

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 09, 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:	Miss Grace	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs –abs.	Mr. Lechner, Community Development-abs.
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

O-20-13

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Chapter 81 of the Code of the Township of Gloucester be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 81-35C “Regulation for the Movement and the Parking of Traffic on All Other Private Property” be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Property:

BLACKWOOD FALLS APARTMENTS

227 Washington Ave.

Blackwood

Regulations:

1. General Parking
 - A. All vehicles must park in designated areas and between the lines provided.
 - B. No person shall stop or stand a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts of streets described here below:
 - C. Handicapped Parking

All stalls shall be 12 foot wide as shown on the attached site plan and signed with the R7-8 and R7-8P (Reserved Parking Sign and Penalty Plate), in the designated parking areas for persons who have been issued the Handicapped Parking Permits by the Division of Motor Vehicles.
2. Speed Limits
 - A. The speed limit for both directions of traffic in the parking lot(s) shall be 15MPH.
3. Tow Away

Any vehicle parked or standing as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic, block entrances or exit ways, loading zones, oil fills, any grassy area, pedestrian walkway, or present in any way a safety or traffic hazard may be removed by towing the vehicle at the owners or operators expense.

Property:

**BLACKWOOD TERRACE APARTMENTS
71 Lakeland Road (C.R. 747)
Blackwood**

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SECTION 2. All ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection or part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of the ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: November 9, 2020

Adopted:

Orlando Mercado
President of Council

ATTEST:

Nancy Power, RMC
Township Clerk

David R. Mayer
Mayor Gloucester Township

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on November 23, 2020 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

O-20-14

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND CHEWS LANDING, LLC FOR
PREMISES LOCATED AT 1399-1401 CHEWS LANDING ROAD, BLOCK 9708, LOT 1
C0100 PURSUANT TO C. 441, P.L. 1991 (N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 ET SEQ.) AND
ORDINANCE NO. O-95-39**

WHEREAS, C. 441, P.L. 1991, N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, enables "qualified municipalities" to exempt from local property taxes certain industrial and commercial improvements and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester is a qualified municipality authorized to enter into Tax Abatement Agreements with taxpayers for "projects" defined under said Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Act and authorization, the Township of Gloucester has duly adopted Ord. No. O-95-39 entitled, "Ordinance Providing for Tax Exemption and Abatement for Commercial and Industrial improvements and projects pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq."; and

WHEREAS, a tax abatement application for a "project" pursuant to the aforesaid Act and Ordinance was filed by for premises known as Block 9708, Lot 1 C0100 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Gloucester.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The Tax Abatement Application of Chews Landing, LLC for a "project" for premises known as Block 9708, Lot 1 C0100 on the Tax Map of the Township of Gloucester pursuant to C. 441, P.L. 1991 (N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq.) and Ordinance No. O-95-39 be and is hereby approved for tax abatement in accordance with said application and the terms and provisions of an Agreement for Tax Abatement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of Gloucester be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Township of Gloucester the Tax Abatement Agreement between the Township of Gloucester and Chews Landing, LLC for premises designated as Block 9708, Lot 1 C0100 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Gloucester, a copy of said Agreement is attached hereto and made a part thereof.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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**RESOLUTIONS:
CONSENT AGENDA**

R-20:11-256

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

\$ 6,874,979.23

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 26,212.94

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 1,438.50

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 35,999.43

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 13,447.20

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 150.00

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 220,784.75

Adopted: November 9, 2020

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-257

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
16106	21	Wells Fargo 1 Home Campus MAC F2302-04D Des Moines, IA 50328	2020	\$1,758.52	Overpayment

ADOPTED: November 9, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-258

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN OR OTHER EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 2020 FOURTH QUARTER & 2021 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 fourth quarter & 2021 and refund any resulting credit balances.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount to be Credited
3501	3	Katrina Foster	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 10/25/2020	2020 4th Qtr. – 2,159.52 1st Half 2021 – 6,478.56
8801	26	Frank Anello	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 9/20/2020	2020 4th Qtr. – 2,603.24 1st Half 2021 – 5,206.48
13103	24.01	Gerren Jefferson	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 10/12/2020	2020 4th Qtr. – 2,191.37 1st Half 2021 – 6,574.09
15812	1 C2201	Latoya Evans	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 10/22/2020	2020 4th Qtr. – 1,064.83 1st Half 2021 – 3,194.47
16705	1	Jennifer Sanchez	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 10/13/2020	2020 4th Qtr. – 2,082.09 1st Half 2021 – 4,997.00
17907	33	Andrea Smith	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 9/20/2020	2020 4th Qtr. – 1,790.88 1st Half 2021 – 5,372.64
18901	1	Donna Spencer	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 5/20/2020	2020 4th Qtr. – 7,093.62 1st Half 2021 – 6,080.24

