020

Adoption: Second Reading – Public Hearing to be held on February 24, 2020

 Mayor
 David R. Mayer

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have second reading and public hearing on February 24, 2020 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

O-20-02

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE
CALENDAR YEAR 2020
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of Township Council of the Township of Gloucester in the County of Camden finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of Township Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$540,996.37 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and members of Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2020 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Gloucester shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$1,893,487.30, and that the CY 2020 municipal budget for the Township of Gloucester be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Introduced: February 10, 2020

Adopted: Second Reading – Public hearing scheduled for February 24, 2020

Mayor
David R. Mayer

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have second reading and public hearing on February 24, 2020 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

**RESOLUTIONS:
CONSENT AGENDA**

R-20:02-048

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 \$ 7,585,028.10

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 82,771.25

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 7,115.25

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 63,686.49

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 13,292.00

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 337,687.94

Adopted: February 10, 2020

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. 7-0.

R-20:02-049

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN OR OTHER EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 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 2020 first half and refund any resulting credit balances.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount to be Credited
801	46	George Daniels	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/17/20	2020 – 2,794.50 (5 months) Assessment – 178,700
15204	36	Darryle Crawley	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/29/20	2020 – 4,587.42 (5 months) Assessment – 278,800
19002	4	Alexander Reineck	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/21/20	2020 – 4,378.46 (5 months) Assessment – 266,100
20202	12	Jose Rios	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/14/20	2020 – 3,336.23 (6 months) Assessment – 183,000
20505	29	Sean Smith	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/09/20	2020 – 4,610.19 (6 months) Assessment – 251,900

ADOPTED: February 10, 2020

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. 7-0.

R-20:02-050

RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION RESERVES IN THE CY 2019 CURRENT FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS, certain CY 2019 Budget Appropriation Reserve balances are expected to be insufficient for the remainder of the year;

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59, the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriation reserves during the first 3 months of the succeeding year:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations in the CY 2019 Budget of the Township of Gloucester, as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>Inside the Cap</u>			
9-01-20-140-000-200	Data Processing OE		\$32,000.00
9-01-20-145-000-200	Tax Collection OE	\$5,000.00	
9-01-20-150-000-200	Tax Assessor OE		500.00
9-01-20-165-000-200	Engineering OE	15,000.00	
9-01-23-220-000-200	Employee Group Health OE		5,500.00
9-01-25-240-000-200	Police OE	10,000.00	
9-01-25-240-005-200	Police Special Officers OE	5,250.00	
9-01-26-290-000-200	Streets OE	30,000.00	
9-01-26-300-000-200	Public Works OE	7,000.00	
9-31-31-430-000-200	Electricity OE		4,500.00
9-01-31-435-000-200	Street Lighting OE		26,000.00
9-01-31-445-000-200	Water OE		150.00
9-01-31-446-000-200	Heating OE		3,600.00
		72,250.00	\$ 72,250.00

ADOPTED: February 10, 2020

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. 7-0.

R-20:02-051

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR STREET ENCROACHMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the applicant for the street encroachment application, S000040A – Fanelli Lane, has supplied the Township of Gloucester with a Performance Bond in the amount of \$1200.00, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of the Performance Bond and installation of a Maintenance Bond for a period of 2 years for The Bannett Group LTD as follows:

From: \$1200.00 to \$600.00 2 Year Maintenance Bond
Term Ending: 2/10/2022

The Bannett Group LTD
1998 Springdale Rd
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

APPLICATION: S00040A
PERMIT: 000040

ADOPTED: February 10, 2020

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. 7-0.

R-20:02-052

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF ENCROACHMENT
DEPOSITS**

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

The Bannett Group LTD
1998 Springdale Rd
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

APPLICATION: S00040A
ESCROW: S000040I
PERMIT: 000040

AMOUNT: \$141.25

ADOPTED: February 10, 2020

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. 7-0.

R-20:02-053

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF ENCROACHMENT
DEPOSITS**

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

New Jersey American Water
204 Carriage Lane
Delran, NJ 08075

APPLICATION: S00005A
ESCROW: S00005I
PERMIT: 00005

AMOUNT: \$100.25

ADOPTED: February 10, 2020

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. 7-0.

R-20:02-054

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF ENCROACHMENT
DEPOSITS**

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

South Jersey Gas
1 South Jersey Place
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

APPLICATION: S00001A
ESCROW: S00001I
PERMIT: 00001
AMOUNT: \$71.75

APPLICATION: S00002A
ESCROW: S00002I
PERMIT: 00002
AMOUNT: \$71.75

APPLICATION: S00003A
ESCROW: S00003I
PERMIT: 00003
AMOUNT: \$71.75

APPLICATION: S00014A
ESCROW: S00014I
PERMIT: 00014
AMOUNT: \$71.75

APPLICATION: S00017A
ESCROW: S00017I
PERMIT: 00017
AMOUNT: \$71.75

APPLICATION: S00027A
ESCROW: S00027I
PERMIT: 00027
AMOUNT: \$71.75

APPLICATION: S00044A
ESCROW: S00044I
PERMIT: 00044
AMOUNT: \$28.25

ADOPTED: February 10, 2020

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. 7-0.

R-20:02-055

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND AREA 51 LAWCARE &
LANDSCAPING, LLC FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE LAKELAND PARK
STREET HOCKEY RINKS**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for the Rehabilitation of the Lakeland Park Street Hockey Rinks, 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 Area 51 Lawncare & Landscaping, LLC for the Rehabilitation of the Lakeland Hockey Rinks in the amount of \$ 93, 039.05 which was the lowest bid or quote received.

Adopted: February 10, 2020

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. 7-0.

