

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 23, 2021  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Statement: Mrs. Trotto 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	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado-abs.	

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mrs. Trotto opened the public portion.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

**PROCLAMATION: HONORING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup>  
AMENDMENT** read by Nancy Power, Township Clerk

**PROCLAMATION: “DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2021 STATEWIDE  
LABOR DAY CRACKDOWN”** read by Tracey Trotto, Council Vice

President

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING**

**O-21-10**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AMENDMENT #5 AMENDING ORDINANCE  
O-04-03 ENTITLED THE BLACKWOOD WEST REDEVELOPMENT PLAN IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-A1 ET SEQ., LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND  
HOUSING LAW**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester (the “Township”), in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, has designated an area within the Township, known as the Blackwood West Redevelopment Area, as being in need of redevelopment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to stimulate redevelopment the Township has adopted by Ordinance O-04-13 the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan, as Amended by Ordinances O-05-12 (Amendment No. 1), O-06-31 (Amendment No. 2), and O-19-07 (Amendment No. 3), O-21-04 (Amendment No. 4) encompass an area known as the Blackwood West Redevelopment Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, Amendment No. 5 is to permit “Office use and accessory vehicles of an electrician, painter, plumber, and similar establishments” in the BW-RD Blackwood West Redevelopment Zone at 44 W. Church Street (Block 11502, Lot 7) subject to a Redevelopment Agreement or Memorandum of Agreement as determined by the Redevelopment Entity; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, a Governing Body may adopt, revise or amend a redevelopment plan for an “area in need of redevelopment”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, the Planning Board has recommended the changes set forth in this Ordinance pursuant to Planning Board Resolution \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed and accepted the recommendation of the Planning Board and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to adopt this fifth Amendment to the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance O-04-13, known as the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan, as prepared by the consulting firm Clarke ♦ Caton ♦ Hintz dated June 28, 2004 is hereby amended, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Development Regulations titled “Blackwood West Redevelopment Zone (BW-RD), Section B. Permitted Uses,” is hereby amended by adding the following:

- “14. Office use and accessory vehicles of an electrician, painter, plumber, and similar establishments at 44 W. Church Street (Block 11502, Lot 7) subject to a Redevelopment Agreement or Memorandum of Agreement as determined by the Redevelopment Entity.

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

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

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

Introduced: August 23, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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Mayor  
David R. Mayer

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on September 13, 2021 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R-21:08-250**

**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 \$ 500,822.22

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 39,108.18

**TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 7,630.50

**OPEN SPACE TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 30,721.28

**DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 39,683.50

**MANUAL CHECKS**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 370,806.00

Adopted: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-251**

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

**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>
2301/3	Big Timber Creek Enter 703 Hampton Rd, Extn Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 For: 593 Lower Landing Rd	\$18,880.31	Overpayment Assessment Change
7401/3	JCM Holdings 700 N Black Horse Pk Blackwood, NJ 08012 For: 15 Almonesson Rd	1,704.30	Overpayment Assessment Change
9601/3	Ryan Walick 18 Roosevelt Dr Clementon, NJ 08021	630.09	Overpayment Assessment Change
10102/1	Homelink Development LLC 1028 Haddon Ave Collingswood, NJ 08108 For: 25 Spring Hill Dr.	1,952.65	Overpayment Assessment Change
11101/8	Jonathan & Chelsea Jimenez 10 Spinning Wheel Lane Blackwood, NJ 08012	2,367.87	Overpayment 15F
12510/1	Danielle & Thomas Crenny 106 Grand Avenue Blackwood, NJ 08012	270.54	Overpayment Assessment Change

18301/13.01 C0504	First Hope Bank P O Box 296 Hope, NJ 07844 For: 504 Independence Blvd	2,265.65	Payment Error Property Sold
18301/13.01 C0505	First Hope Bank P O Box 296 Hope, NJ 07844 For: 505 Independence Blvd	2,265.65	Payment Error Property Sold
18301/16	Estates at Lakeside I LLC 1111 Marlkress Rd, #200 Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 For: 1051 Williamstown Rd	19,127.80	Overpayment Assessment Change
19801/12	Joseph Montenigro P O Box 1047 Turnersville, NJ 08012 For: 171 Breckenridge Dr.	1,482.72	Overpayment Assessment Change

Adopted: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-252**

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN OR OTHER EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 2021 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTERS AND 2022 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 and 2022 and refund any resulting credit balances.

