

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 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	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked for supporting documentation to the budget. Mr. Mercado stated copies would be provided once council receives their copies.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked for clarification regarding the process for Ordinance 20-07. Mr. Carlamere clarified. Mr. Lechner stated the Planning Board has to review all land use ordinances by statute.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked how federal Covid aid is handled in the budget. Mr. Cardis explained. Mr. Heinbaugh asked what basis was used for the budget. Mr. Cardis clarified. Mr. Heinbaugh asked which sections of the budget council will scrutinize. Mr. Hutchison explained his process. Mr. Heinbaugh asked if there will be a formal budget subcommittee. Mr. Mercado stated council just received their copies of the budget.

Brian Burns of Erial inquired as to in house landscaping. Mr. Cardis explained for several past years the township has awarded these contracts.

Dawn Sabella of Chews Landing Road asked what delayed Ordinance 20-07. Mr. Carlamere explained the fair share settlement agreement. Mrs. Sabella asked if there is consideration of how this proposed development will impact that area of the township. Mr. Mercado stated this can be addressed at the upcoming planning board meeting.

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

MAYOR MEMO: Read by the Township Clerk appointing Troy MacPherson to the Housing Authority.

CHIEF MEMO: Read by the Township Clerk appointing the following Class I SLEO's:

Josephine Camarillo	Jared Ebert	Tyler Kenuk	Aedan LaBar
Robert Vogt			

BID REPORT(S):

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
BIDS RECEIVED MARCH 31, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>
Rahn Landscaping, LLC (24 months)	\$169,272.00
Marksmen Landscaping LLC (12 months)	\$ 78,000.00

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the bid report, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

**CUTTING OF RETENTION BASINS
BIDS RECEIVED MARCH 31, 2021 @ 10:30 AM**

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>
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Marksman Landscaping, LLC (12 months)

\$124,000.00

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the bid report, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

**2021 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND LIGHT
SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS
BIDS RECEIVED MARCH 31, 2021 @ 11:00 AM**

CONTRACTOR

Techna-Pro Electric, LLC (12 months)

BID PRICE

\$38,802.00

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the bid report, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES:

Regular Session:

March 8, 2021
March 22, 2021

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: Mr. Mignone abstained from the March 22nd meeting. Mrs. Stubbs abstained from the March 8th meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

ORDINANCE: FIRST READING (RE-INTRODUCED)

O-20-07

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE O-03-03, LAND
DEVELOPMENT ADOPTING A LITTLE POND OVERLAY (LPO) ZONING
DISTRICT FOR BLOCK 20601, LOT 4 GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, CAMDEN
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester (the "Township"), in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, has designated an area within the Township, known as Little Pond Village 1110 Chews Landing-Clementon Road, Block 20601, Lot 4; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and accepted the recommendation of the Planning Board and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to adopt this Overlay District.

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

SECTION 1. Add the following overlay zoning requirements apply to the development for townhouses and commercial located on the Property known as Plate 206, Block 20601, Lot 4:

Section 408.2, Little Pond Overlay (LP) District

A. Specific Intent: The Little Pond Overlay District is to provide Mixed use development at 1110 Chews Land-Clem Road, Block 20601, Lot 4 consisting of commercial fronting along Chews Landing Road (County Route 683) of a minimum of 23,000 SF single story commercial as indicated on the attached concept plan dated March 5, 2020, last revised July 1, 2020. Only commercial is permitted to front on Chews Landing Road (County Route 683). Commercial uses must comply with permitted use prescribed in the Townships' HC – Highway Commercial District

B. Permitted Uses:

1. Residential: Townhouse.
 2. Commercial permitted uses as permitted in HC – Highway Commercial District.
- C. Accessory Uses and Structures Permitted. Any of the following uses and structures may be permitted when used in conjunction with a principal use and conforming to the applicable subsection in §422:
1. Minor home occupation, subject to the standards of §422.G.
 2. Community center for the common use of residents.
 3. Community swimming pool for the common use of residents.
 4. Outdoor recreational facilities, including tennis or other court sports.
 5. Off-street parking and private garages, including parking sheds and detached private garages provided that the structures meet the setbacks for principal buildings and are approved by the approving authority.
 6. Laundry rooms for the common use of residents.
 7. Fences, walls, gazebos, mail kiosks and other street furniture.
 8. Guardhouses.
 9. Signs in accordance with §426, Signs.
 10. Common satellite dish and television antennae.
 11. Maintenance building.
 12. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a principal use.
- D. Maximum residential density: 8.4 DU/Acre, no more than 89 townhouse units shall be permitted.
- E. Commercial must be constructed at the time of 50% of the townhomes have been constructed and received certificates of occupancy.
- F. An affordable housing development fee will be required for the commercial and residential portions of this development. In accordance with Article IX. 1.2 Section 902, the Township’s affordable housing development fee is 2.5% of equalized assessed value for commercial and 1.5% of equalized assessed value for residential.
- G. Commercial Parking setbacks and other attributes shall be as required under the Performance Standards of the Township’s Ordinance
- H. Residential parking provisions must be developed in accordance with New Jersey Residential Site Improvement Standards (N.J.A.C. 5:21-1 et. seq.)
- I. Open space shall not include stormwater basins and shall be consistent with Township standards for open space. Perimeter buffers shall be included in the minimum open space.
- J. General Tract Requirement. All development shall be served by public water and public sanitary sewer.
- K. Area, Yard, Height and Building Coverage. Except as otherwise modified, the following bulk standards shall apply to all buildings in the overlay district:

Use	Commercial
Minimum lot area	2.5 acres
Minimum lot frontage	150 ft.
Minimum lot depth	200 ft.
Maximum building coverage	25%
Maximum impervious coverage	75%
Minimum Front yard	50 ft.
Minimum Side yard	25 ft.

Minimum Rear yard	30 ft.
Maximum building height	1 story or 30 feet, whichever is less
Minimum commercial building square footage	20,000 SF as indicated in Exhibit A
Off-Street Parking	4 spaces/1000 sf of commercial
Minimum tract perimeter buffer	25 feet
Minimum parking setback from ROW	25 feet
Minimum parking setback from internal lot lines	10 feet
Use	Residential
Maximum gross density	8.4 Units/gross acre
Minimum tract perimeter buffer	25 feet
Minimum tract perimeter building setback	35 feet
Minimum tract perimeter parking setback	25 feet
Minimum lot size	1,700 SF per Townhouse Lot
Minimum lot width	20 ft.
Minimum lot depth	85 ft.
Minimum Front yard	20 ft.
Minimum Side yard (End Wall)	10 ft.
Minimum Rear yard	22 ft.
Maximum building height	3 stories or 35 feet, whichever is less
Maximum number of dwellings per structure	6 units
Minimum common open space	25%
Minimum distance from the front of any building to any other building	70 ft.
Minimum distance from the side of any building to any other building	30 ft.
Minimum distance from the rear of any building to any other building	60 ft
Accessory building setback, side or rear yard	5 ft.

L. A Home Owners Association (HOA) will be required as part of the townhouse/residential portion of the development. The HOA shall own and be responsible for all maintenance of streets, parking areas, and common open space. Snow removal and stormwater maintenance shall also be the responsibility of the HOA.

M. Trash and recycling: provisions must be agreed upon by the Township. Location of all trash receptacles must be indicated on the plans and be specifically approved by Township Public Works for trash and Gloucester Township Municipal Utilities Authority.

N. Architectural Standards:

1. Decorative street lights required throughout the development (both commercial and residential portions).
2. Cobblestone curbing required in residential portion of development.
3. The following standards shall be used in the design of townhouse buildings:
 - i. The front facades of at least 40% of the number of units in a structure shall be set back not less than 3 feet behind the facades of the remaining units in such structure.
 - ii. The roof lines of at least 30% of the number of units, which are attached in a structure, shall be staggered in height by not less than 5% of the height of the roof lines of the remaining units in such structure. Chimneys, skylights, dormers, and other roof structures are encouraged to vary the elevation and provide additional light into upper story units.

- iii. Where an outdoor living space is included for a unit, it shall be provided with adequate visual screening from all other neighboring dwelling units, outdoor living spaces, parking areas and roadways. Screening may be accomplished with plant materials, masonry structures or wood fencing a minimum of 4 feet in height. Architectural elements, such as masonry walls and fences, shall be compatible in both style and materials with the dwelling unit.
- iv. Architectural exterior shall be generally consistent with attached “Beethoven” model exhibit prepared by Ryan Homes.

O. Buffering:

1. In order to promote a desirable visual environment and maintain the development character, and quality of the Township, a natural or planted buffer shall be provided along the entire perimeter of the residential portion of the development. Also, for the commercial portion, a buffer shall be provided along the portions of commercial development area that is contiguous to, or across the street from, land that is either zoned for residential use or upon which is located a residential use.
 2. Buffer areas shall be planted and maintained with grass or other suitable ground cover together with evergreen and deciduous trees, shrubbery, berms, natural features, and/or fencing, and be so designed so as to be more effective the closer an activity is located to a property line or the more intense the use.
 3. The buffer area easement shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet in width.
 4. No structure, storm water management facility, activity, storage of materials or parking of vehicles shall be permitted within a buffer area.
- P. Off-street loading areas: At least one off street loading area shall be provided for the commercial development. The loading area shall be screened sufficiently to obscure the view of the loading vehicles and platforms from any public street, adjacent uses, or on-site parking areas throughout the year. Such screening shall be by extension of the building, a fence, berm, wall, evergreen planting, or combination thereof.
- Q. For the commercial and residential portions of the development, all streets and drive aisles shall be designed to allow for sufficient two way traffic circulation of delivery vehicles, buses, a ladder truck and other emergency vehicles.
- R. Other Design requirements for the entire site. The following standards shall be used in the design of residential and commercial buildings:
1. All utility meters or boxes, air compressors, heat pumps, or other exterior equipment shall be located on the roof or at the side or rear of buildings and shall be screened by architectural elements or landscape plantings.
 2. Landscaping shall be provided in accordance with Section 507, Landscaping of the Gloucester Township Land Development Ordinance. In addition, the following applies to this overlay:
 - i. Stormwater Management Areas shall be a landscape feature and surrounded in the entirety with split rail fencing or the functional equivalent prohibiting chain link fencing and planted with a landscaping mix of ornamental grasses, evergreen and deciduous shrubs and trees.
 - ii. Off-Street Parking Areas shall be landscaped and buffered in accordance to Gloucester Township Land Development Ordinance Section 510, Off-Street Parking.

3. Site Plan shall be generally consistent with attached exhibit entitled Conceptual Site Plan Little Pond Village Block 20601 Lot 4 Plate 206 Gloucester Township, Camden County, New Jersey; prepared by Terrence H, Combs, PP, RLA, The Pettit Group, LLC; dated March 5, 2020.

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

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

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

Introduced: July 13, 2020

Re-Introduced: April 12, 2021

Adopted:

Mayor
David Mayer

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on May 10, 2021 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mrs. Stubbs. Mr. Hutchison abstained. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

ORDINANCE: FIRST READING

O-21-06

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE O-03-03 LAND DEVELOPMENT REGARDING PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

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

O-21-07

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE O-03-03 LAND DEVELOPMENT REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY

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

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)

O-21-04

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 4 AMENDING ORDINANCE O-04-13 ENTITLED THE BLACKWOOD WEST REDEVELOPMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW

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

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion carried. 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

R-21:04-092

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 \$ 7,765,268.85

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 60,812.66

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 6,061.56

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 39,682.75

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 3,354.80

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 26,125.25

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 348,131.01

Adopted: April 12, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk,
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-093

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE OFFICE
OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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

Pet License: # 21-000801 in the amount of \$21.00 issued in error.

Payable to: Stanley Kasper

1062 Eaton Place
Somerdale, NJ 08083

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-094

**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:

#3020-071096CM
Bryn Mawr Investments Co., Inc.
765 John Barry Drive
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
Balance from unexpended escrow: \$2,297.20

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-095

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

Permit Applicant:
Vid Richardson
29 River Pointe Circle
Gloucester City, NJ 08030

Amount: \$5.00

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-096

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDING OF TAXES FOR REASONS
INDICATED**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Gloucester to authorize the refunding of the following credit balances for the reasons indicated below:

