

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13, 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-via telephone
	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.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked if the township has a current cash flow forecast prepared at this time in regards to resolution 89. Mr. Cardis stated Mrs. Ehret, CFO, provided this to the state, in order to issue tax anticipation vote. Mr. Heinbaugh requested a copy of the document. Mr. Cardis stated he could obtain a copy and email. Mr. Heinbaugh asked Council if the township is deferring its second quarter taxes due in May. Mr. Mercado stated that is determined by the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services. Mr. Cardis is expecting to have guidelines from director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked Council, in regards to resolution 89, could a tax anticipation note be done on a quarterly basis. Mr. Cardis stated a cash flow problem is rare. Mr. Cardis explained that the resolution was written with the guidelines for the maximum amount, however the township does not plan on borrowing anywhere near that amount and will only issue tax anticipation notes for essential services. Mr. Mercado explained that the township is permitted to take up to \$53,000,000 in a note, but does not expect to borrow that amount.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked if the amount that will be borrowed will go before council. Mr. Cardis explained that the resolution authorizes the CFO and the Mayor to move forward with a tax anticipation note as needed and then a report will be provided to council. Mr. Sweet asked if the township is looking to defer payments to the schools. Mr. Cardis explained the township would have no choice, but to defer payments to the schools.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates expressed his thoughts regarding borrowing in a tiered approach with additional oversight in how the monies will be moved.

Ray Polidoro of Erial clarified his previous statement.

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

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES:

Executive Session:

March 2, 2020

Regular Session:

March 9, 2020

March 30, 2020

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept, second by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: Mrs. Trotto abstained from the March 2 workshop. Mr. Mercado abstained from the March 9 council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA:

R-20:04-082

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 \$ 7,081,700.89

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 223,349.50

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 60,107.50

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 12,491.00

Adopted: April 13, 2020

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: Mr. Owens abstained from Purchase Order 20-01572 Invoices 4182014, 22962017, 2822. All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

R-20:04-083

RESOLUTION APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD FY19 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS HMEP GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, The Township of Gloucester, Office of Emergency Management has been awarded FFY19 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant CFDA 20.703 from the State of New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management. The Subgrant, consisting of a total amount of \$19,350.00, including \$19,350.00 Federal Award for the purpose of enhancing Gloucester Township's ability to train personnel to respond to accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials during the period of September 30, 2019 through September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The subgrant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award #FFY19 HMEP Grant Subaward-2019-04; and

WHEREAS, The Gloucester Township Office of Emergency Management, designated by the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, has submitted an Application for Subgrant Award that has been required by the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester hereby accepts the award of the FFY 2019 Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant Program Subgrant Award FY 2019-04 in the amount of \$19,350.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$19,350.00 is hereby appropriated

under the caption FY2019 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Gloucester Township Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer and the Gloucester Township Director of Emergency Management are authorized to accept and sign the appropriate subgrant award documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State of New Jersey Division of Law and Public Safety; the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; the Chief Financial Officer; The Gloucester Township Division of Emergency Management, Office of the Treasury and the Camden County Office of Emergency Management and the Camden County Health Department

Adopted: April 13, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:04-084

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
3501	1.04	Corelogic/Refund Dept. P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019	2020	\$2,424.32	Overpayment
10006	20	Normita Ramos 9 Vicksburg Rd. Laurel Springs, NJ 08021	2020	\$1,020.00	Overpayment

ADOPTED: April 13, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:04-085

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER TEMPORARY BUDGET
APPROPRIATION FOR 2020**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19.1 provides that when budget dates have been extended, temporary appropriations may be provided for the period until the budget is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has extended the dates for adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, Temporary Appropriations shall be adopted and shall not exceed 26.25% of the prior year's adopted Budget, exclusive of appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements and Public Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the total amount appropriated in the 2019 Municipal Budget, as detailed above, was \$56,731,677.63; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the above amount is \$14,892,065.37

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an additional sum of \$3,500,000.00 be appropriated for Debt Service, Capital Improvements and Public Assistance, for a total Temporary Budget of \$18,392,065.37.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Township Council, that following Temporary Appropriations be approved in addition to the Temporary Appropriations approved in Resolution R-20:01-027.

