

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 26, 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-abs.
	Mrs. Winters	Mrs. Ehret, CFO
	Mrs. Trotto	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mr. Mercado-abs.	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mrs. Trotto opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked council what fees would be paid to Triad for applying for a construction grant for the township library. Mr. Cardis stated council approved an amount at the last workshop not to exceed. Mr. Polidoro asked council to speak into their microphones. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

RECOGNITION: FALL/WINTER PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Kelly Hillias, a lifelong resident of Gloucester Township, won the contest. Ms. Hillias works as a vet tech in Williamstown and her hobbies include gardening, hiking, photography, and walking her two dogs.

CONSENT AGENDA:

R-21:04-109

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 \$ 273,655.61

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 5,305.33

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 45,654.50

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 16,522.06

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 18,668.07

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 3,155.50

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 50,833.30

Adopted: April 26, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk,
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-110

**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,

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
7803	17	Barry Borges	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
9404	16	Daniel Wagner	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
15818	13	Patricia Livecchi	Add Senior Deduction 2021	250.00
13307	6.02 C1103	Vincenzo Metta	Add Senior Deduction 2021	250.00
16704	3	Maurice Henderson	Add Disability Deduction 2021	250.00
17402	14	Thomas Hunter	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
18312	16	Richard Worst	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00

ADOPTED: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-111

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
7504	27	Christopher Garza	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 03/27/21	2021 QTR 2 – 2,984.82 Assessment – 295,600
15708	46	Beverly Ramos	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 03/08/21	2021 QTR 2 – 1,466.87 Assessment – 142,900
18304	38	Joseph LaVeglia	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 03/01/21	2021 QTR 2 – 3,223.21 Assessment – 314,000

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-112

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF RETIRED K-9 POLICE DOG “NICO” TO GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH THOMSON

WHEREAS, the Gloucester Township Police Department has determined that K-9 police dog “Nico” is no longer capable of performing the duties of a K-9 officer; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized retired K-9 police dogs fair better through the adoption to the police officer assigned to the K-9 police dog; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement to authorize the Gloucester Township Police Department to facilitate the adoption of the retired K-9 police dog “Nico” to police officer Joseph Thomson; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement with police officer Joseph Thomson that K-9 police dog “Nico” will not be used in any capacity relating to any activities associated with the Gloucester Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement that the Gloucester Township Police Department will be held harmless for all responsibilities associated with the former K-9 police dog “Nico.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that retired K-9 police dog “Nico” will be adopted by police officer Joseph Thomson and will not be used in any activities associated with the Gloucester Township Police Department, be and is hereby approved.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-113

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR
IRON GATE DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK 17499 LOT 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of Iron Gate Development has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for the project located at Block 17499 Lot 1 in 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 that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the release of the Performance Guarantee established in the original amount of \$733,155.00 and the posted Cash Bond in the amount of \$81,462.00 plus accrued interest in the amount of \$346.12 totaling \$81,808.12, be released upon the posting of a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$101,827.13 to be held for a period of two years.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-114

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE
MATERIAL BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND FCR CAMDEN,
LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICALS TO EXECUTE SAID**

**AGREEMENT
(ID #57-CCCPS)**

WHEREAS, state law requires municipalities to provide recyclable and disposal services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester intends to pick up and dispose of its recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals #17-10 provided for two (2) one-year options to renew; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester is interested in exercising the second (2nd) one year option to renew with FCR Camden, LLC to dispose of its recyclable materials; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Township of Gloucester is hereby authorized to enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the County of Camden for recyclable disposal services and Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the second (2nd) year option to renew such agreement with FCR Camden, LLC for services commencing May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 as per the Master Contract by and between the County and FCR Camden, LLC pursuant to the County's Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals #17-10, a copy of the agreement is attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper Township Officials are hereby authorized to implement said Resolution by appropriate action as may be necessary and that it shall become effective upon final passage and adoption of this Resolution.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-115

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMINGTON & VERNICK TO PERFORM
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BLACKWOOD LAKE DAM
SINKHOLE INVESTIGATION**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined there is a need for engineering services for the sinkhole investigation at the Blackwood Lake Dam; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester hereby authorizes Remington & Vernick to perform Engineering Services for the sinkhole investigation at the Blackwood Lake Dam in the amount of \$7,905.00.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-116

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR
THE VILLAGES AT CROSS KEYS PHASE 1
BLOCK 18501 LOT 2 & 11
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Villages at Cross Keys Phase 1 has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for site improvements located at Block 18501 Lots 2 & 11 in 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 that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit # S040720, established in the original amount of \$2,238,792.42 and previously reduced to the amount of \$671,637.73, be released along with a cash guarantee in the amount of \$5,625.00 upon the posting of a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be held for a period of two years.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-117

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR
THE VILLAGES AT CROSS KEYS PHASE II
BLOCK 18501 LOT 2 & 11
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Villages at Cross Keys Phase II has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for site improvements located at Block 18501 Lots 2 & 11 in 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 that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit # S040788, established in the original amount of \$226,291.50 and previously reduced to the amount of \$118,333.17, be released.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-118

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR
THE VILLAGES AT CROSS KEYS PHASE III
BLOCK 18501 LOT 2 & 11
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Villages at Cross Keys Phase III has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for site improvements located at Block 18501 Lots 2 & 11 in 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 that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit # S040818, established in the original amount of \$478,252.14 and previously reduced to the amount of \$179,255.36, be released.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-119

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR
THE VILLAGES AT CROSS KEYS PHASE IV
BLOCK 18501 LOT 2 & 11
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Villages at Cross Keys Phase IV has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for site improvements located at Block 18501 Lots 2 & 11 in 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 that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit # S040857, established in the original amount of \$853,890.36 and previously reduced to the amount of \$256,167.11 be released. Township Council also authorizes the release of a cash guarantee for street lighting in the amount \$6,600.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-120

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR
MIMOSA COURT
BLOCK 14802 LOT 86
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of Mimosa Court has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for the project located at Block 14802 Lot 86 in 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 that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the release of the Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$278,357.28, established in the original amount of \$732,598.80, be released upon the posting of a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$91,574.85 to be held for a period of two years.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-121

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AUTHORIZING TRIAD ASSOCIATES TO
SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Grant makes funds available to municipalities and counties for improvement projects, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Consultant, Triad and Associates, has recommended that the Mayor and Council apply to the New Jersey Library Construction Grant Program for funding to improve the Gloucester Township Library; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Township's Economic Development Consultant, Triad and Associates, is hereby authorized to submit a Grant Application

to the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act for funds which may be available for improvements to the Gloucester Township Library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Grant Agreement Application on behalf of the Township of Gloucester and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement Application, and approve the execution of the Grant Agreement.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-122

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONFIRMING
THE GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester desires to further the public interest by obtaining a loan of \$59,246.00 and/or grant of \$207,737.00 from the state to fund the following project(s):

Project Number 0415-19-062 / Multi-Park Improvements

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that David Mayer or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- a. Make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- b. Provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required,
- c. Act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the state for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

1. The Mayor of the above-named body is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Multi-Park Improvements and;
2. The applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required;
3. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, and;

4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-123

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF
PUBLIC STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND STORM DRAINAGE FOR VILLE 2, LLC
KNOWN AS THE VILLAGES AT CROSS KEYS SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 18501,
LOTS 2 & 11, SICKLerville ROAD PER LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
O-19-05**

WHEREAS, Land Development Ordinance O-19-05, Article IX, Section 905 (I.) titled “Acceptance of Publicly Dedicated Streets” authorizes the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to accept dedication of certain streets, sidewalks, easements and rights of way by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the developer for The Villages at Cross Keys Subdivision has submitted the “Final Plan of Lots” to be dedicated to the Township of Gloucester consisting of:

1. Street Dedication Application
2. “Deed of Dedication”

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has inspected this project and has provided his report recommending the release of the Performance Guarantee to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Township Solicitor has reviewed said dedications and hereby recommends that Township Council accept the “Deed of Dedication” from The Villages at Cross Keys Subdivision known as Block 18501, Lots 2 & 11; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester finds it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Township of Gloucester to accept this dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey authorizes the acceptance of the “Deeds of Dedication” for a stormwater drainage and the “Deed of Dedication for Right-Of-Way” conveying public street right of way from The Villages at Cross Keys Subdivision, Block 18501, Lots 2 & 11, Sicklerville Road.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:04-124

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF PUBLIC STREETS, SIDEWALKS, STORM DRAINAGE, DETENTION BASIN AND STREET LIGHTS FOR THE IRON GATE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS BLOCK 17499, LOT 1, JARVIS ROAD AND WILLIAMSTOWN-CHEWS LANDING ROAD PER LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE O-19-05

WHEREAS, Land Development Ordinance O-19-05, Article IX, Section 905 (I.) titled “Acceptance of Publicly Dedicated Streets” authorizes the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to accept dedication of certain streets, sidewalks, easements and rights of way by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the developer for Iron Gate Subdivision has submitted the “Final Plan of Lots” to be dedicated to the Township of Gloucester consisting of:

1. Street Dedication Application
2. “Detention Basin As-Built” plan
3. “As-Constructed Utility Record Plan”
4. “Confirmation of Installed Street Lights”
5. “Deed of Dedication”

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has inspected this project and has provided his report recommending the release of the Performance Guarantee to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Township Solicitor has reviewed said dedications and hereby recommends the Township Council accept the “Deed of Dedication” from the Iron Gate Subdivision known as Block 17499, Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester finds it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Township of Gloucester to accept this dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey authorizes the acceptance of the “Deeds of Dedication” for a stormwater drainage and the “Deed of Dedication for Right-Of-Way” conveying public street right of way from the Iron Gate Subdivision, Block 17499, Lot 1, Jarvis Road and Williamstown-Chews Landing Road.

Adopted: April 26, 2021

Council President
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

GT E-GOV ACCESS:

Jade Hicks of Clementon asked council the following question:

1. *Does Gloucester Township allow tiny houses? And if so, what are the restrictions?*
Mrs. Trotto stated this question was forwarded to Mr. Lechner’s office.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked council the following questions:

1. *Please explain Township Council's justification for spending the affordable housing trust fund money to purchase block 12301, lot 4, from the Gloucester Township Housing Authority in 2012 for the purpose of working with the GTHA to provide affordable housing, and then approving a deal in January of this year which allows the GTHA to use additional affordable housing trust fund money to buy back that same lot from Gloucester Township for the purpose of working with Gloucester Township to provide affordable housing.*

Mr. Carlamere stated at the time the state was providing funding to developers to meet affordable housing numbers. Mr. Cardis explained the township chose Conifer for this project. The state changed the process for earning points and Conifer could no longer receive funding. Mr. Cardis explained the township needed to have the ground in order to apply for this program and had the ground transferred from the Housing Authority. Mr. Hutchison asked if the township could develop the ground without selling to the Housing Authority. Mr. Carlamere explained the Housing Authority is the managing party. Mr. Hutchison asked if the township should transfer the ground for a dollar or fair market value. Mr. Carlamere explained the COAH fund.

2. *Mr. Carlamere stated at the Council Workshop meeting on 1/11/21 and also at the GTHA meeting on January 12th that the plan for block 12301, lot 4 is for senior veterans and affordable family housing, yet at the Council meeting on 3/22 and the Council workshop meeting on 4/12, he stated that the plan is for veteran senior and senior housing. The current and previous Redevelopment Plans include family affordable housing. Please clarify if the plan for block 12301, lot 4 includes family affordable housing and how the deed restriction affects that plan?*

Mr. Carlamere stated Fair Share Housing Plan is in agreement with the township's promotion of veteran senior and senior housing. The plan is still dealing with affordable housing whether veteran or senior.

3. *Was a title search done on lot 12301, lot 4 prior to the Township purchasing it from the GTHA in 2012? If so, was the deed restriction noted?*

Mr. Carlamere recalls the township obtaining a title search through either American Title or Grannan Title (sp). A HUD sheet from the transaction was reported to the Council on Affordable Housing.

4. *Presidential Title Agency did a county search and examination as part of the redevelopment plan for Lakeland Phase I in 2018. Did this search reveal the deed restriction?*

Mr. Carlamere was not familiar with this.

5. *Why was the deed restriction not noted on the Deed which was drawn up in 2012 for block 12301, lot 4?*

Mr. Carlamere explained the deed restriction came from the county when the deed was dedicated to the housing authority. The county felt affordable housing was the best use and placed restriction from grantor to grantee on that deed. Title Insurance will show that permanent restriction and does not have to be noted in each subsequent deed.

6. *What is the current status of this deal? Have any details of the plan changed since Mr. Carlamere presented it on January 11 and 12?*

Mr. Carlamere stated the township's special counsel is now handling this sale. The Housing Authority has been named redeveloper of this project but a contract has not been signed. Special Counsel is negotiating and modifying the contract.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mrs. Trotto opened the public portion.

Brian Burns of Erial asked council for an update regarding the closing on the Roslyn Bridge property. Mr. Carlamere stated third party tax liens were recorded against the property and that is being cleared up. The seller is also determining who will be the authority to sign off on the deed. Mr. Carlamere explained what an agreement of sale is. Mr. Burns stated there is an additional property adjacent to this tract of ground owned by Ms. Hayes and he wishes to see the township acquire this ground as well. Mr. Burns inquired as to the plans for the former Freeway Golf Course. Council was not familiar with any plans.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing asked for clarification regarding questions she submitted earlier regarding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. A discussion was held. Mr. Hutchison suggested more research needs to be completed.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates expressed his concerns with Ms. Coyne's unanswered questions. Mr. Krug asked the Council Liaison to the Housing Authority if the Housing Authority has the expertise to develop this property. Mr. Hutchison explained the council liaison to the Housing Authority is new to the role and suggested Mr. Krug provide his questions to Ms. Grace who can bring his questions to the next Housing Authority meeting. Mr. Carlamere explained the Housing Authority could not further develop the property because there was a lack of funding.

Ray Polidoro of Erial congratulated K9 “Nico” on his retirement. Mr. Polidoro expressed his concerns with COAH money being used when it is intended for people who need it. Mr. Polidoro asked why the township did not develop the property. Mr. Cardis stated the township awarded the project to Conifer and the state issued tax credits. The point system changed and North Jersey received the funding which ended the project. Mr. Polidoro asked why the last two Housing Authority meetings were cancelled or postponed. Ms. Grace explained there was no quorum. Mr. Polidoro asked for the housing authority to announce when the next meeting will be.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates asked if a budget subcommittee was established. Mrs. Trotto stated a subcommittee was not assembled as of yet. Mr. Hutchison stated he met with Ms. Grace, Mr. Cardis, and Mrs. Ehret regarding the budget. Mr. Krug asked if there is a standardized process being used to audit the budget. Mr. Hutchison stated this is not an audit, but more of an educational process.

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

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Chief Harkins is proud to report that the police department’s best practices have been recertified by The National Center of Missing and Exploited Children. Chief Harkins will be participating Wednesday in a virtual townhall discussion with the Camden County Prosecutor’s Office.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Ms. Grace thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Mignone thanked Chief for sharing the news and wished everyone a safe ride home.

Mrs. Stubbs thanked everyone for coming.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone in attendance and reminded residents that vaccinations are available. Mrs. Winters stated the Gloucester Township Hockey Alliance is having its national tournament this week with over 90 teams competing at the township hockey rinks.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a good night.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power, RMC
Township Clerk

Council President
Orlando Mercado