<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Amount to be Credited</b>
701	8	Thomas Knapp	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/22/21	2021 QTR 3 – 1,798.80 2021 QTR 4 – 1,798.79 2022 – 3,600.40 Assessment – 187,300
6605	8	Joseph Skelly	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/19/21	2021 QTR 3 – 1,834.82 2021 QTR 4 – 1,834.82 2022 – 3,669.64 Assessment – 187,900

7504	27	Christopher Garza	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 03/27/21	2021 QTR 3 – 2,984.83 2021 QTR 4 – 2,984.83 2022 – 5,969.64 Assessment – 295,600
8202	16	Adam Bolin	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 05/07/21	2021 QTR 3 – 2,879.81 2021 QTR 4 – 2,879.80 2022 – 5,759.62 Assessment – 285,200
8901	6	Michael Hubler	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/20/21	2021 QTR 3 – 2,737.43 2021 QTR 4 – 2,737.43 2022 – 5,474.87 Assessment – 271,100
9109	2	John Mitchell	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/01/21	2021 QTR 3 – 1,927.61 2021 QTR 4 – 1,927.61 2022 – 3,855.23 Assessment – 190,900
10201	1.02	Christian Zerfing	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/01/21	2021 QTR 3 – 3,862.30 2021 QTR 4 – 3,862.29 2022 – 7,724.59 Assessment – 382,500
12801	26	Margaret Dellavecchia	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 03/01/21	2021 QTR 3 – 2,040.10 2021 QTR 4 – 2,040.10 2022 – 4,077.26 Assessment – 196,400
13701	65	Adonis Boomer	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/11/21	2021 QTR 3 – 2,335.06 2021 QTR 4 – 2,335.06 2022 – 4,666.57 Assessment – 237,500
15703	147	George Black	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/15/21	2021 QTR 3 – 1,366.63 2021 QTR 4 – 1,366.63 2022 – 2,333.93 Assessment – 133,200
15708	46	Beverly Ramos	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 03/08/21	2021 QTR 3 – 1,466.15 2021 QTR 4 – 1,466.15 2022 – 2,933.02 Assessment – 142,900
15901	6	Gerald Tower	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/04/21	2021 QTR 3 – 2,137.11 2021 QTR 4 – 2,137.11 2022 – 4,271.05 Assessment – 211,700
16301	15	Marguerite Eden	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As of 5/24/2021	2021 QTR 3 -1,935.29 2021 QTR 4 – 1,935.30 2022 – 3,867.63 Assessment – 197,900
17301	27	Sergio Burgos	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 06/09/21	2021 QTR 3 – 2,329.93 2021 QTR 4 – 2,329.92 2022 – 4,656.39 Assessment – 230,800
17301	43	Richard Leon	Add Disabled Veteran	2021 QTR 3 – 2,212.83

		Tax Exemption As Of 02/01/21	2021 QTR 4 – 2,212.82 2022 – 4,422.36 Assessment – 219,200
17608 12	Quay Steele	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 02/15/21	2021 QTR 3 – 2,503.56 2021 QTR 4 – 2,503.56 2022 – 5,003.40 Assessment – 248,000
17909 6	Reuben Lewis	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 06/14/21	2021 QTR 3 – 2,422.80 2021 QTR 4 – 2,422.80 2022 – 4,842.00 Assessment – 240,000
18304 38	Joseph LaVeglia	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 03/01/21	2021 QTR 3 – 3,221.64 2021 QTR 4 – 3,221.64 2022 – 6,444.85 Assessment – 314,000
18310 17	Aykine Hicks	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 01/25/21	2021 QTR 3 – 4,035.26 2021 QTR 4 – 4,035.26 2022 – 8,072.49 Assessment – 393,300

ADOPTED: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-253**

**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
1702	5	Edward Thomas	Add Senior Deduction 2021	250.00
4401	36	Lorraine Robinson	Add Widow of Veteran	250.00

			Deduction 2021	
6801	12	Truhant Darji	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
7504	31	Kathleen Belko	Add Widow of Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
8006	60	Chong Eun	Add Senior Deduction 2021	250.00
8902	18	Lawrence Tartaglia	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
9906	12	Vincent Accardo	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
9906	12	Vincent Accardo	Add Senior Deduction 2021	250.00
10604	12	Deborah Barbaccia	Add Senior Deduction 2021	250.00
11301	17	Robert Strong	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
13001	5	Guiseppe Aversa	Add Senior Deduction 2021	250.00
12511	10	Alice Weston	Add Senior Deduction 2021	250.00
15909	4	James Clark	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
16901	34	Barbara Bosurgi	Add Senior Deduction 2021	250.00

ADOPTED: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-254**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF ENCROACHMENT  
DEPOSITS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following inspection fee escrow encroachment deposits be and are hereby authorized to be refunded:

New Jersey American Water  
204 Carriage Lane

APPLICATION: S000068A  
ESCROW: S000068I

Delran, NJ 08075

PERMIT: 000068

AMOUNT: \$129.50

Adopted: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-255**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF ENCROACHMENT  
DEPOSITS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following inspection fee escrow encroachment deposits be and are hereby authorized to be refunded:

South Jersey Gas  
1 South Jersey Place  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

APPLICATION: S00007A  
ESCROW: S00007I  
PERMIT: 00007

AMOUNT: \$14.50

APPLICATION: S000030A  
ESCROW: S000030I  
PERMIT: 000030

AMOUNT: \$149.50

APPLICATION: S000036A  
ESCROW: S000036I  
PERMIT: 000036

AMOUNT: \$227.50

APPLICATION: S000038A  
ESCROW: S000038I  
PERMIT: 000038

AMOUNT: \$186.50

APPLICATION: S000048A  
ESCROW: S000048I  
PERMIT: 000048

AMOUNT: \$120.00

Adopted: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-256**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR STREET ENCROACHMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant for the street encroachment application, S000066A – 1012 Roosevelt Avenue, has supplied the Township of Gloucester with a Performance Bond in the amount of \$1200.00, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of the Performance Bond and installation of a Maintenance Bond for a period of 2 years as follows:

