

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2019
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

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.

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates asked Council for a definition of non-fair and open contracts relating to resolution 329. Mr. Carlamere stated non-fair and open contracts are awarded without a bid process and these contractors are prohibited from making political contributions, above a certain amount, if the contractor is making more than \$17,500. Mr. Cardis explained that the resolution is for anticipated providers of services to the township based upon last year's providers and are placed on this resolution pursuant to state statute. Mr. Carlamere informed Council that Land Dimensions Engineering was removed from the list because their firm was awarded in a fair and open bid.

Pete Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court inquired about last year's resolution including R.D. Zueli. Mr. Cardis recalled R.D. Zueli was awarded a contract through the GTMUA and a shared service agreement was signed with the MUA to enter into an agreement. Mr. Heinbaugh questioned Bialowas' contributions to school board candidates. Mr. Carlamere stated the donation was not made to a political candidate in the name of Gloucester Township.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked Council for clarification of resolution 333 regarding cancelling of capital appropriations. Mr. Cardis stated the remaining balance of various capital projects spanning several years is cancelled and used against overall debt service. Mr. Sweet asked if the million dollars will be applied to the \$35 million dollar bond or just the interest. Mr. Cardis explained the funds are applied to debt service for that particular year and will be applied to both principle and interest.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked Council the thought process regarding capital project funds sitting dormant since 2010. Mr. Cardis stated he could not speak of a specific project, but many projects span several years. Mr. Polidoro asked what if these funds were cancelled during years of a tax increase, would this have helped the burden on tax payers. Mr. Cardis estimated 1 million equaling 2.1 cents.

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

**PROCLAMATION: "DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2019 YEAR END
HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN"**

Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC, read the proclamation.

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

November 6, 2019

REGULAR SESSION:

November 13, 2019

November 25, 2019

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stubbs abstained from the November 13th session. Mrs. Trotto abstained from the November 6th session. Motion carried. 6-0.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)

O-19-17 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND CHEWS LANDING, LLC FOR PREMISES BLOCK 9708, LOT 1 LOCATED AT 1387-1389 CHEWS LANDING ROAD PURSUANT TO C. 441, P.L. 1991 (N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 ET SEQ.) AND ORDINANCE NO. O-19-16

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing. Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Rd asked Council who owns Chews Landing LLC. Mr. Palumbo stated the owner is Chews Landing Associates, LLC and does not have a list of the LLC owners. Mr. Hutchison explained that information can be found with the state. Ms. Coyne asked if tax abatements hinder development on Blackwood Clementon Rd. Mr. Lechner listed all of the recent improvements on Blackwood Clementon Road. Pete Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked Council why tax abatements are offered for Blackwood Clementon Rd when there is so much traffic on that road. Mr. Mercado explained tax abatements are marketing tools used to compete with other towns. Mr. Heinbaugh asked if the developer for the property on Chews Landing Rd would not have developed without the abatement. Mr. Mercado stated the abatement was attractive to the developer. Mr. Heinbaugh explained his position on tax abatements. Sam Sweet of Erial asked Council if tax abatements were applicable to the whole town or none at all. Mr. Mercado explained tax abatements were for the entire town. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:
CONSENT AGENDA**

R-19:12-326

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 \$ 8,958,580.25

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 93,714.00

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 24,345.49

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 78,071.00

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 2,781.00

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 124,977.09

Adopted: December 9, 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. 6-0.

R-19:12-327

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 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 |
|--------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | Original Amount |
| 15821 | 29 | John Guzik | Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption | \$5,101.67 - 2019 2 nd half \$5,082.37 – 2020 1 st half |
| | | | | Amended Amount |
| | | | | \$5,929.43 – 2019 (7 months) |

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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. 6-0.

R-19:12-328

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 |
|--------------|------------|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 9110 | 15 | Lereta, LLC Attn: Returns and Refunds 1123 Park View Dr. Covina, CA 91724 | 2019 | \$2,261.51 | Overpayment |
| 18310 | 87 | Sophia Shuler | 2019 | \$1,363.95 | Overpayment |

105 Mullen Dr.
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

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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. 6-0.

