

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 30, 2020  
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.

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

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.  
There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING - PUBLIC HEARING**

**O-20-03**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE 10. (X.) AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROCEDURAL AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC) REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.  
Mr. Carlamere recapped all three ordinances being heard this evening.  
Ray Polidoro of Erial asked if vacant homes in the township are counted in the Fair Housing requirements. Mr. Carlamere stated the township would have to acquire the vacant homes and convert them to market to affordable and then become deed restricted. Mr. Polidoro asked if the public hearing for each ordinance would be separated. Mr. Mercado stated yes.  
There being no further comment the public portion was closed.

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

**O-20-04**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE O-12-26 ENTITLED THE LAKELAND COMPLEX PHASE 1 (BLOCK 12301) REDEVELOPMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.  
There being no comment the public portion was closed.

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

**O-20-05**

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ENTIRETY OF BLOCK 12302, Lot 1, LAKELAND PHASE 2**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.  
There being no comment the public portion was closed.

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

**RESOLUTIONS  
CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R-20:03-077**

**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 \$ 570,604.09

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 330,235.34

**DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 62,945.94

**TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 29,255.89

**ANIMAL**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 10,278.00

**MANUAL CHECKS**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 294,736.10

Adopted: March 30, 2020

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. 7-0.

**R-20:03-078**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GRANT SENIOR  
CITIZEN, DISABLED, OR VETERAN DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2020 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 2020,

**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 2020 and refund any balances for the amounts indicated.

<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Amount of Deduction</b>
3002	16	Marie Rosner	Add Senior Deduction 2020	250.00
3005	28	Albert Sanchez	Add Disability Deduction 2020	250.00
3205	11	Frances Matthews	Add Senior Deduction 2020	250.00
8002	2 C3204	William Myers	Add Senior Deduction 2020	250.00
10102	15	Ansil Baptiste	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
11109	21	Victoria Rodriguez	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
11805	9	Lorraine Pelletier	Add Senior Deduction 2020	250.00
11402	29	Margaret Green	Add Disability Deduction 2020	250.00
13503	41	Henry Johnson	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
15821	42	Lana Virgillio	Add Widow of Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
15821	57	Joseph Megara	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
15821	57	Kathleen Megara	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
15821	65	Joan St. Ledger	Add Widow of Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
16502	3	William Tolman	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
17702	11	Dennis Warren	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
1309	13	Glendora Court (Julianna Fioravante) (Frances Collins) (Barbara DeRosa)	Add Senior Deduction(s) 2020	1,000.00

(Paula Prorenzano)

ADOPTED: March 30, 2020

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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. 7-0.

**R-20:03-079**

**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.

<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Amount to be Credited</b>
3204	25	John Nejman	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/25/20	2020 – 2,388.72 (4 months) Assessment – 190,500
11105	9	Angel Reyes	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/11/20	2020 – 2,976.98 (4 months) Assessment – 226,100
17403	28	Danielle Giddings	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/18/20	2020 – 3,147.35 (4 months) Assessment – 239,100
18304	41	Syrien Maceno	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 1/21/20	2020 – 4,863.90 (5 months) Assessment – 290,600

ADOPTED: March 30, 2020

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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. 7-0.

**R-20:03-080**

**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 retroactive to December 31, 2019;

**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>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	<u>Inside the Cap</u>		
9-01-20-110-001-200	Township Council OE	\$2,500.00	
9-01-20-110-003-100	Senior & Veterans SW		\$100,000.00
9-01-20-110-005-200	Community Development OE	2,500.00	
9-01-20-155-000-200	Township Attorney OE	5,000.00	
9-01-21-195-000-200	Construction Code OE	9,000.00	
9-01-23-215-000-200	Workers Compensation OE	5,000.00	
9-01-25-250-000-200	Police Communications OE	9,000.00	
9-01-26-290-000-200	Streets OE	40,000.00	
9-01-28-375-000-200	Parks & Playgrounds OE	10,000.00	
9-01-31-440-000-200	Telephone OE	4,000.00	
9-01-31-460-000-200	Gasoline OE	12,000.00	
9-01-32-465-000-200	Landfill OE		
9-01-36-472-000-200	Social Security	1,000.00	

9-01-43-490-000-100 Municipal Court SW

9-01-43-490-000-200 Municipal Court OE

\$100,000.00

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**ADOPTED:** March 30, 2020

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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. 7-0.

**R-20:03-081**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR  
THE LINCOLN DRIVE STORMWATER PIPING AND HEADWALL REPLACEMENT  
MATHIS CONSTRUCTION**

**WHEREAS**, it was necessary to make changes in the scope of work to be completed in the Lincoln Drive Stormwater Piping and Headwall Replacement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, this Change Order - Adjustment was developed to itemize and authorize those changes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that this Change Order - Adjustment is hereby authorized and approval is hereby granted to revise the contract cost from the Original Contract Amount of \$324,694.50 to \$310,431.40.

Adopted: March 30, 2020

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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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. 7-0.

**GT E-GOV ACCESS:**

Frank Radisch of Fenwick Lane asked the following question:

*1. Many lenders are putting together programs for mortgage relief for those who are effected by the Covid-19 crisis and the stay at home orders. Is the township considering any property tax relief programs and what are the options being considered?*

Mr. Mercado stated legislation passed at the state level in response to Covid-19 grants the Director of Local Government Services the discretion to extend the May quarterly tax payment. Mr. Mercado explained the township does not have the jurisdiction to extend quarterly tax payments.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

**POLLING OF DIRECTORS:**

Chief Harkins thanked everyone from the township for their support during this crisis.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Mr. Hutchison thanked all essential personnel. Mr. Hutchison agrees an extension of property taxes is a good idea and is open to other suggestions that would benefit residents during this crisis. Mr. Hutchison shared that for many years, his mother was homeless in NYC and had sought shelter. Mr. Hutchison is hoping the township's redevelopment projects are able to fulfill that need for individuals especially during a time like now.

Mr. Owens sends his thoughts to the victims of Covid-19 and thanks the nurses and doctors on the front lines as well as all essential workers. Mr. Owens thanks the leadership of Gloucester Township for being proactive in closing the building and playgrounds and understanding the importance of this time. Mr. Owens sends his thanks to the police, first responders, and the public works department who are keeping us all safe.

Mrs Stubbs is praying for strength for all people on the front lines. Mrs. Stubbs urged township residents to help by supporting first responders, helping their neighbors, staying home, staying positive, and look for the silver lining.

Mrs. Winters is thinking of essential workers and first responders. Mrs. Winters urged residents to stay safe, be smart, stay home, and follow guidelines. As a healthcare worker, Mrs. Winters expressed her fear because she does not know where we are going to be in a few weeks.

Mr. Mignone announced the Field of Dreams is on hold for right now. Mr. Mignone urged high school and college seniors to stay positive and keep moving forward. Mr. Mignone urged residents to be safe, careful, smart, strong, and to stay positive.

Mrs. Trotto thanked all essential personnel and first responders and is praying for their health.

Mr. Mercado thanked residents for calling and logging in tonight, along with fellow council members who came or called in. Mr. Mercado thanked first responders, essential personnel, teachers, and school cafeteria workers who are making lunches available at all three middle schools and Highland and Timber Creek Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9am-12pm.

Mr. Mercado stated he is appreciative of the administrative conference calls being conducted daily to keep township supervisors and staff aware of the situation and concerns in the township.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power  
Township Clerk, RMC

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Council President  
Orlando Mercado