R-20:02-056

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following person(s) be and are hereby appointed to the Gloucester Township Housing Authority:

Joanne Rossell	Appointment	February 11, 2020 – December 31, 2022
	Filling unexpired term of Abbey Greenberg	(Original Term 01-03-18 – 12-31-22)

Adopted: February 10, 2020

President 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. 7-0.

R-20:02-057

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY GRANTING AN
AMUSEMENT GAMES LICENSE TO
DAVE & BUSTER’S OF NEW JERSEY INC.**

WHEREAS, Dave & Buster’s of New Jersey, Inc., 2481 Manana Drive, Dallas, TX 75220 has submitted an application to the Office of the Township Clerk for an Amusement Games License pursuant to the Amusement Games Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-100 et seq., and such regulations as promulgated under Chapter 3, Office of Amusement Games Control, N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.1 et seq., to operate at its location at 400-600 Premium Outlets Way, Blackwood, NJ 08012 (Block 13105 Lot 1), of the Township of Gloucester, Camden County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.13(a) provides that no license shall be issued in any municipality unless and until the issuance thereof has been authorized by a resolution duly adopted by the municipal governing body which shall, among other things, specifically recite that the premises to be licensed are located in a recognized amusement park in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Ordinances 0-18-07 and 0-18-10 of the Township of Gloucester designates premises 400-600 Premium Outlets Way, Block 13105 Lot 1, of the Township of Gloucester, Camden County, New Jersey, as part of the “Interchange Redevelopment District, which recognizes “Amusement Devices, Coin Operated” as permitted uses within the district, and such designation is in accordance with requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.5 (2018), and

WHEREAS, The Township Clerk of the Township of Gloucester has deemed the application of Dave & Buster’s of New Jersey Inc. to be complete.

NOW THEREFORE, it is Resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester THAT Dave & Buster’s of New Jersey Inc. is hereby GRANTED an Amusement Games License to operate at premises 400-600 Premium Outlets Way, Block 13105 Lot 1, effective the date of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.3 (b), CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS Resolution, together with a copy of the application endorsed to show the granting of the license, shall be forwarded to the Legalized Games of Chance Commission within three business days of the Township License being granted.

Adopted: February 10, 2020

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. 7-0.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

David Haag of Highland Village asked if the municipality is issuing trashcans based upon a social media rumor. Mr. Cardis stated no.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates asked if council is willing to designate Blackwood West Redevelopment Zone as a condemnation zone. Mr. Hutchison asked Mr. Krugg if he is interested in utilizing eminent domain. Mr. Krugg did not respond. Mr. Mercado stated he is not interested in eminent domain and taking someone's property. Mr. Krugg asked if council is willing to purchase two properties on the Black Horse Pike to create a parking lot for Downtown Blackwood. Mr. Mercado stated he is interested in creating parking for the area, but not have the municipality take out a bond for parking. Mr. Krugg asked if the township is willing to open a small business credit line to assist small businesses with coming to the area. Mr. Hutchison asked Mr. Krugg if he would create a small business line. Mr. Krugg stated yes. Mr. Hutchison asked Mr. Krugg to answer whether he supports eminent domain. Mr. Krug stated yes, as a tool to address blighted properties. Mr. Cardis explained the township may be purchasing one of the properties, but the other property owner does not wish to sell his property.

Peter Heingbaugh stated for the record that he does not wish the township to utilize eminent domain. Mr. Heinbaugh asked for clarification regarding reserve for uncollected taxes in the budget. Mr. Cardis clarified. Mr. Heinbaugh asked if there is a plan for the golf course property on Sicklerville Road. Mr. Cardis stated it is privately owned property.

Mr. Heinbaugh asked what some of the responsibilities are of the housing authority. Mr. Carlamere further clarified. Mr. Carlamere explained the fair share housing plan.

Ray Polidoro of Erial welcomed the scouts to the meeting. Mr. Polidoro asked council in regards to the budget, if council is aware if there will be a budget increase. Mr. Cardis stated the Annual Financial Statement has been extended to March by the state. Mr. Polidoro asked if Gloucester Township issues community service as a form of judgement for law breakers. Chief Harkins stated it is administered at the county level, but he would look into it.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road stated College Drive Redevelopment Plan has a condemnation area. Mr. Lechner stated he will look into it.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked how the housing authority is involved with Fair Share Housing. Mr. Carlamere stated the housing authority is involved with Senior Campus I. Mr. Carlamere explained some of the housing authority responsibilities.

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

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Chief Harkins wished to make council aware of the loss of one of Highland's students in a motor vehicle accident.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison explained to the students in the audience that government sometimes has heated dialogue in order to work through issues.

Mr. Owens welcomed the scouts and sends his thoughts to the student's family. Mr. Owens thanked the first responders. Mr. Owens explained the 2020 census is taking place. Mr. Owens announced the annual business breakfast is April 9th. Mr. Owens warned residents of the risks of tax time scams.

Mrs. Stubbs acknowledged the scouts in attendance this evening and thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Mrs. Winters also acknowledged the scouts. Mrs. Winters stated February is heart awareness month.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming out. Mr. Mignone reminded residents of the Recycle Coach app for smart phones.

Mrs. Trotto thanked the scouts for coming out. Mrs. Trotto also thanked the township employees for supporting "Go Red for Women."

Mr. Mercado stated the township has not been complying with recycling and the permissible contamination amount. Mr. Cardis further explained recycling regulations. Mr. Mercado sent his condolences to the student's family and to the Matteo family. Mr. Mercado welcomed the scouts. Mr. Mercado stated council will be celebrating Black History Month at the next council meeting. Mr. Mercado announced the fire district elections will take place this Saturday.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC

President of Council
Orlando Mercado