R-19:12-329

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN
CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester has a need for various services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and,

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the below listed business entities will provide their various goods and services for the year 2019 and have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the below listed business entities have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the name of Gloucester Township in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the below named business entities from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract;

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| A Cut Above Tree Services | Koch 33 |
| Action Uniform Company | Konica Minolta Business Solutions |
| American Discount Fence | Lacal Equipment, Inc. |
| Anvil Iron Works Inc | Laurel Lawnmower Services |
| Associated Building Spec Inc. | Lawmen Supply Co |
| B-Safe, Inc | Lee A. Cooper Const LLC |
| BAE Systems | Major Police Supply |
| B&B Tree Service, Inc | Mechanics Auto Parts |
| Bialowas Concrete Const. Inc. | Machinefix |
| Brite Ideas | Nationwide Paving Inc. |
| Cousins Concrete, LLC | Nationwide Carpet Inc. |
| Cummins Power Systems | NJ Recreation & Park Assoc. |
| Dell Marketing LP | Norris Sales Co., Inc. |
| Denny Septic Service | RMUS |
| ER Holding Sign & Design | Royer Group Inc. |
| Eagle Point Gun | Security Lock & CCTV Installation |
| Edmunds & Associates, Inc. | Security Lock Company |
| Erial Concrete, Inc. | South Camden Iron Works Inc |
| Everbridge, Inc. | Spark Electric Service Inc. |
| Exterior Images | Stella Contracting Inc. |
| Foley Rents, Inc. | Strack Inc. |
| G. J. Scott LLC | Thistle's Landscape |
| Gigi Silicone LLC | Tire Corral Grenloch |
| H.A. De Hart & Son | Tortorice Contractors Inc. |
| MBE Contracting | Total Recall Corporation |
| Hunter Truck Sales & Services | United Electric Supply Co. Inc. |
| JJD Urethane Co. | Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. |
| James Tsougarakis | W. Hargrove Demolition Co., Inc. |
| Jays Hardware | Witmer Public Safety Group Inc. |
| JCR Systems LLC | |

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with above named business entities as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution in the Office of the CFO.

Adopted: December 9, 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. 6-0.

R-19:12-330

RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CY 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, the Treasurer be and 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>Inside the Cap</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|---------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| 9-01-20-100-001-200 | Admin Support OE | | \$1,000.00 |
| 9-01-20-110-003-200 | Senior & Veterans OE | | \$500.00 |
| 9-01-20-140-000-200 | Data Processing OE | | \$10,000.00 |
| 9-01-20-145-000-200 | Tax Collection OE | \$25,000.00 | |
| 9-01-20-150-000-200 | Tax Assessment OE | | \$5,000.00 |
| 9-01-25-240-000-200 | Police OE | \$25,000.00 | |
| 9-01-25-240-001-200 | Police New Hire OE | | \$6,000.00 |
| 9-01-26-290-000-200 | Streets OE | \$15,000.00 | |
| 9-01-28-370-000-200 | Recreation OE | | \$16,000.00 |
| 9-01-30-415-000-200 | Compensated Absences | | \$4,500.00 |
| 9-01-30-420-000-200 | Community Affairs OE | | \$2,000.00 |
| 9-01-31-440-000-200 | Telephone | | \$20,000.00 |
| | | <u>\$65,000.00</u> | <u>\$65,000.00</u> |

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 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. 6-0.

R-19:12-331

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 |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 12508 | 17 | Debra Demuro | Add Disability Deduction 2019 | 250.00 |
| 19003 | 72 | William J. Hickman | Add Veteran Deduction 2019 | 250.00 |

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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. 6-0.

R-19:12-332

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 |
|--------------|------------|-------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 14804 | 2 | Philip Lam | Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 11/25/19 | 2019 – 928.60 2020 – 5,571.58 |

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| 15907 8 | Jean Carlos Torres | Add Disabled Veteran | 2019 – 399.94 |
| | | Tax Exemption | 2020 – 3,899.64 |
| | | As Of 11/26/19 | |

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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. 6-0.

