

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 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	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone-abs.	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs-late	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	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.

PROCLAMATION: 2021 UDrive. UText. UPay. DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACK-DOWN read by the Township Clerk

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES:

Regular Session

February 8, 2021
February 22, 2021

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: Mr. Hutchison abstained from the February 22nd meeting. Mrs. Trotto abstained from the February 8th meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)

O-21-05

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED "SMOKING REGULATIONS"

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

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Stubbs. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS: CONSENT AGENDA

R-21:03-085

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 \$ 2,507,956.76

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 57,814.49

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 3,182.45

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 6,727.65

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 18,620.00

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 25,328.50

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 518,682.87

Adopted: March 22, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk,
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:03-086

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.

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.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount to be Credited
701	8	Thomas Knapp	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/22/21	2021 QTR 1 – 740.66 2021 QTR 2 – 1,801.60 Assessment – 187,300
9109	2	John Mitchell	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/01/21	2021 QTR 1 – 1,927.62 2021 QTR 2 – 1,927.61 Assessment – 190,900
12801	26	Margaret Dellavecchia	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 03/01/21	2021 QTR 1 – 701.68 2021 QTR 2 – 2,037.16 Assessment – 196,400
15703	147	George Black	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/15/21	2021 QTR 1 – 683.65 2021 QTR 2 – 1,367.30 Assessment – 133,200

17608 12	Quay Steele	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/15/21	2021 QTR 1 – 1,249.92 2021 QTR 2 – 2,499.84 Assessment – 248,000
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ADOPTED: March 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:03-087

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #13-04273, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 2003, Lot 13, assessed to Willard & Tina Mc Kinnon, at a tax sale held on December 23, 2013, and was redeemed by homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #13-04274, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 2003, Lot 14, assessed to Willard & Tina Mc Kinnon, at a tax sale held on December 23, 2013, and was redeemed by homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #19-00202, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 7904, Lot 6, assessed to Richard Borchers, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2019, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #20-00065, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 1901, Lot 1, assessed to Degorz Inc T/A Glendora Grill, at a tax sale held on December 29, 2020, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #20-00150, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 5303, Lot 19, assessed to Donald & Debra Mooney, at a tax sale held on December 29, 2020, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #20-00358, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 10801, Lot 12, assessed to Southwinds at Gloucester LLC, at a tax sale held on December 29, 2020, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #20-00510, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 13103, Lot 19, assessed to WPOJ LLC, at a tax sale held on December 29, 2020, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate #20-00510 included CCMUA charges in the amount of \$1,402.21 and GTMUA charges in the amount of \$734.36 to be refunded upon collection, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Township of Gloucester are hereby authorized to endorse the above Certificates of Sale for cancellation and refund GTMUA and CCMUA.

Adopted: March 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:03-088

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF VITAL STATISTICS**

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

Non-resident Marriage License Application

Barbara Weisenbach
27427 Walking Run
Milton, DE 19968

Total Amount - \$28.00

Sharree Harper
20 Laurel St.
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Total Amount - \$28.00

Mykala Adams
935 Blackberry Dr.
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Total Amount - \$28.00

Adopted: March 22, 2021

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. 6-0.

R-21:03-089

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
AWARDING OF A CONTRACT TO HOMEWARD BOUND PET ADOPTION
CENTER, INC. TO PROVIDE ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP
OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has determined the continued need to provide animal welfare services to the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has determined that the Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center, Inc., a non-profit corporation, has the ability to provide animal shelter services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is hereby authorized to award a contract for animal shelter services to Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center, Inc. from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Adopted: March 22, 2021

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. 6-0.

R-21:03-090

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION IN THE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER TO EXTEND THE COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Camden, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency", has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of work, materials, supplies and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, wishes to continue their participation in the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Camden County Cooperative Purchase shall be for a term of one year (1) commencing on or about March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 with a one year option at the discretion of the Lead Agency, the County of Camden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 22nd day of March, 2021 by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Gloucester Township does hereby extend their participation in the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Camden County.

Adopted: March 22, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

RESOLUTIONS: REGULAR AGENDA

R-21:03-091

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:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>Inside the Cap</u>			
0-01-20-155-000-200	Township Attorney OE		\$1,500.00
0-01-23-220-000-200	Employee Group Health OE		\$45,000.00
0-01-25-240-000-200	Police SW	\$46,500.00	
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ADOPTED: March 22, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Brian Burns of Erial thanked council for their support of the acquisition of the Roslyn Bridge property. Mr. Burns stated the township has \$1.6 million allocated from Green Acres for the preservation of Open Space and he has been in contact with several families that also would like to preserve their land as open space. Mr. Burns hopes council will consider working with these families to preserve open space.

Ray Polidoro of Erial wishes to remember Barbara Ashton and Walter Dority who have recently passed. Mr. Polidoro also congratulated Mr. Palumbo on his retirement. Mr. Polidoro asked council for an update regarding swamp pink at the GEMS Landfill. Mr. Polidoro expressed his concerns with shrinking open space. Mr. Polidoro expressed his concerns with the market to affordable program and the housing authority.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates reiterated topics that are of importance to him from previous meetings. Mr. Krug inquired as to the creation of a budget subcommittee.

Elizabeth Dugan of Blenheim asked for clarification regarding the county cooperative agreement resolution. Mr. Cardis clarified. Ms. Dugan reminded council that repairs within the township should be completed in a cost effective manner.

David Brown of Mulberry Station asked council for an update regarding replacement of the playground in Mulberry Station. Mr. Cardis stated an application to Green Acres will be discussed on the April workshop. Mr. Brown inquired into property taxes for this year. Mr. Cardis stated the budget has not been introduced as of yet. Mr. Brown asked for an update on SHOPGT cards. Mr. Mercado stated a subcommittee was formed two years ago and the committee found the program was on the decline.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked if the land sale between the township and the housing authority has been completed. Mr. Carlamere stated not yet. A discussion was held regarding the deed for the property and previous sales of the property. Mr. Mercado asked Ms. Coyne to submit an email with the information she is requesting.

Sam Sweet of Erial inquired into a playground that was to be installed at Erial Little League. A discussion was held regarding the playground. Mr. Sweet inquired into Covid relief funds and the process. A discussion was held.

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

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Mr. Lechner stated he has been working with the administration to assemble a list of potential open space properties the township is interested in obtaining.

Chief Harkins stated the police and mayor have been working together to recognize Autism Awareness April 2nd. Chief Harkins stated the police department are kept up to date and complete annual training in regards to bias crimes.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison thanked Mr. Burns for coming out tonight to address council.

Ms. Grace thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mrs. Stubbs thanked everyone for coming out this evening and recalled recent shooting events in the country.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for coming and thanked Chief Harkins for the work he does.

Mrs. Winters asked residents to mindful of Covid and keep safe.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out this evening and wished his condolences to the Ashton family and Dority family. Mr. Mercado wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

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, RMC
Township Clerk

Council President
Orlando Mercado