From: \$1200.00                      to                      \$600.00                      2 Year Maintenance Bond  
Term Ending: 8/23/2023

John Valenti  
289 S. Black Horse Pike  
Mt. Ephraim, NJ 08059

APPLICATION: S00066A  
PERMIT: 000066

ADOPTED: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-257**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA – LOCAL 1014 - PUBLIC WORKS UNIT CONTRACT  
JANUARY 1, 2021 – DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County

Of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Agreement between the Township of Gloucester and Communications Workers of America – Local 1014 - Public Works Civil Service Classified Employees for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024 be and is hereby approved and accepted and the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver same.

Adopted: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-258**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND COMMUNICATIONS  
WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1014 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF UNIT  
CONTRACT – JANUARY 1, 2021 – DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Agreement between the Township of Gloucester and Communications Workers of America, Local 1014 – Administrative Staff Unit commencing January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024 be and is hereby approved and accepted and the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver same.

Adopted: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-259**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND COMMUNICATIONS  
WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1014 SUPERVISORY UNIT  
JANUARY 1, 2021 – DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Agreement between the Township of Gloucester and Communications Workers of America, Local 1014 – Supervisory Unit effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 be and is hereby approved and accepted and the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver same.

Adopted: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-260**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GLOUCESTER, AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF SPECIAL TAX APPEAL  
COUNSEL TRENK ISABEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council determined there is a need for a Special Tax Appeal Counsel to prosecute the counter-claim in the matters of Jemstone Cross Keys, LLC v. Township of Gloucester (Docket No. 007405-2018) and the affirmative tax appeals in Township of Gloucester v. Jemstone Cross Keys, LLC (Docket No. 002294-2019 and 000739-2020) (“Jemstone matters”), and

**WHEREAS**, Special Counsel is responsible for all fees and expenses in prosecuting any affirmative tax appeals; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the proper Township Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Trenk Isabel as Special Tax Appeal Counsel for the Jemstone matters, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Trenk Isabel is entitled to a contingent fee basis of thirty three percent (33%) of the money obtained for the Township for the first year where money is obtained, and ten (10%) of the money obtained for the Township for any subsequent years filed during the term of the contract.

Adopted: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:08-261**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR CHERRYWOOD  
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 9**

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Budget provides funds for the purchase of certain materials and supplies and equipment whose aggregate value will exceed \$44,000.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the State Statutes require that items exceeding \$44,000.00 be properly advertised and bids received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Advertising of Bids is hereby authorized, in accordance with the respective specifications for the following items:

**CHERRYWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PHASE 9**

Adopted: August 23, 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 Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**R-21:08-262**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF GLOUCESTER ACCEPTING THE 2020 AUDIT OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2020 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the firm of Bowman and Company, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 , and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body.

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs.

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled, “Findings and Questioned costs” or “Findings and Recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Findings and Questioned Costs” or “Findings and Recommendations”, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with , at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52- to wit:

R.S. 52-27BB-52 – A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his/her office.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Adopted: August 23, 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 Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**GT E-GOV ACCESS:**

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Rd asked the following questions:

1. *Who was/is the designated redeveloper for the Interchange Redevelopment Plan?* There are several redevelopers in this area including Dave & Busters, Simon Properties, and Applebees.
2. *Who is the redeveloper for the Villages of Gloucester Redevelopment Plan?* There are no developers yet for this redevelopment plan.
3. *At the July 12th meeting, Council President said he would follow up with the Mayor to see if the community could be involved with Redevelopment Planning. Is there an update?* There is no update.
4. *Have any property owners or developers applied for any grants or financing for property improvements or demolition within the Villages of Gloucester?* Yes, On Point Dance Center, Auto Images, Blackwood Cleaners, LLC, and General Moore Contractors Co., LLC.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mrs. Trotto opened the public portion.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court provided council with costs and expenses incurred related to Patrick Murray at the Housing Authority. Mr. Heinbaugh expressed various concerns with the Housing Authority and Mr. Murray. A discussion was held.

Ray Polidoro of Erial expressed his concerns with the Housing Authority, the Market to Affordable Program and the Housing Trust Fund.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked Council if they can remove the Market to Affordable program from Housing Authority control. Mr. Carlamere clarified. Mrs. Coyne expressed her dissatisfaction with obtaining answers to her questions. Mr. Hutchison provided answers to her questions. A discussion was held regarding the Economic Development Corporation.

Ray Henry of Camden Avenue had several questions regarding Mr. Murray and the Housing Authority. Mr. Hutchison recommended Mr. Henry direct his questions to the Housing Authority.

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

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming this evening

Ms. Grace thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for attending and asked everyone to be safe.

Mrs. Winters asked everyone to remain safe with the Delta Variant.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Council President  
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