R-19:12-333

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION BALANCE OF PROJECTS

WHEREAS, a General Capital Improvement appropriation balance remains dedicated for a project now completed and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said unexpended debt balances may be credited to Reserve to Pay Debt Service and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, that the following unexpended balances of the General Capital Fund appropriations be cancelled.

Cancel Unexpended Appropriation Balances

| <u>Ordinance #</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10-17 | Various Capital Improvements | \$90,515.57 |
| 14-01 | Various Capital Improvements | \$110,578.52 |
| 14-15 | Various Capital Improvements | \$80,502.01 |
| 15-01 | Various Capital Improvements | \$134,698.27 |
| 16-01 | Various Capital Improvements | \$322,600.62 |
| 16-05 | Install Guide Rails | \$115,448.25 |
| 17-02 | Various Drainage Projects | \$182,627.57 |
| | Total | \$1,036,970.81 |

ADOPTED: December 9, 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. 6-0.

R-19:12-334

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Gloucester Township that the following refunds be and are hereby authorized:

Refund for Zoning Permit number 13453, receipt #224785 in the amount of \$ 25.00.

Payable to: Mr. Michael Fossell
1208 Glendora Ave.
Glendora, NJ 08029

December 9, 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. 6-0.

R-19:12-335

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMINGTON & VERNICK TO PERFORM
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF
THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP BICYCLE PATH (HEALTH AND FITNESS TRAIL)**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for Engineering Services for the completion of the construction of the Gloucester Township Bicycle Path (Health and Fitness Trail) from Oak Avenue to Evesham Road (DVRPC FY2018 CMAQ Funded) M2019-288; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township hereby authorizes Remington & Vernick to perform Engineering Services for the completion of the construction of the Gloucester Township Bicycle Path (Health and Fitness Trail).

Adopted: December 9, 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. 6-0.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked Council if any other businesses in the township, other than Royal Farms, did not request a tax abatement. Mr. Cardis stated Pepboys.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates mentioned an article posted by 42Freeway about Shana's Wild Fig in the Blackwood Arts District. Mr. Krug read Facebook comments from the article. Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Rd wanted to clarify her previous comment and asked if the entire township is considered an area of rehabilitation, can the Economic Development Committee target specific areas such as Blackwood Clementon Rd. Mr. Mercado stated he will forward the request to the Economic Development Committee. Sam Sweet of Erial cited Evesham Township at keeping their taxes at 0 for two years. Mr. Hutchison asked what Evesham Township's tax increase and decreases were for the previous 10 years. Mr. Sweet did not have that information. Ray Polidoro of Erial asked Councilwoman Stubbs what weighed more, athletic fields or higher performing schools. Councilwoman Stubbs replied all of the above. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Chief Harkins wanted to acknowledge the Target located on Cross Keys Road for their continued partnership and accommodations in regards to the annual Shop With a Cop event. Chief Harkins also congratulated Officer Jenn McLaughlin for her efforts with National Night Out and Gloucester Township being named #1 in the country for this event.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison complimented Council President Mercado for his maintaining of order during council meetings. Mr. Owens thanked Chief Harkins and Public Works for their assistance during this past weekend's events. Mr. Owens thanked residents and staff for their efforts in the annual toy drive. Mr. Owens announced that Santa is visiting various neighborhoods. Mrs. Stubbs thanked everyone for coming out. Mrs. Stubbs stated that Council is listening, but everyone should put their best foot forward. Mrs. Stubbs congratulated Officer McLaughlin and Chief Harkins. Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for coming out. Mrs. Winters stated the troops returning home received a great welcome last evening. Mrs. Trotto wanted to thank her Glendora neighbor, Mrs. Gervasi, for bringing residents together with different community activities. Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out. Mr. Mercado thanked the Blackwood Fire Company for their parade efforts and thanked the police, public works, and fire departments for this weekend's successful events. Mr. Mercado thanked the Mayor's office for their work putting together the tree lighting ceremony. Mr. Mercado announced brunch with Santa is this Saturday. Mr. Mercado read a letter from Legion Post 281 expressing their gratitude for supporting their efforts with the NJ Boys and Girls state attendees.

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

Respectfully submitted,

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC