

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 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-abs	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mrs. Winters	Mrs. Ehret, CFO
	Mrs. Trotto	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mr. Mercado	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial inquired about the second reading of the budget and asked council to waive the overall time limit for the public portion. Mr. Mercado stated there will be an unlimited public portion for the second reading of the budget, but other time limits will be adhered to.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates asked for details regarding the increase in the change order for the bicycle path. Mr. Chadwell clarified.

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

PROCLAMATION: CLICK IT OR TICKET read by the Township Clerk

ORDINANCES: 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**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Ordinance O-03-03, known as the "Land Development Ordinance" be and is hereby amended, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Article IV, Zoning District Regulations, add the following Subsection titled "427, "Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging Stations," as follows:

- A. **PURPOSE AND INTENT.** The purpose and intent of this section is to provide opportunities to Township residents at their residence and commercial, industrial, office, and institutional entities and the general public adequate, convenient, and safe locations of charging stations. Increase use of Plug-In Electric Vehicles can facilitate reduction in air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and stormwater runoff contaminants; contribute to 'placemaking' efforts that attract early adopters; and, demonstrate that the municipality embraces sustainability.
- B. **PERFORMANCE.** Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging Stations shall be permitted as accessory uses in all zoning districts in association with a principal use. Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging Stations may be used, erected, maintained, altered, relocated, removed, or demolished only in compliance with the provisions of this section.
- C. **DEFINITIONS.**
 - a. "Approving Authority" – means the Director of Community Development & Planning or designee administering the review of applications for electric vehicle charging stations in all zoning districts.

- b. “Battery Exchange Station” - means a fully automated facility that will enable an electric vehicle with a swappable battery to enter a drive lane and exchange the depleted battery with a fully charged battery through a fully automated process.
- c. “Charging Levels” – means the electrical force, or voltage that an electric vehicle’s battery is recharged. Levels 1, 2, and 3 are the most common charging levels, and include the following specifications:
 - 1. Level 1 is considered slow charging. It requires a 15- or 20-amp breaker on a 120-volt AC circuit and standard outlet. This level of charging can fully recharge a Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) between eight and 32 hours and a Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PHEV) between three and 15 hours.
 - 2. Level 2 is considered medium charging. It requires a 40-amp to 100-amp breaker on a 240-volt AC circuit. This level of charging can fully recharge a BEV between four and six hours and a PHEV between one and two hours.
 - 3. Level 3 also know as DC Fast Charging requires a 60-amp or higher dedicated breaker on a 480-volt or higher three-phase circuit with special grounding equipment. Level 3 charging uses an off-board charger to provide the AC to DC conversion, delivering DC directly to the car battery. Charging time ranges from 25 to 40 minutes for BEVs and less than 20 minutes for PHEVs.
- d. “Electric Vehicle” - means any vehicle licensed and registered for operation on public and private roads, streets, and highways that operates partially or exclusively using chemical energy stored in rechargeable battery packs. A plug-in hybrid vehicle is also a battery electric vehicle.
- e. “Electric Vehicle Charging Station” - means a public or private parking space located together with a battery charging station that allows the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or inductive means) to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle. An electric vehicle charging station is permitted as an accessory use to any principal use.
- f. “Electric Vehicle Infrastructure” - means structures, machinery, and equipment necessary and integral to support an electric vehicle, including battery charging stations, rapid charging stations, and battery exchange stations.
- g. “Electric Vehicle Parking Space” - means any marked parking space with signage and linestriping that identifies the use to be exclusively for an electric vehicle.
- h. “Non-electric vehicle” - means any motor vehicle that does not meet the definition of “electric vehicle.”
- i. Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) - means a plug-in hybrid vehicle with rechargeable batteries that can be restored to full charge by connecting a plug to an external electric power source. A PHEV shares the characteristics of both a conventional hybrid electric vehicle, having an electric motor and an internal combustion engine; and of an all-electric vehicle, also having a plug to connect to the electrical grid.