BLOCK & LOT	NAME & ADDRESS	AMOUNT	REASON
3204 25	John Nejman 646 Pasadena Drive Magnolia, NJ 08049	\$ 4,373.84	Overpayment Taxes -15F
5809 7	Muhammad Asghar 6 Beech Drive Blackwood, NJ 08012	2,184.54	Overpayment Taxes – 15F
8002 1-C1708	Mary Matthews 1708 Aberdeen Lane Blackwood, NJ 08012	457.32	Homestead Benefit Taxes – 15F
8704 28	Daniel & Barbara Ash 1725 Briarwood Drive Somerdale, NJ 08083	552.08	Homestead Benefit Taxes – 15F
8801 26	Frank Anello 35 Roberts Drive Somerdale, NJ 08083	686.74	Homestead Benefit Taxes – 15F
9001 59	Marchee Briant 224 Downing Road Somerdale, NJ 08083	2,375.95	Overpayment Taxes – 15F
9204 20	Travis Ash 329 Roberts Court Somerdale, NJ 08083	2,531.55	Overpayment Taxes – 15F
9504 7	Marilyn Gordon 453 Hampton Lane Somerdale, NJ 08083	662.02	Homestead Benefit Taxes – 15F
11105 9	Angel Reyes 36 Old Forge Rd Clementon, NJ 08012	2,748.71	Overpayment & Homestead Benefit Taxes – 15F

11607 18	Luther Fleck 225 Marshall Avenue Blackwood, NJ 08012	26.84	Overpayment Taxes – 15F
15812 1-C2201	Latoya Evans 2201 Beacon Hill Dr Sicklerville, NJ 08081	1,064.80	Overpayment Taxes – 15F
15905 3	Eric Warren 4 Carrie Place Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2,695.55	Overpayment Taxes - 15F
16106 21	Joseph IV& Donna Burkel 8 Delaware Avenue Sicklerville, NJ 08081	456.99	Homestead Benefit Taxes – 15F
17403 28	Danielle Giddings 9 Chestertown Road Erial, NJ 08081	3,147.35	Overpayment Taxes – 15F
18204 3.01	James & Betty Anne Read 1040 New Brooklyn Rd Erial, NJ 08081	578.31	Homestead Benefit Taxes – 15F
19003 45	Lyndora Dickerson 115 Annapolis Drive Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2,341.59	Overpayment Taxes – 15F
11801 9	Corelogic Tax Service P O Box 9205 Coppell, TX 75019-9214	536.76	Payment Error

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-097

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SECURITIES FOR
THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE I
BLOCK 18301 LOTS 16,17 & 18
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Estates at Lakeside Phase I has supplied the Township of Gloucester with Letter of Credit #20511001 from the 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$643,804.92 for site improvements; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of securities for The Estates at Lakeside Phase I as follows:

Original Guarantee

Reduction #1

Public Facilities

\$643,804.92

\$615,196.92

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-098

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR FRANKLIN SQUARE PRESERVATION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the developer of Franklin Square Preservation 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 Safety and Stabilization Bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 be released upon the posting of an approved Stormwater Management Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$222.45.

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-099

RESOLUTION EXTENDING MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR COMPUTER PAPER AND ENVELOPES AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER TO EXTEND THE COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY SYSTEM ID#57-CCCPS (ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS)

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 copy paper, computer paper, and envelopes; 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 original term of the Cooperative Agreement was for a term commencing on October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 with the option to exercise the six month option; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Camden County Cooperative Purchase shall exercise the option of the term for an additional six (6) months commencing on April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 12th day of April, 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: April 12, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-100

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-21:04-084 ENTITLED “RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER”

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to appoint a Township Tax Assessor, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined James Grandrimo possesses the knowledge, experience and ability to discharge the duties of the Gloucester Township Tax Assessor.

WHEREAS, per State Statute(s), N.J.S.A 40A:9-146 as amended by P.L. 2000, c. 126, N.J.S.A.40A:9-146.3 and N.J.S.A.40A:9-148 the Tax Assessor Appointment must commence on the 1st day of July filling any other unexpired term before beginning a new term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREIN RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that James Grandrimo be and is hereby appointed to the position of Township Tax Assessor for the Township of Gloucester.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointment of Township Tax Assessor shall be appointed until June 30, 2021 and from July 1, 2021 continuing through June 30, 2025.

Adopted: April 12, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: Mr. Hutchison abstained. Motion Carried. 6-0.

R-21:04-101

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND TECHNA-PRO ELECTRIC, LLC FOR THE
MAINTENANCE & REPAIR OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND LIGHT SPECIAL
SPECIFICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined there is a need for Maintenance and Repair of Traffic Signals and Light Special Specifications; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been provided; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has 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 Techna-Pro Electric, LLC for Maintenance and Repair of Traffic Signals and Light Special Specifications for a term of three (3) years, beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$38,802.00 per year which was the lowest bid or quote received.

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-102

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND MARKSMEN LANDSCAPING, LLC FOR
CUTTING OF RETENTION BASINS**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined there is a need for Cutting of Retention Basins in the Township of Gloucester for a period of two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been provided; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has 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 Marksmen Landscaping, LLC for the Cutting of Retention Basins in the amount of \$124,000.00 per year for a two (2) year period which was the lowest bid or quote received.

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-103

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND MARKSMEN LANDSCAPING, LLC FOR THE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined there is a need for a Landscape Maintenance Program for a period of two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been provided; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has 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 Marksmen Landscaping, LLC for the Landscape Maintenance Program in the amount of \$78,000.00 per year for a two (2) year period which was the lowest bid or quote received.

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-104

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following persons be and are hereby appointed to the Gloucester Township Housing Authority.

Elizabeth Hunt

January 2, 2019 to December 31, 2023
(Filling the unexpired term of Matt Elliot Wilson)

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

R-21:04-105

RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS

WHEREAS, the COVID 19 pandemic had an adverse effect on the anticipated municipal revenues in the 2020 municipal current and utility fund budgets; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of P.L. 2020, c.74 amended N.J.S.A 40A:4-26 authorized the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Division”) to promulgate new standards for the anticipation of COVID-19 affected revenues in the FY2021 budget, and, if necessary, in future years and

WHEREAS, for FY 2021, the Director authorizes the use of a three-year average for the calculation of affected revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Gloucester , certifies that the following revenues were affected in 2020 by the COVID 19 pandemic and that the 3 year average of the amounts realized in 2018-2020 be anticipated in the introduced budget for 2021;

<u>Revenue Category</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Average</u>
Fees and Permits	714,147.00	536,781.00	449,698.24	566,875.41
Municipal Court	503,308.75	558,291.88	373,124.00	478,241.54
Recreation Fees	212,383.68	196,635.00	12,981.00	140,666.56
Municipal Pool Fees	91,320.00	99,230.00	0.00	63,516.67
Uniform Construction Code Fees	683,743.70	966,781.00	782,575.00	811,033.23

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Gloucester in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the above referenced revenues be anticipated using the 3 year average as permitted by the amendments to 40A: 4-26, adopted by the P.L. 2020, c. 74

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-106

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTRODUCTION AND PROVIDING NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council, of the Township of Gloucester, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Gloucester Township Municipal Budget for the year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary of said Municipal Budget shall be published in *The Courier Post* on April 22, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that full copies of said Municipal Budget shall be available for

public inspection, beginning on April 13th, 2021 upon request to the Gloucester Township Clerk's Office (Due to COVID-19 the Township Clerk's Office is currently closed, however requests can be made for a copy of the budget at (GTClerk@glotwp.com) and is available on the Township's website at www.glotwp.com; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Public Hearing and Final Adoption on the 2021 Municipal Budget will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building located at 1261 Chews Landing Road at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10th, 2021, at which time and place inquiries and objections to said Municipal Budget may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons. In the event the Municipal Building is closed due to COVID-19 Special Instructions will be provided in the meeting agenda.

Adopted: April 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

R-21:04-107

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNING
BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the
Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII
of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended on August 7, 2017 before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Adopted: April 12, 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. 7-0.

R-21:04-108

RESOLUTION APPROVING OPEN SPACE TAX LEVY FOR 2021

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services has determined the requirement for approval of the Local Municipal Open Space Tax Rate for the municipality for Calendar year 2021, and

WHEREAS, the procedure provides for the calculation of a Municipal Tax Open Space Levy on the basis of an Open Space Trust fund as approved by the voters of the Township of Gloucester via referendum on November 6, 2001, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester via resolution R-02:02-070 has authorized a Trust Account entitled Open Space Trust Fund and said account is to be dedicated by rider to the Budget of the Township of Gloucester in accordance with P.L. 1997, Chapter 24, N.J.S.A 40:12-15.7 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Municipal Open Space Tax Levy is hereby approved reflecting a separate Municipal Open Space Tax Levy of \$902,921.46 with certified rateables of \$4,514,607.300.00 resulting in a rate of .02 per \$100 of assessed value of the calendar year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be filed with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services and with Camden County Board of Taxation.

Adopted: April 12, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Carried. 7-0.

GT E-GOV ACCESS:

Lauren Williams of Slate Court asked the following question:

1. *My child & his friends have been playing basketball in the street & the neighbor has called the police several times & at this point I feel like my child is being harassed by these neighbors. We live in Cobblestone and this is happening on Blue Stone Circle. Please let me know what our options are.*

Mr. Mercado stated he spoke with Officer McLaughlin, who reached out to Ms. Williams and the matter is resolved.

Estelle Johnson of Prospect Avenue asked the following question:

1. *Is Prospect a part of Brittany Woods? We used to have another development name but the sign is gone. If not a part of Brittany Woods, where is the original development sign.*

Mr. Mercado stated Prospect is not a part of Brittany Woods and Mr. Mercado does not recall a sign ever being there.

2. *Our easement is not gated-off by the properties on the end. As a result, the middle town homes do not have walking access to enter or exit. Is it legal to block of access per zoning codes?*

Mr. Mercado stated he would follow up on this question.

3. *A neighbor is burning leaves in the back yard of homes on Yorkshire. Who do I call to address this issue?*

Chief Harkins stated to contact the police.

4. *Who do we contact about community enhancement team and the litter patrol cleaning easements in Brittany Woods and on Prospect?*
Mr. Mercado stated he would forward this contact to Mr. Cardis.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates expressed his unhappiness with council's lack of response to his many concerns. Mr. Mercado emphasized the Citizen's Budget was created by 2-3 citizens. Mr. Mercado spoke further upon Downtown Blackwood and the state of areas within the township. Mr. Hutchison recalled walking with Mr. Krug in Downtown Blackwood and discussing the area together.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked council to please speak louder into their microphones. Mr. Polidoro expressed his dissatisfaction with council's response to resident provided solutions.

Danielle Vermitsky of Cressmont Avenue inquired as to whether the Farmer's Market will ever occur again. Mr. Mercado explained the Farmer's Market has not taken place for several years and required many volunteers and interest was dwindling. Mr. Mercado stated he would reach out the individuals who ran it before to see if there is interest.

Elizabeth Dugan of Blenheim asked what qualifications Elizabeth Hunt possesses to be appointed to the Housing Authority. Mr. Mercado explained residents may express interest to the mayor's office. Ms. Dugan asked why the budget is passed in April. Mr. Cardis explained the state timeline. Ms. Dugan asked what the difference in needed funds is between this year and last year. Mr. Cardis explained. A discussion was held regarding the budget. Ms. Dugan expressed her concerns with zeros skewing the three year average. A discussion was held regarding the three year average.

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

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Mr. Cardis announced the municipal building will be opening to the public on Monday, April 26th.

Chief Harkins is excited to announce the return of Patrolman Randy Pearce who returned from active duty. Chief Harkins wanted to share with residents the beautiful paver work done in honor of neurodiversity. Chief Harkins wished everyone a peaceful Ramadan.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison stated Gloucester Township is a wonderful place to live and the current real estate market supports this.

Ms. Grace thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Mignone wished all little leagues good luck during their season. Mr. Mignone is sad to say that Field of Dreams will not be running this year to ensure everyone remains safe and healthy.

Mrs. Stubbs thanked everyone for coming out.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for their comments and discussion. Mrs. Winters reminded residents to wear their masks.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out. Mr. Mercado announced the grand opening of the Breakfast Nook, located in Sicklerville and the re-opening of Dunkin Donuts in Glendora.

Mr. Mercado recalled last week's opening ceremonies for the four baseball leagues in the township. Mr. Mercado stated Chews United Methodist Church has expanded their food pantry and at least one Saturday a month provide food to those in need. Mr. Mercado thanked the administrator and CFO for their work on this year's budget.

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