

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 28, 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-abs.	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court inquired into unit mentioned in the HUD One Year Action Plan resolution. A discussion was held regarding this program. Jake Botticello of Triad explained the application process.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates asked for clarification regarding the hiring of Class I Special Officers. Chief Harkins clarified.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R-21:06-196**

**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 \$ 499,718.66

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 18,527.93

**TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 3,167.26

**OPEN SPACE TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 23,336.26

**ANIMAL**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 725.22

**DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 3,410.00

**MANUAL CHECKS**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 619,564.62

Adopted: June 28, 2021

ATTEST:

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk,  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:06-197**

**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:

<b>BLOCK/LOT</b>	<b>NAME /ADDRESS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
18105/22	Gabriel & Jin Grasso 22 Lane of Acres Sicklerville, NJ 08081	\$ 884.00	Overpayment
15708/46	CoreLogic Attn: Refund Dept 3001 Hackberry Rd Irving, TX 75063 For: 1 La Jolla Lane	1,466.87	Overpayment 15F

Adopted: June 28, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:06-198**

**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, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester, Camden County, New Jersey desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$404,658.81, in the form of a \$303,494.11 matching grant and, if available, a \$101,164.70 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): Replacement of Playground Equipment at 31 Mayapple Road in the Mulberry Station and Replacement of Playground Equipment at 92 Sturbridge Drive in Sturbridge Oaks at a total project cost of \$404,658.81;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the governing body/board resolves that Mayor 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, and
- (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 Township Council of the Township of Gloucester

1. That the Mayor of the Township of Gloucester is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as *Replacement of Playground Equipment at Mulberry Station and Sturbridge Oaks*;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$101,164.70;
3. That, 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;
4. That 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: June 28, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:06-199**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER  
APPROVING THE HUD CDBG FY2021-2022 ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, is authorized to extend financial assistance to communities in the elimination or prevention of slums and urban blight or activities which will benefit low and moderate income individuals and families, or other urgent community development needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is required to prepare annually an Action Plan for each of the five years included in the current Consolidated Plan, said Action Plan to describe the amount of funding to be received from HUD and the Township’s plans for using that funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has completed an Annual Action Plan for FY 2021 through 2022 and offered said Plan for public display and comment for the prescribed period; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD has advised the Township that its allocation for FY 2020 is \$291,640; and the Township anticipates \$28,000 in program income for a total of \$319,640; and the Township, has developed an Annual Action Plan for the use of those funds and has offered said Plan for public display and comment for the prescribed period; and

**WHEREAS**, The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has reviewed the CDBG Annual Action Plan for FY 2021, as presented by the Grants Office;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that:

Section 1. The Annual Action Plan for FY 2021 for the CDBG Program is hereby, in all respects, approved.

Section 2. The Mayor of the Township of Gloucester, on behalf of the Township Council, is hereby authorized to provide such assurances and certifications as required by HUD and any supplemental or revised data which HUD may request in connection with the review of this application.

Adopted: June 28, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21-06-200**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE  
IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.  
40A:4-87 (Chapter 159 P.L. 1948)**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item has been made available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$5,306.18 Stationhouse Adjustment Program.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Gloucester hereby requests the Director of Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2021 CY Budget in the amount of \$5,306.18 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the Stationhouse Adjustment Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$5,306.18 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"	
Stationhouse Adjustment Program	\$5,306.18

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township CFO email a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

ADOPTED: June 28, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:06-201**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT) BETWEEN THE CAMDEN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 ET SEQ. FOR SPECIAL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR THE EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester ("Township") desires to enter into a Shared Service Agreement to authorize the implementation and administration of the Township to provide resource officer/security officer (hereinafter "SRO") for Camden County Vocational Technical School Board of Education for the extended school year program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township will provide one (1) SRO officer to Camden County Vocational Technical School Board of Education from July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 from 6:30 AM to 1:30 PM; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for the purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, Camden County, New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Gloucester, be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Township the Shared Services Agreement between the Township and the Camden County Vocational Technical School Board of Education. A copy of said Agreement shall be available for public inspection upon execution in the Office of the Township Clerk of the Township of Gloucester.