D. PERMITTED USE.

- 1. Electric vehicle charging stations shall be considered a permitted accessory use in association with a principal permitted use in every zoning district and Redevelopment Areas.

E. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS

a. Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Residential Use

- 1. Electric vehicle charging stations in association with a principal single-family and/or two-family residential use are exempt from this development review process except

as follows and shall comply with §401E(4), Location and setback of accessory buildings and structures.

- i. A residential electric vehicle parking space shall meet the minimum surface requirements for driveways as per §424, Driveways (Residential) or other durable surface as may be approved by the approving authority.

b. Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Non-residential and Multi-family Use

1. The Director of Community Development & Planning or designee is the approving authority and shall administer the review of applications for electric vehicle charging stations in non-residential and Multi-family locations for Levels 1, 2, and 3.

- i. Site plan approval by the Planning Board shall not be required to permit an electric vehicle charging station as an accessory use to a principal use if there is an existing site plan approval on file or the approving authority determines the site location can accommodate the proposed accessory use and it does not necessitate any new site improvements effecting bulk and/or setback regulations that would require variance approval under the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70*.

1. Should the approving authority determine that the proposed development affects several considerations of site plan review and cannot be approved an applicant may appeal the decision to the Planning Board in accordance with §801, Site Plan and Subdivision Approval Required, which includes §801.A(3), Site Plan Review Waiver.

F. PERFORMANCE AND DESIGN STANDARDS

- a. General: Charging station outlets and connector devices shall comply with the following:

1. Be no less than 36 inches and no higher than 48 inches from the ground or pavement surface where mounted.
2. Contain a retraction device and/or a place to hang permanent cords and connectors a sufficient and safe distance above the ground or pavement surface.
3. Be designated and located so as not to impede pedestrian travel or create trip hazards on sidewalks when equipment is mounted on pedestals, lighting posts, or other devices.
4. Contain adequate protection such as concrete-filled steel bollards.
 - a. Non-mountable curbing may be used in lieu of bollards when the charging station is setback at least 24 inches from the face of the curb.

- b. Number: No minimum number of electrical vehicle parking stalls is required.

- c. Setbacks: The minimum property line setback for an electric vehicle charging station and associated parking improvements such as curb, concrete or pavement shall

be three (3) feet as per §401E(4), Location and setback of accessory buildings and structures.

- d. Surface: Non-residential electric vehicle charging station shall meet the minimum parking requirements as per §510.H, Pavement.

The following performance and design standards shall not apply to electric vehicle charging stations accessory to a single-family and/or two-family principal residential use.

- e. Size: Each parking space shall be at least 9' x 18'.
- f. Location: The parking location shall avoid the most convenient parking spaces to discourage use by non-electric vehicles.
- g. Signage: Each parking space shall include signage that identifies "no parking except while charging" or the functional equivalent, charging level, time of use, fees, and safety information.
- h. Linestriping: Each parking space shall include linestriping that identifies "EV CHARGING ONLY."
- i. Lighting: Sufficient illumination shall be provided so as to enable the safe movement of persons, vehicles, and provide for security as per §508.F, Lighting.
- j. Landscaping: The parking location may require a combination of trees and shrubs to screen the use from an adjacent residential district or residential use.
- k. Maintenance: Electric vehicle charging stations, equipment, and required performance and design standards such as the parking surface, signage, linestriping, lighting, and landscaping shall be appropriately maintained as approved.

G. PERMITS

- a. Applicants for Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging Stations shall comply with the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code (NJUCC) and the following requirements.

H. FEES

- a. Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in association with a principal single-family and/or two-family residential use shall be exempt from local municipal zoning and construction fees.

