

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
APRIL WORKSHOP**

APRIL 12, 2021

Mrs. Winters was late.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates outlined a chronological order of the history of the property at Lakeland. Mr. Krugg asked why members of the housing authority resigned. Mr. Carlamere explained those members did not fulfill their statutory training within the required time frame. Mr. Krugg asked if the Lakeland property was deed restricted. Mr. Carlamere stated he did not believe the property had deed restrictions.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road stated she submitted an OPRA to the Housing Authority regarding the course requirements and was told the timeframe was extended due to Covid. Mrs. Coyne received a copy of the deed from the Housing Authority solicitor with a recorded restriction. Mr. Carlamere explained the township conferred with professionals to transfer the property back for veteran and senior housing. Mr. Carlamere explained the Housing Authority Finance Corporation. Mr. Carlamere suggested Mrs. Coyne direct her questions regarding the Housing Authority to the Housing Authority Director and Solicitor. Mrs. Coyne asked how a deed restriction is removed. Mr. Hutchison asked Mr. Carlamere to double check the deed. Mrs. Coyne is concerned that the Affordable Trust Fund money has been used up twice to purchase the same piece of property twice.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked for the status of the property sale. Mr. Mercado explained the sale is not finalized and not included in the budget. Mr. Carlamere stated there were changes to the redevelopment agreement and the changes are being reviewed by the solicitors. Mr. Heinbaugh asked where the funds were placed when the housing authority sold the property previously. Mr. Hutchison suggested the questions be directed to the housing authority. Mr. Heinbaugh expressed his concerns with the housing authority being delinquent with releasing minutes, statements, and other documents. Mr. Heinbaugh asked if the \$10 million TAN was paid. Mr. Cardis stated a wire transfer took place on March 1.

Ray Polidoro of Erial requested council speak into their microphones. Mr. Polidoro asked what the reasoning is behind property being transferred back and forth. Mr. Carlamere clarified deed restrictions and use. Mr. Mercado asked the group if they felt something nefarious was occurring to just make that statement so council can look into it. Mr. Carlamere and Mr. Hutchison discussed COAH funds. Mr. Polidoro expressed his dissatisfaction with housing authority professionals.

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

- 1. DISCUSSION OF BLACKWOOD LAKE DAM** – Mr. Chadwell of Remington & Vernick stated a sink hole was discovered at Blackwood Lake Dam. NJDEP is requesting additional investigation and testing to determine the extent of the sinkhole. This proposal is for RVE to conduct the investigation. Mr. Mercado stated this authorization will be placed on the next meeting.
- 2. DISCUSSION OF 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT** – Mr. Cardis and Mr. Zumpino of Triad discussed the block grant and the Green Acres Program. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.
- 3. DISCUSSION OF GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATION** – Mr. Cardis and Mr. Zumpino of Triad discussed the construction grant application. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.

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