

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 28, 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:	Ms. Grace	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
	Mr. Hutchison-abs.	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mrs. Winters	Deputy Chief Minosse, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates requested clarification for the property list associated with Resolution 305. Deputy Chief Minosse clarified. Mr. Krug asked if this resolution allows the police to acquire the property independently from council's approval. Mr. Mercado confirmed. Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked if the resolution regarding drainage projects was related with the resolution regarding The Estates at Lakeside resolution. Mr. Cardis explained the two projects are unrelated. Mr. Heinbaugh inquired into Resolution 308. Mr. Cardis explained. Mr. Mercado further explained. Mr. Heinbaugh expressed his concerns with this administration's borrowing.

Ray Polidoro of Erial expressed his concerns with this administration's borrowing and the costs associated with borrowing. Mr. Polidoro asked what is different regarding the GEMS solar project today that it has been added back to the agenda. Mr. Carlamere explained. Mr. Polidoro asked if the township received a report from the DEP regarding swamp pink.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

R-20:12-294

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 \$ 455,918.14

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 88,731.73

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 10,586.00

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 9,930.67

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 1,885.00

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 28,185.25

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 140,437.86

Adopted: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:12-295

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
9203	6	Hazel May 744 Bentley Lane Somerdale, NJ 08083	2020	\$3,014.19	Duplicate Payment

ADOPTED: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:12-296

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A DEED OF PERMANENT EASEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND DRAINAGE PROJECT ON BERLIN CROSS KEYS ROAD

WHEREAS, the County of Camden has determined the need for a right of permanent easement, for the property located at 433 Berlin-Cross Keys Road, also known as Block 18103, Lot 7.02 on the Gloucester Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, the County of Camden has determined this permanent easement is needed for the implementation of the County’s road improvement and drainage project for Berlin-Cross Keys Road; and

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement to grant a deed of permanent easement to the County of Camden for the implementation of the County’s road improvement and drainage project for Berlin-Cross Keys Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester of the County of Camden is hereby authorized to grant a deed of permanent easement to the County of Camden for the implementation of the Camden County road improvement and

drainage project for 433 Berlin-Cross Keys Road, Block 18103, Lot 7.02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester of the County of Camden that a certified copy this resolution will be forwarded to the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders prior to the signing and granting the Permanent Easement Agreement.

Adopted: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-297

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT "THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE I" 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 #20521001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$28,500.00 is hereby accepted and filed to guarantee the completion of Landscape Buffer 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: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-298

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT "THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE I" 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 #20531001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$18,595.12 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: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-299

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT "THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE II" 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 #20551001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$292,252.20 is hereby accepted and filed to guarantee the completion of Public Facilities 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: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-300

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT “THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE II” 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 #20571001 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: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-301

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT “THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE I” 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 #20511001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$643,804.92 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: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-302

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT “THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE I” 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 #20541001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$2,975.00 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: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-303

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SECURITY OF 1ST COLONIAL COMMUNITY BANK
AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE
PROJECT “THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE II” 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 #20561001 of 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$9,806.31 is hereby accepted and filed to guarantee the completion of Safety and Stabilization 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: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-304

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RUBY TUESDAY INC. IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the following has made application for renewal of a Retail Consumption Liquor License in the Township of Gloucester:

NAME	TRADING AS	LICENSE NO.
Ruby Tuesday, Inc.	In-Pocket	0415-33-039-002

WHEREAS, application for renewal has been properly advertised by the Alcoholic Beverage Control, and

WHEREAS, no written objections have been filed, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has no objections and furthermore is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local ordinance which would prohibit the renewal of Retail Consumption Liquor License in the Township of Gloucester,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden that the application for renewal of Retail Consumption Liquor License is hereby granted and that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents and certificates effective December 29, 2020.

Adopted: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:12-305

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-20:12-281 ENTITLED "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER THROUGH THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT"

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEA's to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Gloucester Township Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to commence on the 1st of January, 2021 and terminate on the 31st of December, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gloucester Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated “DEMIL A,” which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools medical and first aid supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution is authorized, based on the needs of the Gloucester Township Police Department, without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Gloucester Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following “DEMIL B through Q” property list in its entirety is hereby approved and hereto attached to this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Gloucester Township Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Gloucester Township Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is hereby amended and shall take effect on the 1st of January and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property and “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization to terminating on the 31st of December, 2021.

Adopted: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:12-306

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has awarded the Township of Gloucester a Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant (#21-0415) in the amount of \$48,600.00 from May 9, 2021 to May 8, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester will provide “fringe benefit” matching funds, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, Camden County, New Jersey, accept a subaward grant from that the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant (#21-0415) in the amount of \$48,600.00 with a match of fringe benefits is hereby gratefully accepted.