SECTION 2. That Article V, Performance and Design Standards shall be amended to add section 520, titled "Electric Vehicle Charging Station," as follows:

520 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

- A. All land development applications providing at least 100 parking spaces shall include Electric Vehicle Charging Station(s) in accordance with §427, Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging Stations providing at least one (1) electrical vehicle space for every 50 non-electric vehicle parking space. Parking spaces for electric vehicle charging Station(s) shall be included in the overall number of required spaces.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: May 10, 2021

ATTEST:

David R. Mayer
Mayor

Nancy Power, RMC
Township Clerk

Orlando Mercado
President of Council

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on May 24, 2021 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

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

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Ordinance O-03-03, known as the “Land Development Ordinance” be and is hereby amended, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Article IV, Zoning District Regulations, add the following Subsection titled “428, “Solar Energy,” as follows:

- I. PURPOSE AND INTENT. The purpose and intent of this section is to provide opportunities for the construction, installation, and operation of solar energy to Township residents at their residence and commercial, industrial, office, and institutional entities and the general public in a manner that protects the public health, safety, welfare providing a harmonious and efficient allocation of land uses, preserving environmentally sensitive land and open spaces, and preserving the character of the built environment through the encouragement of good design consistent with the overall goals and objectives of the municipal master plan.
- J. PERFORMANCE. Solar energy shall be permitted as an accessory use in all zoning districts in association with a principal use. Solar energy systems may be used, erected, maintained, altered, relocated, removed, or demolished only in compliance with the provisions of this section.
- K. DEFINITIONS.
 - a. “Approving Authority” – means the Director of Community Development & Planning or designee administering the review of applications for solar energy as an accessory use in all zoning districts.
 - b. “Building- Integrated Solar System” – means a solar energy system that is part of materials that are used to replace conventional building materials of a building envelope including but not limited to the roof, skylights, facade, etc.

- c. “Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System” – means a free-standing solar energy system installed on a racking system mounted on the ground as an accessory use to a principal use.
- d. “Roof-Mounted Solar Energy System” - means a free-standing solar energy system mounted on the roof as an accessory use to a principal use.
- e. “Solar Energy Facility” – means a solar energy system that is constructed or installed as a principal use comprising one or more ground-mounted, free-standing, or building-integrated solar collection devices, solar energy related equipment and other associated and incidental infrastructure with the primary purpose of generating electricity or otherwise converting solar energy to a different form of energy for primarily off-site use.
- f. “Solar Energy System” – means an energy system consisting of one or more collection devices, solar energy related “balance of system” equipment, and other associated and incidental infrastructure with the primary purpose of generating electricity, storing electricity, or otherwise converting solar energy to a different form of energy. Solar energy systems may generate energy in excess of the energy requirements of a property only if it is to be sold back to the public utility in accordance with the NJ Net Metering Law.
- g. “Solar Energy System - Non-Residential” – means a solar energy system as an accessory use to the principal non-residential use.
- h. “Solar Energy System - Residential” – means a solar energy system as an accessory use to the principal use of a single-family or two-family dwelling exempt from site plan approval [Basis NJSA 40:55D-37a].

L. PERMITTED USE.

- 1. Solar Energy System shall be considered a permitted accessory use in association with a principal use in every zoning district and Redevelopment Areas.
- 2. Solar Energy Facility is a permitted principal use in the following zoning districts subject to §801, Site Plan and Subdivision Approval Required.
 - a. BP – Business Park
 - b. GI – General Industrial

The bulk and setback requirements for a principal use for the following classifications shall apply:

- BP – Business Park – “Use Other than Planned Commercial Development” classification
- GI – General Industrial - “All Uses” classification.

M. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS

- a. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System - Residential
 - a. A ground-mounted solar energy system in association with a principal single-family and/or two-family residential use shall comply with the height and setback requirements for an accessory buildings as per §422.H, Additional Uses and Structures Permitted in Residential Districts.
 - b. Appropriate landscape screening may be required to buffer the visual impact of any ground-mounted solar panel system to adjacent property owners.
- b. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System – Non-Residential and Multi-Family Use.
 - 1. The Director of Community Development & Planning or designee is the approving authority and shall administer the review of applications for solar energy systems in non-residential and Multi-family locations that shall comply

with the height and setback requirements for an accessory buildings as per §422.H, Additional Uses and Structures Permitted in Residential Districts.

