

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2021
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:	Ms. Grace	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs-abs.	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto-abs.	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

PROCLAMATION – “BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

The Township Clerk read the proclamation.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court inquired as to a bill on the bill list. Mr. Cardis clarified.

Mr. Heinbaugh asked council, in regards to Resolution 61, if transactions for 2020 were completed. Mr. Cardis explained the transfer resolution.

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

ORDINANCE: FIRST READING

O-21-03

**CALENDAR YEAR 2021
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(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 1.0% 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 2021 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 2.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$1,416,664.65 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 2021 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 \$1,983,330.51, and that the CY 2021 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 8, 2021

Mayor
David R. Mayer

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on February 22, 2021 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING

O-21-02

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

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

Introduced: January 25, 2021

Adopted: February 8, 2021

Mayor
David R. Mayer

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

R-21:02-047

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 \$ 6,935,754.29

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 3,987.47

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 34,371.27

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 2,997.71

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 2,965.00

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 4,302.00

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 161,323.48

Adopted: February 8, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-048

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES #20-00781 AND TRANSFER THE TAXES TO AN ARREARS SCREEN DUE TO BANKRUPTCY

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2020 Certificate of Sale #20-00781, was struck off to the Township of Gloucester for delinquent taxes, arrears balance and delinquent sewers for Block 16603, Lot 26, assessed to Claudia McAlister at 129 Presidential Drive in the amount of \$11,878.09 and;

WHEREAS, the certificate was sold in error due to a bankruptcy filed on December 23, 2020 but notified the tax office on January 21, 2021,

WHEREAS, the sewer authorities will be informed that they must file a claim with the Bankruptcy Court to collect on their delinquencies,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester are hereby authorizing the tax collector to cancel the certificate and transfer all the delinquent taxes to an arrears screen and file a claim with the Bankruptcy Court and notify the

sewer authorities of the bankruptcy so they can in turn, notify the Bankruptcy Court.

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-049

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF FINANCE**

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

#14572-202051C
104 Lakeview Avenue
Block 13003 Lot 3
William Yackle
100 Lakeview Avenue
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Total: \$150.00

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-050

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

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

Application #202051C Escrow# 14572
William Yackle
104 Lakeview Ave
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Refund of Fees

\$160.00

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-051

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR FEBRUARY 1ST
PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS UNTIL FEBRUARY 12TH, 2021**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a), first-quarter property taxes are due for property taxpayers within Township of Gloucester on February 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a), local governments may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal liens or charges, on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became delinquent, thereby establishing a grace period running through February 10, 2021 for first-quarter property taxes; and

WHEREAS, due to inclement weather the Gloucester Township Tax Office was closed as a precautionary measure which may result in delinquency and incurred interest charges, therefore the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has extended the grace period for the first quarter taxes to the 12th of February, 2021 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-99: and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the grace period for the first quarter taxes are hereby extended from the 10th day of February to the 12th day of February and no fee or penalty shall be incurred during that time.

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-052

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
1303	3	Lereta, LLC Attn: Refunds 901 Corporate Center Dr. Pomona, CA 91768	2021	\$50.00	Overpayment
17907	33	Corelogic 3001 Hackberry Rd. Irving, TX 75063 Attn: Mr. Cooper Team/Refunds	2021	\$1,790.88	Overpayment

ADOPTED: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-053

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT "THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE III" LOCATED AT BLOCK 18301
LOT 16, 17 & 18**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that Letter of Credit #20591001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$456,648.48 is hereby accepted and filed to guarantee the completion of Public Facilities project improvements required to be performed by DKG18, LLC, at Block 18301 Lot 16, 17 & 18, under file #04-15-P-1180 as set forth in the Engineer's Guarantee and Escrow Cost Estimate dated September 29, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council, of the Township of Gloucester, that the original Letter of Credit shall be submitted and certified prior to the issuance of Building Permits.

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-054

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT “THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE III” LOCATED AT BLOCK 18301
LOT 16, 17 & 18**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that Letter of Credit #20611001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$1,700.00 is hereby accepted and filed to guarantee the completion of Street Lighting project improvements required to be performed by DKGT18, LLC, at Block 18301 Lot 16, 17 & 18, under file #04-15-P-1180 as set forth in the Engineer’s Guarantee and Escrow Cost Estimate dated September 29, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council, of the Township of Gloucester, that the original Letter of Credit shall be submitted and certified prior to the issuance of Building Permits.