Adopted: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

R-20:12-307

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER CAMDEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF THE
SYNCARPHA GEMS, LLC APPLICATION FOR THE GEMS LANDFILL NEW
JERSEY PILOT COMMUNITY SOLAR APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, The Township of Gloucester did conduct a preliminary investigation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, held public hearings and did designate the area of the GEMS Landfill as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, and as Redevelopment Entity, did name Syncarpha Gems LLC as the Redeveloper of the GEMS Landfill, site; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Gloucester has actively and continually supported Syncarpha Gems LLC in the redevelopment of the GEMS Landfill site as a Solar Energy Facility; and

WHEREAS, The Township Council desires to continue the support to Syncarpha GEMS LLC in their efforts to develop the GEMS Landfill site as part of the New Jersey Pilot Community Solar Clean Energy Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby support, and recommend for approval and participation, Syncarpha GEMS LLC in their application to the State of New Jersey for the GEMS Landfill New Jersey Pilot Community Solar Program.

Adopted: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-308

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION BALANCE OF PROJECTS

WHEREAS, a General Capital Improvement appropriation balance remains dedicated for a project now completed and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said unexpended debt balances may be credited to Reserve to Pay Debt Service and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, that the following unexpended balances of the General Capital Fund appropriations be cancelled.

Cancel Unexpended Appropriation Balances

<u>Ordinance #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
14-15	Various Capital Improvements	\$40,000.00
15-11	Various Capital Improvements	\$19,555.97
17-02	Various Capital Improvements	\$11,422.59
18-01	Various Capital Improvements	\$378,711.02
19-03	Various Capital Improvements	\$1,650,310.42
	Total	\$2,100,000.00

ADOPTED: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-309

RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CY 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS, certain CY 2020 Budget Appropriation balances are expected to be insufficient for the remainder of the year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations in the CY 2020 Budget of the Township of Gloucester, as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	<u>Inside the Cap</u>		
0-01-20-110-000-100	Mayor Office SW		150.00
0-01-20-110-002-100	Director of Community Service OE		50.00
0-01-21-180-000-100	Planning Board SW		50.00
0-01-22-195-000-100	Construction Code SW		550.00
0-01-25-250-000-100	Police Communications SW		26,500.00
0-01-26-290-000-200	Streets OE	126,600.00	
0-01-26-310-000-100	Public Buildings SW		18,500.00
0-01-27-340-000-200	Animal Control OE		25,000.00
0-01-28-370-003-100	Recreation Indoor Center SW		700.00
0-01-32-465-000-200	Landfill OE		50,100.00
0-01-45-930-000-924	Debt Service Interest		5,000.00
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		\$126,600.00	<hr/> \$126,600.00 <hr/>

ADOPTED: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-20:12-310

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF GLOUCESTER ACCEPTING THE 2019 AUDIT OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2019 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the firm of Bowman and Company, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 , and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body.

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs.

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled, "Findings and Questioned costs" or "Findings and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Findings and Questioned Costs" or "Findings and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with , at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52- to wit:

R.S. 52-27BB-52 – A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his/her office.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Adopted: December 28, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

GT E-GOV ACCESS:

Joann Carr of Clement Drive made the following comment:

1. Just wanted to thank the Gloucester Township Police Department for the assistance given for the drive by parade for my dad yesterday. John Welsh, in Timber Birch, celebrated his 100th birthday. It was a spectacular parade, with so many in attendance, the police were needed for control and safety. I would also like to thank Officer Chuck Dougherty for placing in on the GT Police media. As always, they were where they were needed.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked how much is the lease for the GEMS Landfill solar project. Mr. Cardis believes is approximately \$45,000. Mr. Carlamere explained the time frame regarding the lease agreement. Mr. Sweet asked Council their opinions on overborrowing. Mr. Mercado explained funds are set aside for Capital Projects that are sometimes cancelled or are completed under budget. Mr. Cardis read from the Local Finance Notice. Mr. Sweet expressed his concerns regarding borrowing funds.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates provided council with an article regarding property tax for New Jersey. Mr. Krug provided visualization regarding Gloucester Township property taxes in comparison to other local municipalities. A discussion was held.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked for clarification on an email between himself and the CFO, specifically "Senior and Vets Revenue." Mr. Cardis suggested Mr. Heinbaugh contact the CFO for this information. Mr. Heinbaugh suggested the budget council subcommittee should not wait until the budget is introduced to form.

Mr. Mercado asked for residents in attendance to be respectful.

Ray Polidoro expressed his concerns with the budget being formed so late in the year. Mr. Polidoro asked council if the budget information be handed down in October. Mr. Carlamere explained the budget process is set statutorily.

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

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Mr. Cardis wished everyone a Happy New Year.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Ms. Grace wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming.

Mrs. Stubbs wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Mrs. Winters wishes a safe and Happy New Year for everyone. Mrs. Winters informed residents that the hospitals are full.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Mr. Mercado asked Mrs. Winters how residents would know a vaccination was available to them. Mrs. Winters stated she believes it will be advertised. Mr. Mercado urged residents to be cognizant going into New Year's. Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for their assistance with council meetings. Mr. Mercado stated Reorganization will be January 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Council President
Orlando Mercado

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC