

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 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-late	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial requested council read EGov questions that pertain to agenda items during the first public portion.

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

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES:

Special Meeting:	January 4, 2021
Executive Session:	December 7, 2020 January 11, 2021
Regular Session:	December 14, 2020 December 28, 2020 January 11, 2021 January 25, 2021

Mr. Mignone made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stubbs abstained from December 7. Mr. Mercado abstained from December 14. All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

BID REPORT:

**REPLACEMENT OF BICYCLE PATH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
BIDS RECEIVED FEBRUARY 17, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>
Capella Construction, Inc.	\$198,350.00
JPC Group, Inc.	\$307,500.00
Walter's Marine Construction	\$277,000.00
Mount Construction	\$383,331.00
Compass Construction, Inc.	\$226,000.00

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to accept the bids, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING

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)

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.

Joe Allen of Sicklerville asked for clarification regarding this ordinance due to an article published in the Sicklerville Sun.

Ray Polidoro of Erial inquired as to the municipal budget appropriation limit. Mr. Cardis clarified. Mr. Polidoro asked to the purpose of banking capital. Mr. Cardis provided examples. Mr. Polidoro asked where unused funds go. Mr. Cardis explained.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS: CONSENT AGENDA

R-21:02-062

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 \$ 566,914.48

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 31,762.96

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 29,953.45

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 2,822.85

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 1,368.60

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 10,170.50

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 123,740.36

Adopted: February 22, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-063

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 Building Permits: Permit #20190875 58 Winfield Rd: \$288.00

Payable to: Ad Energy, LLC
975 Rt 73 North, Suite C
Marlton, NJ 08053

ADOPTED: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-064

**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 Building Permits: Permit #20200728 32 San Diego Dr: \$326.00

Payable to: Suntuity Solar, LLC
Attn: Alyssa Rodola
2137 Route 35 N.
Holmdel, NJ 07733

ADOPTED: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-065

**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 Building Permits: Permit #20181494 103 Cedar Lane: \$153.00

Payable to: Cedar Lane Missionary Homes
Attn: James Callahan
103 Cedar Lane
Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

ADOPTED: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-066

**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 Building Permits:	Permit #20192149, 25 12 th Ave:	\$288.00
	Permit #20201153, 2651 Erial Rd :	\$288.00
	Permit #20201586, 1004 Lynwood Ln:	\$288.00
	Permit #20201587, 513 Cloverdale Rd:	\$288.00
	TOTAL:	\$1,152.00

Payable to: Sunrun, Inc
Attn: Stacey Williams-Ewan
20 West Stowe Rd, Suite 2
Marlton, NJ 08053

ADOPTED: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-067

**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 Building Permits: Permit #20201357 10 Scenic Point Cir: \$238.00

Payable to: SunnyMac Solar, LLC
 Attn: Debbie Fowler
 413 8th Ave
 Wilmington, DE 19805

ADOPTED: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-068

**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 Building Permits: Permit #20200368 47 Hollyoke Rd: \$238.00

Payable to: Vivint Solar Development, LLC
 Attn: AR Department
 1800 W. Ashton Blvd
 Lehi, UT 84043

ADOPTED: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GRANT SENIOR CITIZEN, DISABLED, OR VETERAN DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2021 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 2021,

NOW, 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 2021 and refund any balances for the amounts indicated.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount of Deduction
3701	1.21	Paul Delmar	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
3701	1.21	Charyl Delmar	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
8013	49	Joan Wagner	Add Surviving Spouse of Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
8013	50	Kathleen Whitaker	Add Surviving Spouse of Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
10005	3	John Wisham	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
10101	21	Donald Hahn	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
10104	21	Wilmar Santiago	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
10201	1.15	Frank Nicosia	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
10603	17	Kathleen Goetz	Add Disability Deduction 2021	250.00
11106	2	Domenic Caporale	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
11501	30	David Nigro	Add Senior Citizen Deduction 2021	250.00
12619	2	Robert Sleeth	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
12905	7	Eileen Sheekey	Add Surviving Spouse of Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
13201	14	Deborah Appling	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
15818	5	Angeline Schauder	Add Surviving Spouse of	250.00

Veteran Deduction 2021

21004 10 Dennis O'Donnell Add Veteran Deduction 2021 250.00

ADOPTED: February 22, 2021

President of Council Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-070

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN OR OTHER EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 2021 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.

NOW, 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 2021 first half and refund any resulting credit balances.

Table with 5 columns: Block, Lot, Name, Comment, Amount to be Credited. Rows include Joseph Skelly, Michael Hubler, Christian Zerfing, Gerald Tower, Richard Leon, and Aykine Hicks.

ADOPTED: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-071

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR C KEYS, LLC IN
THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Shoppes at Cross Keys, Phase II has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this project within the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$5,788.00 be released.

Adopted: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:01-072

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR BALDUCCI, INC.
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of Giant Fitness has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this project within the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$4,296.00 be released.

Adopted: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-073

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR NEW JERSEY
RESTAURANTS, LP IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of Taco Bell has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this project within the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Cash Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$6,439.70 be released.

Adopted: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-074

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR PARAMOUNT AT
CHEWS LANDING, LLC IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer, Paramount at Chews Landing, LLC, has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this project within the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Cash Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$3,510.00 be released.

Adopted: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk

Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-075

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR JEMSTONE CROSS KEYS, LLC IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the developer of The Shoppes at Cross Keys II, Phase II has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this project within the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Maintenance Cash Guarantee in the amount of \$8,683.20 be released.

Adopted: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-076

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR PARAMOUNT AT CHEWS LANDING, LLC IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the developer, Paramount at Chews Landing, LLC, has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this project within the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Cash Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$5,964.75 be released.

Adopted: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk

Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-077

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR PARAMOUNT AT
CHEWS LANDING, LLC IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer, Paramount at Chews Landing, LLC, has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this project within the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Cash Maintenance Guarantee for Landscape Improvements in the amount of \$6,278.40 and accrued interest in the amount of \$70.28 totaling \$6,348.68 be released.

Adopted: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-078

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR WAWA, INC IN
THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer for Wawa Store #981, has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this project within the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Cash Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$2,500.00 be released.

Adopted: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-079

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND CAPELA CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BICYCLE PATH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for Replacement of the Bicycle Path Pedestrian Bridge located in Blackwood, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been provided, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council received bids or quotes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the proper Township Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Capela Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$198,350.00 which was the lowest bid or quote received.

Adopted: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:02-080

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND PARTICIPATING UNITS

WHEREAS, mutual aid and assistance agreements between municipalities, counties, law enforcement agencies police, Emergency Medical Service, fire departments, fire companies or EMS organizations and fire departments situated in fire districts operated by a Board of Fire Commissioners, are permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-26 and 40A: 14-156.1; and

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD) – 5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach to Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, “The New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act” App.A9-33 et.seq, provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey during any emergency by centralizing control of all civilian activities having to do with such emergency giving the Governor control over the resources of each and every political subdivision to cope with any condition that shall arise out of such emergency; and

WHEREAS, The Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs promulgated rules in accordance with the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act,” N.J.A.C. 52:14E-11 et. seq., commonly referred to as the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Regulations” N.J.A.C. 5:75A et.seq.; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the residents of the Township of Gloucester to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement with the County of Camden and other municipalities including (but not limited to) Municipal Police, Emergency Medical Service or Fire Departments, Volunteer Fire Companies or EMS organizations and/or Fire Districts to provide additional protection against loss, damage or destruction by fire, catastrophe, civil

unrest, major emergency or other extraordinary devastation damage or destruction to person and property, in those situations with outside aid and assistance is needed.

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

- A. That the Township of Gloucester is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Camden County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement Between Participating Units, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, on the terms and conditions contained herein.
- B. That the Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of Gloucester are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement on behalf of the Township of Gloucester.
- C. That the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith forward a copy of this Resolution and an executed copy of Schedule A of the agreement to the office of the Camden County Office of Emergency Management for review and filing by the appropriate Fire, EMS and County Prosecutor or his designee as appropriate.

Adopted: February 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Attest:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

GT E-GOV ACCESS:

Tate Perazzelli of Collingswood, NJ asked the following questions:

1. *There are two retention ponds behind the Jehovah's Witness on Somerdale Road. The one closest to the Jehovah's building is filled with Milkweed. Milkweed is the host plant for the monarch butterfly. Without milkweed, the larva would not be able to develop into a butterfly. Monarchs use a variety of milkweeds. Monarch larvae, or caterpillars, feed exclusively on milkweed leaves. I've been contacting Public Works to see if mowing could be held off till after they migrate in November. On December 15, 2020, after a thorough assessment of the monarch butterfly's status, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has found that adding the monarch butterfly to the list of threatened and endangered species is warranted. I'd love to see Gloucester Township take a proactive stance on protecting this sensitive feeding and nesting ground. (I grew up in G Twp, my dad, daughter and grandchildren and other blood relatives live throughout G Twp)*

Mr. Mercado explained that this basin is privately owned.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked the following questions:

1. *It was stated at the last GTHA meeting that the Market To Affordable program is no longer a requirement under the Township's Fair Share Housing obligations. Is this true? If so, as of when?* Mr. Mercado explained with current township zoning, the MTA program is no longer being used to satisfy unmet affordable housing needs.

2. *If we no longer have an MTA requirement and the program is not cost-effective, per Mr. Carlamere, why did Gloucester Township recently enter into an agreement which names Triad Associates as the consultant for the Market To Affordable program?* Mr. Mercado explained the MAT program is still being utilized to provide affordable housing opportunities within the township.

3. *How much is the township paying to consult with Triad regarding the MTA program? Will the fees be paid from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund? If not, why not?* Mr. Mercado stated it is an hourly fee and can be paid from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

4. *Was a cost-benefit analysis done for the Township's current Market to Affordable program?* Mr. Mercado stated no and it is not required.

5. *What was the balance of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund as of January 1, 2021?* Mr. Mercado stated \$1,122,795.06.

6. *Mr. Carlamere is cited in the Patch as stating, "the township wanted to put their experts at the housing authority in charge of marketing and help developing the project", referring to the Lakeland housing project announced in January. What experts was he referring to?* Mr. Carlamere

clarified.

Sam Sweet of Elizabethe Place asked the following question:

1. *What are the expenses (Utilities, taxes, maintenance, etc.) that Gloucester Township is picking up for AMR as part of the verbal agreement made approximately two years ago? Mr. Cardis said that he would let me know what those expenses were in the last meeting.* Mr. Mercado provided Mr. Sweet with this information.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates provided council with his research regarding a twenty year history of municipal property taxes in Gloucester Township compared to comparable townships. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

Sam Sweet of Erial wished Chief Harkins a Happy Birthday. Mr. Sweet inquired to the HUD breakdown of funds. Mr. Mercado clarified it is a function of the administration. Mr. Sweet expressed his concerns of Triad's fees.

Shaunessy Pippin of Millbridge Gardens expressed her dissatisfaction with her mail not being delivered because of discrepancies with how her address is written. Ms. Pippin recalled a similar issue her father had regarding his address changing. Mr. Mercado stated this is a post office issue.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked council to extend the public portion. Mr. Mercado declined. Mr. Polidoro inquired to the concern with swamp pink at the GEMS Landfill. Mr. Mercado stated he does not believe there to be an issue with swamp pink at this property. Mr. Lechner stated the Department of Environmental Protection would review this. Mr. Polidoro asked what will happen with a surplus of funds for small businesses. Mr. Mercado stated there hasn't been any direction yet. Mr. Polidoro asked for Open Space to be surveyed.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison understands residents' passions and hears their concerns. Mr. Hutchison reiterated how the cost of certain services increased in the last twenty years. Mr. Hutchison stated there are no properties for sale and values have skyrocketed.

Ms. Grace agrees with Mr. Hutchison and has witnessed the growth in the township.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming out.

Mrs. Stubbs thanked everyone for coming out.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for coming out and reminded residents that February is Heart Healthy month.

Mrs. Trotto thanked Mr. Hutchison for the topics he raised.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out. Mr. Mercado recalled his childhood growing up in Swedesboro and the services that were nonexistent in comparison to Gloucester Township.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power, RMC
Township Clerk

Council President
Orlando Mercado