- i. Site plan approval by the Planning Board shall not be required to permit a solar energy system as an accessory use to a principal use if there is an existing site plan approval on file or the approving authority determines the site location can accommodate the proposed accessory use and it does not necessitate any new site improvements effecting bulk and/or setback regulations that would require variance approval under the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70*.

1. Applicant(s) may appeal the decision of the approving authority to the Planning Board in accordance with §801, Site Plan and Subdivision Approval Required, which includes §801.A(3), Site Plan Review Waiver.

- b. Appropriate landscape screening may be required to buffer the visual impact of any ground-mounted solar panel system to adjacent property owners.

c. Roof-Mounted Solar Energy System

- a. A roof mounted solar energy system in association with any residential, multi-family, or non-residential principal use are exempt from this development review process and shall comply with the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code (NJUCC) and the following requirements.
 - i. Sloped Roof – The highest point of the system shall not exceed the highest point of the roof to which it is attached as allowed by the setback requirements of the respective zoning district.
 - ii. Flat Roof – The highest point of the system shall not exceed more than one foot than permitted in the zoning district.

d. Building- Integrated Solar System

1. A building-integrated solar energy system that is part of materials that are used to replace conventional building materials of a building envelope including but not limited to the roof, skylights, facade, etc. are exempt from this development review process and shall comply with the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code (NJUCC).

N. FEES

- a. Solar energy systems in association with a principal single-family and/or two-family residential use shall be exempt from local municipal zoning permit fees.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: May 10, 2021

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Mayor

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Orlando Mercado
President of Council

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on May 24, 2021 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Ms Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

R-21:05-125

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 \$ 7,379,802.36

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 27,136.51

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 84,952.44

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 18,883.71

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 17,969.80

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 39,373.62

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 29,407.57

Adopted: May 10, 2021

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:05-126

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITING OF RFP/RFQ VIA THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR THE LEASE OF PREMISES KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS 905 HICKSTOWN ROAD, BLOCK 15107, LOT 1 AND 1729 ERIAL ROAD, BLOCK 13901, LOT 7

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester owns premises known and described as 905 Hickstown Road, Block 15107, Lot 1 and 1729 Erial Road, Block 13901, Lot 7 in the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester desires to solicit RFP/RFQ for the lease of premises known and described as 905 Hickstown Road, Block 15107, Lot 1 and 1729 Erial Road, Block 13901, Lot 7 via the Township website.

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that leasing of said property ensures fiscal responsibility to the residents of Gloucester Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is hereby authorized to solicit RFP/RFQ's via the Gloucester Township website for the lease of premises known and described as 905 Hickstown Road, Block 15107, Lot 1 and 1729 Erial Road, Block 13901, Lot 7.

Adopted: May 10, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:05-127

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO DISALLOW THE FOLLOWING SENIOR CITIZEN OR DISABLED OR SURVIVING SPOUSE DEDUCTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021

WHEREAS, the following Senior Citizens or Disabled or Surviving Spouse persons did not file an annual Post Tax Year Statement (PD-5) or,

WHEREAS, the Post Tax Year Statement was filed declaring income that exceeded the \$10,000 income limit or,

WHEREAS, the applicants entitled to this deduction have moved from the property that they resided at the time of application,

WHEREAS, four separate notices were mailed to these people in an attempt to have the proper forms returned in a timely manner,

AND, WHEREAS, all of these Senior Citizen, Disabled, or Surviving Spouse persons were mailed a Notice of Disallowance Form (PD-5) as required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.44a,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to disallow the deduction indicated for the Tax Year 2020 as indicated.

BLOCK	LOT	NAME DEDUCTION	2020	2021	REASON
901	6	Fountain Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	No Form
1302	7	White	250.00	250.00	New Owner

		Senior Citizen			
2902	10	Ulrich Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	Income Over
3306	28	Cooper Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	New Owner
7001	3	Mitchell Senior Citizen		250.00	Deceased
8002	3-C3907	Cleaver Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	No Form
8803	26	Mortka Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	Income Over
8804	5	Ross Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	No Form
9001	13	Mason		250.00	Moved
9107	7	Rutter Senior Citizen		250.00	Sold
9402	28	Knox Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	No Form
9405	10	Romano Senior Citizen	250.00		Income Over
9704	31	Smith Senior Citizen	250.00		Income Over
10001	6	Spalazza Senior Citizen		250.00	No Form
10403	12	Watson Senior		250.00	Sold
10701	49	Howe Disabled	250.00	250.00	No Form
11301	97	Taylor Senior Citizen		250.00	Deceased
11302	12	Nelson Disabled	250.00	250.00	Income Over
11504	24	DeVecchio Senior Citizen		250.00	Sold
11506	13	Gies Disabled		250.00	Deceased
11804	1	Lazzaro Senior		250.00	Sold
11901	6	Sigman Senior		250.00	Deceased
11904	21	Garvis Senior	250.00	250.00	No Form
12701	2	Ruff Disabled		250.00	Deceased

12706	2	Tennyson Disabled		250.00	Income Over
13001	5	Aversa Disabled	250.00	250.00	No Form
13202	44	De Matteo Senior	250.00		Income Over
13308	62	Marshall Senior	250.00		Income Over
14701	8.01	Veasey Senior		250.00	Income Over
14802	82	Steinhoff Senior		250.00	Income Over
14901	4	Collins Senior	250.00	250.00	No Form
15812	1-C2302	Antonelli Senior	250.00		Income Over
16213	6	Piliero Senior	187.50	250.00	Sold
16601	40	Schonleber Disabled		250.00	Deceased
17202	13	Irrera Senior	250.00		Income Over
17402	14	Hunter Senior	250.00	250.00	No Form
17407	8	Scherrer Senior	250.00		Income Over
17604	1	Karge Senior	250.00	250.00	No Form
19003	20	Raphael Disabled	250.00		Income Over
19707	4	Fargo Senior	250.00		Income Over
20101	12	Conover Senior		250.00	Deceased
21003	1	Crump Disabled	250.00	250.00	No Form

Adopted: May 10, 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.

R-21:05-128

RESOLUTION TO DISALLOW EXEMPTIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTIONS FROM TITLE COMPANIES PER N.J. STATE STATUTE 54:4-3-31

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to disallow all or a portion of the allowance for senior citizen for the Tax Year 2020/2021 per State Statute 54:4-3-31 as follows:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT
12001	16	Pettigrew	2020	\$100.74
11504	24	Devecchio	2020	53.67
403	27	Rever	2020	250.00
10702	3	Chute	2020	250.00
9107	7	Rutter	2020	250.00
9108	12	Garczynski	2021	250.00
5601	21	Reichert	2021	250.00

Adopted: May 10, 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.

R-21:05-129

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDING OF TAXES

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

BLOCK/LOT	NAME /ADDRESS	AMOUNT	REASON
13306/ 1-C0701	Lise Gordon 701 Emerson Court Clementon, NJ 08021	\$1,987.37	OverPayment
18304/6	Joseph & Linda Riccelli 47 Graypebble Circle Sicklerville, NJ 08081	1,765.72	Duplicate Pay

Adopted: May 10, 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.

R-21:05-130

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE
CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of Gloucester Township has previously issued a tax sale certificate to N. or D. Remick-Trustee, which certificate is dated June 21, 2006 covering premises commonly known as and referred to as Block 17502, Lot 59 as set out on the municipal tax map then in use which certificate bears number 629759,

WHEREAS, the lienholder has indicated to the Tax Collector that the original certificate was lost and have duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Loss with the Tax Collector, a copy of which is attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Gloucester, that the Tax Collector of the municipality be and is hereby authorized, upon receipt of the appropriately executed notarized Loss Affidavit and the payment of a fee of \$100, to issue an appropriate duplicate tax sale certificate to the said purchaser covering the certificate lost as previously described all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws of 1997;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Loss Affidavit be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued to said purchaser and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word "Duplicate" as required by law.

Adopted: May 10, 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.

R-21:05-131

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

#2579-061082CPSP
Walgreen's Drug Store
Block 17803 Lot 15
Bryn Mawr Investments, CO., Inc.
c/o Asset Management Consultants
12841 Fitzwater Drive
Nokesville, VA 20181
Balance from unexpended escrow: \$729.00

#2770-061082CPSPF
Walgreen's Drug Store
Block 17803 Lot 15

Bryn Mawr Investments, CO., Inc.
c/o Asset Management Consultants
12841 Fitzwater Drive
Nokesville, VA 20181
Balance from unexpended escrow: \$4,302.87

Adopted: May 10, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:05-132

**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

Amber Dulisse
720 Shawnee Rd.
Turnersville, NJ 08012

Total Amount - \$28.00

Michael Recia
309 Copperfield Dr.
Williamstown, NJ 08094

Total Amount - \$28.00

Justin Otten
140 Moore St.
Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097

Total Amount - \$28.00

Refund for Certified Copy of Marriage License

Ann O'Neill
1045 Almond Tree Circle
Orlando, FL 32835

Total Amount - \$10.00

Adopted: May, 10 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:05-133

**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 Street Lighting Performance Guarantee established in the original amount of \$2,125.00.

Adopted: May 10, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:05-134

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF
THE BICYCLE PATH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT
CAPELA CONSTRUCTION INC.**

WHEREAS, it was necessary to make changes in the scope of work to be completed for the Replacement of the Bicycle Path Pedestrian Bridge Project; and

WHEREAS, this Change Order – Adjustment was developed to itemize and authorize those changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that this Change Order - Adjustment is hereby authorized and approval is hereby granted to revise the contract cost from the original contract amount of \$198,350.00 to \$221,950.00.

Adopted: May 10, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

REGULAR AGENDA

R-21:05-135

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO READ THE 2021
TOWNSHIP BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget, as advertised, may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing provided that at least one week prior to the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget, as advertised, is posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted in the municipal building and that the approved budget, as advertised, was made available to each person requesting same, and

WHEREAS, the Township has complied with those two requirements, posting a copy of the approved budget, as advertised, on the municipal building notice board, and provided copies to each person who requested same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The conditions set forth regarding posting and providing copies of the approved budget, as advertised, have been met.
2. The 2021 Township budget shall be read by title only.

Adopted: May 10, 2021

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:05-136

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
(IF NEEDED)**

Adopted: May 10, 2021

President of Council

Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-21:05-137

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has previously introduced and approved the 2021 Calendar Year Budget; and

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has followed the laws of the State of New Jersey regarding the introduction, first reading, properly advertising for and the scheduling of a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has received approval from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, and State of New Jersey for the Calendar Year 2021 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and approved that the 2021 Calendar Year Budget be and is hereby adopted as submitted and approved.

Introduced: April 12, 2021

Adopted: May 10, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court inquired into a revenue item in the amount of \$3 million and expressed his concerns with the township's overborrowing trend. Mr. Cardis explained the direction provided by the state regarding this revenue. A discussion was held. Mr. Heinbaugh expressed his concerns with overbudgeting salaries and wages. A discussion was held. Mr. Heinbaugh asked why the Housing Authority parcel sale was not included in the budget. Mr. Mercado stated the sale is not complete.