Adopted: April 13, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Mercado explained that this resolution was corrected and outlined the changes. 63, 838, 627.63 revised to 56,731,677.63. 16, 757, 639.76 to 14, 892, 065.37. 20,257,639.76 to 18,392,065.37

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

R-20:04-086

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION FOR THE SPRING PRE-K PROGRAM
DUE TO COVID-19**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the

attached list of refunds are necessary due to Covid-19 which resulted in the cancellation of the 2020 Spring Pre-K Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the attached list of refunds be and are hereby authorized in the amount of \$27,305.00.

Adopted: April 13, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:04-087

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMINGTON & VERNICK TO PERFORM ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION OF THE REDWOOD STREET MUNICIPAL CULVERT REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for additional Engineering Services for the additional construction inspection of the Redwood Street Municipal Culvert Replacement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester hereby authorizes Remington & Vernick to perform Engineering Services for additional Construction Inspection in the amount of \$34,846.00.

Adopted: April 13, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:04-088

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAM, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Justice Assistance within the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program has made available grant funds in the form of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program for the purpose of preventing, preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester desires to submit a grant application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Township of Gloucester to participate in such a program and to apply for said monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and sign all documents in order to effectuate the receipt of grant monies between the Township of Gloucester and the Bureau of Justice Assistance within the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program.

Adopted: April 13, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

R-20:04-089

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$53,000,000 IN ONE (1) OR

MORE SERIES FROM TIME TO TIME; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE NOTES

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, New Jersey ("Township") is authorized, pursuant to Section 64 of the Local Budget Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Budget Law"), *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-64*, to borrow money in any fiscal year through the issuance of its negotiable notes in anticipation of the receipt by the Township of taxes and other revenues for such fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus ("Coronavirus"), has affected global economics and financial markets and, as a result, both the federal government and the State of New Jersey have taken various actions to assist residents economically impacted by the Coronavirus, effective March 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these and other events may result in short and long-term reductions in available tax and other miscellaneous revenue for the Township, the exact amounts of which are unknown at this time; and

WHEREAS, due to the high level of uncertainty surrounding the Township's receipt of said tax and miscellaneous revenue streams, the Township desires to authorize the issuance of its tax anticipation notes, in one or more series from time to time, in an amount not-to-exceed \$53,000,000 (referred to herein as "Tax Anticipation Notes"), in accordance with and subject to the limitations set forth by the Local Budget Law and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, prior to the sale of any series of Tax Anticipation Notes, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township shall prepare a cash flow forecast with respect to the budget requirements of the Township, indicating that the Township anticipates it will experience a cash flow deficit pending the receipt of taxes and other revenues, which shall be subject to further review by the Township's professional advisors to ensure the Township's compliance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to authorize the issuance and sale of said Tax Anticipation Notes to provide funds necessary to meet the anticipated cash flow deficit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY (NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF AFFIRMATIVELY CONCURRING), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Prior to the issuance of each series of Tax Anticipation Notes, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township shall prepare and shall submit to the Township Clerk updated estimates of tax and revenues of the Township to be received and expenditures to be made (referred to herein as a "Cash Flow Deficit Forecast") in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution, which Cash Flow Deficit Forecast shall also be provided to the appropriate professional advisors of the Township including, but not limited to, Parker McCay P.A., Bond Counsel to the Township ("Bond Counsel"), for review to ensure conformity with federal tax (if applicable) and other applicable law.

Section 2. In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Budget Law, *N.J.S.A.40A:4-66*, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the net borrowing power of the Township is \$53,120,035.92. The Chief Financial Officer's certification, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof as if set forth at length herein, has been filed in the office of the Township Clerk as required by Section 66 of the Local Budget Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-66*.

Section 3. Pursuant to the Local Budget Law, the issuance of up to \$53,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Tax Anticipation Notes of the Township, in one or more series, on a tax-exempt or taxable basis, is hereby authorized and approved (each a series of "Notes"). In accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of this Resolution, prior to issuance of each series of the Notes, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township shall prepare a Cash Flow Deficit Forecast with respect to the budget requirements of the Township, indicating that the Township anticipates it will experience a cash flow deficit pending the receipt of taxes and other revenues, which Cash Flow Deficit Forecast shall be provided to the appropriate professional advisors of the Township including, but not limited to, Bond Counsel, for review to ensure conformity with federal tax law (if applicable) and other applicable law and to determine the principal amount of Notes to be issued.

Section 4. Each Note to be issued hereunder shall be designated "Tax Anticipation Note of 2020, Series ___", shall refer by date of adoption to the resolution pursuant to which it is issued, shall recite that it is issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes, shall be dated the date of delivery thereof, shall mature within 120 days of the end of the current fiscal year, shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity, shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or more, and shall be in the form permitted by the Local Budget Law and as Bond Counsel shall approve.

Section 5. The Chief Financial Officer, with the assistance of Bond Counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to award and sell each series of the Notes at public or private sale, in such

amount as may be determined, at a price not less than par, plus accrued interest, and to deliver the same to the purchaser thereof, upon receipt of the purchase price for each series of the Notes.

Section 6. Each series of the Notes shall be executed in the name of the Township by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer, and the corporate seal of the Township shall be affixed, imprinted or reproduced thereon, and attested by the manual signature of the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk.

Section 7. The proceeds from the sale of each series of the Notes shall be applied only to the purposes provided for in the Township's current budget or for which taxes are levied or to be levied for the current fiscal year and shall not be applied to any other purpose.

Section 8. The power and obligation of the Township to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes shall be unlimited, and the Township, to the extent payment is not otherwise paid is obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 9. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to report, in writing, to the Township Council at the meeting next succeeding the date of the sale of each series of the Notes, the amount, description, interest rate, maturity date of each series of the Notes sold, whether such Notes were issued on a tax-exempt or taxable basis, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser of each series of the Notes.

Section 10. To the extent that Notes are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Township hereby covenants that it will not make any use of the proceeds of each series of the Notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause: (i) such Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and the Regulations promulgated thereunder; (ii) the interest on such Notes to be included in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes; or (iii) the interest on such Notes to be treated as an item of tax preference under Section 57(a)(5) of the Code.

Section 11. To the extent that Notes are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Township hereby covenants as follows: (i) it shall timely file, or cause to be filed, with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and (ii) it shall take no action that would cause each series of the Notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

Section 12. To the extent not otherwise exempt, the Township hereby covenants that it

shall make, or cause to be made, the rebate required by Section 148(f) of the Code in the manner described in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.148-1 through 1.148-11, 1.148-11A, 1.149(b)-1, 1.149(d)-1, 1.149(d)-1A, 1.149(g)-1, 1.150-1, 1.150-1A and 1.150-2, as such regulations and statutory provisions may be modified insofar as they apply to the Notes.

Section 13. The Township may, upon the advice of Acacia Financial Group, Inc., municipal advisor to the Township, issue the Notes as federally taxable should market conditions so warrant.

Section 14. All actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by or on behalf of the Township by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Township Clerk, Deputy Clerk, other Township officials or by the Township's professional advisors, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes are hereby ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Section 15. The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Clerk and Deputy Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters and execute all documents and instruments in connection with the Notes not determined or otherwise directed to be executed by the Local Budget Law, or by this or any subsequent resolution, and the signature of the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Township Clerk or Deputy Clerk on such documents or instruments shall be conclusive as to such determinations.

Section 16. All other resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded and repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

Section 17. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption this 13th day of April, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the official corporate seal of the Township this 13th day of April, 2020.