Adopted: June 28, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:06-202**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-MUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE USE OF AN EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTRACTOR**

**WHEREAS**, Township of Gloucester ("GT") and the Gloucester Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("GTMUA") have determined that the use of GTMUA's "EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTRACT with R.D. ZEULI, INC.", awarded pursuant to GTMUA Resolution R-06-20-57, on June 18, 2020, with a one year extension pursuant to GTMUA Resolution R-06-21-56 on June 17, 2021, and the parties have determined that such an Agreement will be beneficial and cost effective to Gloucester Township and its taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, GT and GTMUA intend, by virtue of an Interlocal Services Agreement to set forth the terms and conditions of said Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, GTMUA has agreed to assume lead agency responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. encourages and promotes local units working together in an effort to save taxpayer dollars

and promote government efficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Council desires to authorize the execution of an Inter-Municipal Service Agreement in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, the form of which has been reviewed and approved by the Business Administrator and Solicitor for the Township of Gloucester.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester as follows:

1. The provisions of the **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
2. The Mayor and or Business Administrator of the Township of Gloucester are hereby authorized to execute the subject Inter-Municipal Service Agreement in a form approved by the Township Business Administrator and Township Solicitor.

Adopted: June 28, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:06-203**

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS – CLASS I**

**WHEREAS**, the hiring of 12 Special Police Officers – Class I was approved by the Mayor of the Township of Gloucester; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the requirements of the Police Training Academy requires that a resolution be adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester appointing the following individuals as Special Police Officers – Class I for the Township of Gloucester:

Bryan Buchbinder  
Joseph Baran  
Kayla Walton

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the above mentioned Special Police Officers – Class I have been appointed.

Adopted: June 28, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:06-204**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR  
THE SHOPPES AT CROSS KEYS MONUMENTS  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the developer of The Shoppes at Cross Keys has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for concrete monuments 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 cash performance guarantee established in the amount of \$500.00 be released.

Adopted: June 28, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:06-205**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION  
LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the following has made application for renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License in the Township of Gloucester:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TRADING AS</b>	<b>LICENSE NO.</b>
Glendora Liquors, Inc.	In Pocket	0415-44-016-004

**WHEREAS**, application for renewal has been properly advertised by Alcoholic Beverage Control, and

**WHEREAS**, no written objections have been filed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has no objections and furthermore is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local ordinance which would prohibit the renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License in the Township of Gloucester,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden that the application for renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License is hereby granted and that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents and certificates effective July 1, 2021.

Adopted: June 28, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**GT E-GOV ACCESS:**

Sam Sweet of Elizabeth Place asked the following questions:

1. *Do we have updated numbers for the Gloucester Township small business grants?*
2. *How many applicants have applied?* 94 applicants applied
3. *How many have been approved?* 23 have been approved
4. *How many were disapproved?* 29 were disapproved
5. *How many are still in review?* 6 are in review
6. *Is there a list of recipients?* Yes

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked the following questions:

1. *What is the status of the agreement of sale for block 12301 lot 4 from the Township back to the GTHA? Almost 6 months have passed. What is the issue holding it up?*

Mr. Mercado explained attorneys are reviewing.

2. *When can we anticipate T & M Associates' presentation of the Village of Gloucester Township amended redevelopment plan?*

Mr. Lechner stated the administration is focusing on getting through the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan.

3. *Mr. Slachetka of T & M Associates stated on June 14<sup>th</sup> that the community is a stakeholder in the Village of Gloucester Township redevelopment plan. Were notices of the stakeholder meeting published?*

Mr. Lechner stated he cannot speak for Mr. Slachetka.

4. *When and where did the stakeholder meetings for the Village of GT take place and who was in attendance? Were minutes taken?*

Mr. Lechner stated he did not have this information.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Brian Burns of Erial asked for an update regarding the closing of the Roselyn Bridge property.

Mr. Carlamere provided an update. A discussion was held regarding two adjoining properties.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates expressed his support of Mr. Burns and the purchasing of these properties. Mr. Krug asked for clarification regarding the GTHA property transfer. A discussion was held. A conversation regarding the Blackwood West Redevelopment Zone followed.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked for more clarification regarding the small business grant applicants.

Mr. Mercado clarified. Mr. Cardis addressed Mr. Sweet's questions from the previous council meeting.

Jacklyn Thompson of Brittany Woods described a community clean up event that took place in Brittany Woods. Ms. Thompson presented the idea of community lawnmowers to assist with lawncare in the community. Ms. Thompson also asked about installing speedbumps. Mr.

Mercado and Chief Harkins described speedbumps in neighborhoods.

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

**POLLING OF DIRECTORS:**

Chief Harkins shared with council the past community event in Brittany Woods with the police department and public works.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming out.

Ms. Grace thanked Ms. Thompson for her assistance in helping to make Brittany Woods better.



Ms. Grace explained the purpose of the Brittany Woods Community group.  
Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming out and wished residents a safe holiday. Mr. Mignone wished good luck to all the little league teams.  
Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming out.  
Mr. Mercado wished everyone wonderful holiday.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Council President  
Orlando Mercado

Nancy Power, RMC  
Township Clerk