Ray Polidoro of Erial compared last year's budget surplus to this year's. A discussion was held regarding surplus. Mr. Hutchison expressed his desire to have a zero tax increase next year as well. A discussion was held regarding debt service. Mr. Polidoro compared the township budget to Cherry Hill's budget.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates noted a twenty-year period where municipal taxes increased 350%. Mr. Krug outlined the process of what happens when property taxes are not paid. Mr. Krug asked for clarification regarding surplus and debt service. Mrs. Ehret clarified. Mr. Krug asked if the cost savings review revealed any areas where cost savings could occur. A discussion was held regarding the cost savings review meetings. Mr. Krug thanked council for digging into the budget to look for cost savings.

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

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Hutchison – Yes

Miss Grace– Yes
Mrs. Winters – Yes
Mr. Mignone – Yes
Mrs. Trotto – Yes
Mr. Mercado - Yes

GT E-GOV ACCESS:

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked the following questions:

1. *Resolution R-21:01-033, Ordinance O-21-01, and the Redevelopment Agreement for Lakeland Phase I state the plan for Block 12301, Lot 4 includes affordable housing. Mr. Bach stated the Township is to build family affordable housing on Lot 4 at the redevelopment meeting. Clearly, the current documented plan is to build family affordable housing in addition to senior and senior veteran housing. Does the Township’s plan for affordable family housing violate the deed restriction imposed by the County?*

Mr. Carlamere stated the township plan still meets the affordable housing plan with senior and veteran affordable housing.

2. *The GTHA purchased the 15-acre Block 12301, Lot 4 from the county for \$600,000. Who was the beneficiary of the one-dollar 2008 sale Mr. Carlamere and Mr. Cardis referred to on 4/26/2021? Was it Gloucester Senior Campus LP?*

Mr. Carlamere stated the actual deed was for 15 acres included Lots 3 and 4 for \$600,000.

3. *Who currently owns the Senior Campus One building?*

Mr. Carlamere stated this question would need to be directed to the Housing Authority.

4. *Mr. Carlamere stated that it is possible for the Township to deed the land back to the GTHA for \$1.00. Please justify the use of hundreds of thousands of dollars of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to transfer the land between the municipal entities in 2012 as well as the current agreement for 2021.*

Mr. Carlamere stated property can be transferred for a dollar depending on the circumstances.

5. *Councilman Hutchison stated on 4/26 the deal between the Township and the Gloucester Township Housing Authority “isn’t happening now.” If that was an accurate statement, why is it no longer happening?*

Mr. Carlamere stated agreements have not been signed as of yet.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates asked for an update regarding the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Lechner received an updated redevelopment plan earlier today from T&M Associates. Mr. Mercado stated this will be heard at the June 14th Workshop meeting. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Chief Harkins stated this week is National Police Week and asked residents to keep officers killed in the line duty in their thoughts. Chief Harkins recalled a story of a young man in the township who had suffered from brain cancer, had his bike stolen and the platoon of officers that evening bought him a replacement bike. Chief Harkins is proud how the community has gathered around the family to support him and his family.

Mr. Chadwell clarified that additional trees were identified within the pedestrian bicycle bridge project that needed to be removed.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison thanked Chief. Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming out this evening and for presenting their questions to the council.

Ms. Grace thanked Chief and first responders for their service. Ms. Grace thanked her fellow council members for their assistance her first year.

Mr. Mignone wished Chief and the police department a happy National Police Week. Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming this evening.

Mrs. Winters wished everyone a happy National Police Week, Teacher’s Week and Nurses’ Week. Mrs. Winters shared news regarding the Hockey Alliance. Mrs. Winters expressed her support of the budget this year.

Mrs. Trotto mentioned the spotlight placed on businesses located in Downtown Blackwood.

Mr. Mercado stated with fundraising events being cancelled throughout the pandemic, scholarships that are provided to high school seniors were impacted but still occurred. Mr.

Mercado urged residents to participate in different scholarship fund raising events, including the

scholarship 5K Run on June 12th.

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