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

EXHIBIT "A"

Certificate as to Borrowing Capacity

TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER
County of Camden, New Jersey
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF 2020, SERIES A

CERTIFICATE AS TO BORROWING POWER

The undersigned, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, New Jersey hereby certifies, in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Budget Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-66*, as follows:

1. The gross borrowing power in respect of tax anticipation notes of the 2020 fiscal year, being thirty percent (30%) of the tax levy of the 2019 fiscal year, plus thirty percent (30%) of the amount of miscellaneous revenues received in cash during in the 2019 fiscal year, is \$53,120,035.92.

2. The amount of outstanding tax anticipation notes including the Notes, except such Notes as will be renewed by or paid by the from the proceeds of the tax anticipation notes to be issued, is \$0.

3. The net borrowing power, being the excess of the amount in paragraph one over the amount in paragraph two, is \$53,120,035.92.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the official corporate seal of the Township this 13th day of April, 2020.

Chief Financial Officer, CFO
Christie Ehret

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.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked Council if resolution 89 was moved to the regular agenda due to a difference in voting. Mr. Mercado explained that he moved the resolution in order to explain that the township is not borrowing \$53,000,000. Mr. Polidoro asked if that resolution must be passed by majority. Mr. Mercado explained the resolution requires a 2/3rds vote. Mr. Polidoro stated he is challenging the vote because he does not believe there are enough council members physically present to vote.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked if Mr. Cardis' statement regarding deferring payments to the schools is prior to the law passed today or in preparation for no income coming in. Mr. Cardis stated this was based on no income coming in. Mr. Sweet asked if the money borrowed can be applied to

school payments. Mr. Cardis stated the township may have to, in order to get the schools to July 1st when the schools will be able to go out for their own tax anticipation note.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked council what the worst scenario is for collecting of taxes. Mr. Cardis stated he doesn't believe taxes would be affected. Mr. Cardis explained tax sales must take place in December of every year and investors are always interested in purchasing tax sale certificates.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates expressed his concerns regarding the oversight of the borrowed funds. Mr. Krugg asked what the changes were in the temporary appropriations budget. Mrs. Power explained what was changed in the resolution.

Ray Polidoro of Erial wished to withdrawal his challenge. Mr. Polidoro asked if council is considering a property tax deferment. Mr. Mercado stated council has not met as a body to discuss this. Mr. Cardis stated the township is bound by the state statutes and the Division of Local Government Services.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked if the municipality would defer tax payments if the state passed a law allowing the deferment. Mr. Cardis stated the township would always discuss anything that the state passes.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates asked if council would actively pursue waiving interest or penalties for property tax payments. Mr. Mercado explained that council has not met as a body to discuss this. Mr. Krugg asked if the township would waive penalties for small business owners. Mr. Cardis stated he would look into if this was a possibility.

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

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Chief Harkins expressed his gratitude to the community for coming together during this time. Chief Harkins listed several local restaurants that have donated meals to the police department.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison thanked all essential personnel.

Mr. Owens thanked Chief Harkins for his leadership and thank you to all of the first responders and essential personnel. Mr. Owens encouraged residents to order take out from local businesses. Mr. Owens wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover. Mr. Owens urged everyone to fill out the census while home.

Mrs Stubbs thanked all first responders and urged residents to wear their masks and stay inside. Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for logging in to join the meeting. Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for think of the nurses on the front line. Mrs. Winters urged residents to stay safe and stay home.

Mr. Mignone thanked first responders and all essential personnel.

Mrs. Trotto thanked all essential personnel and first responders and Chief Harkins. Mrs. Trotto sends her condolences to the families of those the township lost to Covid-19.

Mr. Mercado stated everyday administration has a conference call to keep everyone in the loop. Mr. Mercado urged this is the time for the community and the public employees to come together. Mr. Mercado asked everyone to stay safe and to keep the families of those who passed in their thoughts.

Mr. Hutchison 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

Council President
Orlando Mercado