ADOPTED: November 9, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-259

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITING
OF RFQ'S VIA THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR VARIOUS
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of New Jersey pursuant to Public Contracts and Pay-to-Play legislation authorizes request for qualifications for various professional services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Soliciting of RFQ'S via the

Gloucester Township Website is hereby authorized, in accordance with the respective specifications provided through the office of the Business Administrator for the following positions:

Municipal Architect	Municipal Land Use Attorney
Energy Consultant	Economic Development Consultant
Solicitor - Zoning Board	Grants/CDBG Consultant
Engineer- Zoning Board	Media Consultant
Engineer - Streets	Engineer - Sidewalks
Municipal Labor Counsel	Engineer - Recreation
Municipal Bond Counsel	Finance Advisor
Municipal Auditor	Redevelopment Engineer
Clinical Social Worker	Planning Board Attorney
Engineer - Storm Drainage	Planning Board Engineer
Redevelopment Planner/Architect	Planning Board Conflict Engineer
Municipal Public Defender	Planning Board Traffic Engineer
Municipal Court Chief Prosecutor/Municipal Prosecutor	Tax Appeal Consultant
Substance Abuse Advocate	Environmental Engineer
Special Counsel – Special Litigation	Landscape Architect
Special Projects Engineer	Special Tax Appeal Counsel

Adopted: November 9, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-260

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the 2020 Budget provides funds for the purchase of certain materials and supplies and equipment whose aggregate value will exceed \$44,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the State Statutes require that items exceeding \$44,000.00 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 items:

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Adopted: November 9, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-261

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR MOWING OF
RETENTION BASINS**

WHEREAS, the 2020 Budget provides funds for the purchase of certain materials and supplies and equipment whose aggregate value will exceed \$44,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the State Statutes require that items exceeding \$44,000.00 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 items:

MOWING OF RETENTION BASINS

Adopted: November 9, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-262

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION R-20:10-247 ENTITLED “RESOLUTION
REQUESTING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE
BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
(Chapter 159 P.L. 1948)”**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester adopted resolution **R-20:05-101**, entitled, “**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159 P.L. 1948)**”

on October 26, 2020, and

WHEREAS, this resolution is hereby rescinded due to error

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that resolution R-20:10-247 is hereby rescinded.

Adopted: November 9, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-263

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JURISDICTIONAL
AGREEMENT NO. 4846 ROUTE 42 BRIDGES OVER BLACKWOOD RAILROAD
TRAIL TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation has requested that an Agreement be entered between the Township of Gloucester and the State of New Jersey, which would allocate the Jurisdictional responsibilities for highway maintenance and control between the Township of Gloucester and the State of New Jersey with reference to certain intersections of Route 42 and streets within the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, maps outlining the jurisdictional limits of each have been reviewed and approved by the Township of Gloucester.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that an agreement is hereby authorized to be executed between the Township of Gloucester and the State of New Jersey.

Adopted: November 9, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

GT E-GOV ACCESS:

Michael DiFrancesco of Southwick Road asked the following questions:

1. *What is the tax abatement for?*
2. *How long will it be?*
3. *What is being proposed to be built on the site?*

Mr. Mercado explained where the property is located, what the abatement is for and the time period.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked Council if GT E-GOV questions could be read during the first public portion if they pertain to agenda items. Mr. Mercado stated Council will take this under consideration during next year's reorganization. Mr. Polidoro inquired as to the budget procedure timeline. Mr. Mercado and Mr. Cardis clarified.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates asked if a strategy regarding the CARES Act allocation funds has been created. Mr. Cardis explained the funds have not been received and a public hearing will be held in December. Mr. Krugg emphasized the importance of getting these funds into the hands of residents and businesses who need them. Mr. Krugg asked for an update regarding Downtown Blackwood.

David Brown of Mulberry Station expressed his concerns regarding a playground in his neighborhood.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked if the NIKE Base sale closed. Mr. Cardis stated yes. Mr. Sweet inquired about an environmental study. Mr. Carlamere clarified. Mr. Sweet questioned a resolution regarding the removal of body armor funds from the budget. Mr. Cardis clarified. Mr. Sweet inquired to a project on Johnson Road. Mr. Chadwell, of Remington & Vernick, clarified. Mr. Sweet inquired to budget appropriations. Mr. Cardis explained.

Ray Henry of Camden Avenue expressed his unhappiness with the condition of a water retention basin that borders his yard as well as the condition of his street and water drainage. Mr. Carlamere provided a brief history of Kojeski Construction and Camden/Pulaski Avenue. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Chief Harkins announced the Mayor's Toy Drive is now live and toys can be dropped off at the Watch Desk.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming out.

Miss Grace suggested residents find a partner who shares their passion, bounce ideas off one another, and remain vigilant.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone to remain safe.

Mrs. Winter thanked everyone for coming out and reminded everyone that Covid numbers are rising.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC

Council President
Orlando Mercado