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-055

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT “THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE IV” LOCATED AT BLOCK 18301
LOT 16, 17 & 18**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that Letter of Credit #20631001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$9,961.77 is hereby accepted and filed to guarantee the completion of Safety and Stabilization project improvements required to be performed by DKGT18, LLC, at Block 18301 Lot 16, 17 & 18, under file #04-15-P-1180 as set forth in the Engineer’s Guarantee and Escrow Cost Estimate dated September 29, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council, of the Township of Gloucester, that the original Letter of Credit shall be submitted and certified prior to the issuance of Building Permits.

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-056

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: S000215A
ESCROW: S000215I
PERMIT: 000215

AMOUNT: \$269.00

ADOPTED: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-057

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE PROJECT "THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE III" LOCATED AT BLOCK 18301 LOT 16, 17 & 18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that Letter of Credit #20601001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$13,916.21 is hereby accepted and filed to guarantee the completion of Safety and Stabilization project improvements required to be performed by DKGT18, LLC, at Block 18301 Lot 16, 17 & 18, under file #04-15-P-1180 as set forth in the Engineer's Guarantee and Escrow Cost Estimate dated September 29, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council, of the Township of Gloucester, that the original Letter of Credit shall be submitted and certified prior to the issuance of Building Permits.

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-058

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT “THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE IV” LOCATED AT BLOCK 18301
LOT 16, 17 & 18**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that Letter of Credit #20621001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$298,470.60 is hereby accepted and filed to guarantee the completion of Public Facilities project improvements required to be performed by DKG18, LLC, at Block 18301 Lot 16, 17 & 18, under file #04-15-P-1180 as set forth in the Engineer’s Guarantee and Escrow Cost Estimate dated September 29, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council, of the Township of Gloucester, that the original Letter of Credit shall be submitted and certified prior to the issuance of Building Permits.

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-059

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT “THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE IV” LOCATED AT BLOCK 18301
LOT 16, 17 & 18**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that Letter of Credit #20641001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$1,275.00 is hereby accepted and filed to guarantee the completion of Street Lighting project improvements required to be performed by DKG18, LLC, at Block 18301 Lot 16, 17 & 18, under file #04-15-P-1180 as set forth in the Engineer’s Guarantee and Escrow Cost Estimate dated September 29, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council, of the Township of Gloucester, that the original Letter of Credit shall be submitted and certified prior to the issuance of Building Permits.

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-21:02-060

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – FINAL ADJUSTMENT
ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC.
FY 2020 NJDOT TRUST FUND – RECONSTRUCTION OF JOHNSON ROAD**

WHEREAS, it was necessary to make changes in the scope of work to be completed for the 2020 NJDOT Trust Fund – Reconstruction of Johnson Road; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 – Final Adjustment was developed to itemize and authorize those changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that Change Order No. 1 – Final Adjustment is hereby authorized and approval is hereby granted to revise the contract cost from the original contract amount of \$322,900.00 to \$308,840.37.

Adopted: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

R-21:02-061

**RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION
RESERVES IN THE CY 2020 CURRENT FUND BUDGET**

WHEREAS, certain CY 2020 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 2020 Budget of the Township of Gloucester, as follows:

ACCOUNT # ACCOUNT TITLE FROM TO

Inside the Cap

0-01-20-155-000-200	Township Attorney OE		\$1,000.00
0-01-23-220-000-200	Employee Group Health OE		45,000.00
0-01-26-290-000-200	Streets OE	61,000.00	
0-01-26-305-000-200	Sanitation OE		15,000.00
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ADOPTED: February 8, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Shaunessy Pippin of Millbridge Gardens asked council to consider a program to allow individuals who have watched or are in possession of bootleg movies to make amends by paying a fine at the local library or merchant. Mr. Mercado explained the township would not be involved in that.

Sam Sweet of Erial followed up regarding funds from the CARES Act. Mr. Mercado clarified. Mr. Sweet inquired into rental assistance. Mr. Cardis explained. A discussion was held regarding the process and funding.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court discussed the CARES Act. Mr. Heinbaugh inquired into a bill for sanitizing the Housing Authority. Mr. Cardis explained it was for Senior Campus I. A discussion was held regarding the women's shelter.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates compared Gloucester Township to Cherry Hill Township. Sam Sweet of Erial inquired to the agreement made regarding use of the EMS building. Mr. Carlamere explained the situation and the verbal agreement made.

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

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming.

Ms. Grace thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Mr. Mignone wished everyone a safe trip home.

Mrs. Winters reminded residents that February is Heart Month and provided statistics regarding heart disease.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out this evening. Mr. Mercado thanked the township public works department and police department for their assistance during the past storm.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Council President

Nancy Power, RMC
Township Clerk

Orlando Mercado