

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 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-abs.	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.  
There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

**BID REPORT:**

**2021 ONE (1) RECYCLING TRUCK  
BIDS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

<b><u>CONTRACTOR</u></b>	<b><u>BID AMOUNT</u></b>
Hunter Truck Sales & Service	\$ 324,790.00

Mr. Mignone made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES AND WAIVE THE READING OF:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
September 13, 2021

**REGULAR SESSION**  
September 13, 2021  
September 27, 2021

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: Ms. Grace abstained from the 9/13 Workshop. All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R-21:10-295**

**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:

<b><u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u></b>	
Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 7,159,190.82
<b><u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u></b>	
Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 157,954.01
<b><u>ANIMAL TRUST</u></b>	
Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 13,323.80

**TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 16,139.46

**OPEN SPACE TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 30,569.36

**DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 9,672.50

**MANUAL CHECKS**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 15,151.15

Adopted: October 13, 2021

ATTEST:

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk,  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

**R-21:10-296**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2021 SECOND HALF AND 2022 FIRST HALF TAX BILLING FOR EXEMPTED PROPERTIES AS INDICATED**

**WHEREAS**, the following properties in the Township of Gloucester as indicated by block and lot number, have been acquired by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the following properties in the Township of Gloucester as indicated by block and lot number are tax exempt; and

**WHEREAS**, the following properties were previously billed for taxes prior to the Township acquiring them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the following properties 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 tax billings and clear each record accordingly.

BLOCK	LOT	NAME /ADDRESS	AMOUNT	REASON
14601	2	Township of Gloucester 2630 Erial Rd	\$1,695.96 -2021 \$1,694.70 -2022	Twp Acquired
14601	5	Township of Gloucester 802 Little Mill Rd	\$ 734.91 -2021 \$ 734.37 -2022	Twp Acquired
14601	6	Township of Gloucester 1193 Hickstown Rd	\$ 48.45 -2021 \$ 48.42 -2022	Twp Acquired
14601	13	Township of Gloucester 2650 Erial Rd	\$1,724.22 -2021 \$1,722.95 -2022	Twp Acquired

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 4-0.

**R-21:10-297**

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN OR OTHER EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 2021 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 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>
13701	3	Radeem Ellington	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 08/05/21	2021 – \$2,298.63 2022 – \$4,593.85 Assessment – 227,700
14904	1	Ronald Padgett	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 9/13/21	2021 – \$2,622.45 2022 - \$5,246.19 Assessment – 255,600

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Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 4-0.

**R-21:10-298**

**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:

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
8901	6	Corelogic 3001 Hackberry Rd. Irving, TX 75063	2021	\$2,737.43	Overpayment
17301	27	Sergio Burgos & Luz Viera	2021	\$2,329.93	Overpayment

1551 Williamstown Rd.  
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

10404	16	Leo & Bonnie Foglio 625 Taranto Ave. Blackwood , NJ 08012	2021	\$1,500.00	Overpayment
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**ADOPTED:** October 13, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 4-0.

**R-21:10-299**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR  
BROAD ACRES ACTIVE ADULT VILLAGE  
HIGHLAND ESTATES VILLAGE  
BLOCK 13203 LOT 5.01  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the developer of Broad Acres Active Adult Village, also referred to as Highland Estates Village, has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for site improvements located at Block 13203 Lot 5.01 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 Performance Bond # KO7156789, established in the original amount of \$960,687.50 and previously reduced to the amount of \$288,206.25, be released along with Letter of Credit # 430862 established in the amount of \$188,434.80 upon the posting of a Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$115,282.50 to be held for a period of two years.

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 4-0.

**R-21:10-300**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND HUNTER KEYSTONE PETERBILT, L.P. FOR A  
2021 ONE (1) RECYCLING TRUCK**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined there is a need for a 2021 One (1) Recycling Truck in the Township of Gloucester; and  
**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds have been provided; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has received bids or quotes.

**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 Hunter Keystone Peterbilt, L.P. in the amount of \$324,790.00 which was the lowest bid or quote received.

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 4-0.

**R-21:10-301**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED  
BY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, abandoned vehicles have been acquired by the Gloucester Township Police Department through the process of finding or recovery, and

**WHEREAS**, efforts were made for more than a period of 30 days by the Police Department to ascertain the owner or owners of said vehicles in order to return to said owner or owners the aforesaid vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, said vehicles have for more than 30 days been in the possession and custody of said police department and stored at cost and expense of the Township of Gloucester, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester deems it desirable and in the best interest of the Township to dispose of said property at public auction sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-157 and N.J.R.S. 39:10A.1.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that vehicles as per the attached list and in possession of the Police Department be and hereby are authorized to be sold at public auction sale by the Township and that the Township Clerk prepare and publish in the Legal Newspaper of the Township a notice of the proposed sale, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the sale.

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 4-0.

R-21:10-302

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING BOB DEL SORDO FOR AUCTIONEER SERVICES FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED BY THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester authorized the sale of property recovered by the Gloucester Township Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement for the need to have an auctioneer for the sale of the property recovered by the police department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is hereby authorizing Bob Del Sordo as Auctioneer

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

**GT E-GOV ACCESS:**

Elizabeth Dugan of Hemlock Drive asked the following questions:

1. *I did not see the bill list published online prior to tonight's meeting. Could you please tell me how much will be approved at tonight's meeting and paid?* Mr. Mercado stated the bill list was posted on line since last Thursday. *I understand that there was a Citizens' Appreciation ceremony this past Saturday. It seemed to be a decent turnout. From what I could tell from the crowd pictures and the posed photos, no one was wearing a mask, and they were sitting very close to each other.* 2 *Township events and one run by a nonprofit which works closely with the Township were all canceled by the Township and the nonprofit. All were set to be outdoor events in October. The 2 Township events were canceled due to safety concerns related to COVID. My questions are as follows:*

1. *Why was the Citizens' Appreciation ceremony safe to have, but the Trunk or Treat and Food and Beer event are not? Did you ask the guests at the Citizens' Appreciation ceremony to provide proof of vaccination before they could sit, for example?* Mr. Mercado stated Trunk & Treat is attended by approximately 4,000 people with children standing in line and he did not feel comfortable putting unvaccinated children at risk. Mr. Mercado stated the Food and Beer event was cancelled due to the lack of food trucks, lack of volunteers, and concerns for residents. No, there was no proof of vaccination checked.

2. *Will there be other outdoor events/ceremonies held by the Township which are considered safer than the Trunk or Treat and Food and Beer events? If so, please explain why they are safer?* Mr. Mercado is not aware of any upcoming events other than the tree lighting festival in December. *I appreciate your time and effort to address these questions.*

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Andrew Gardner of Pine Hurst Court described a problem he is having with a retaining wall that borders his property. Mr. Gardner is proposing council pass an ordinance that requires developments to declare the assets they will maintain.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road questioned an invoice from T & M Associates regarding the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Cardis clarified. Mr. Lechner clarified further.

Mr. Exstein of Glen Oaks asked for clarification regarding the purchase of a recycling truck. Mr. Mercado clarified.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked how the 200ft distance for noticing is established. A discussion was held. Mr. Sweet inquired into the Economic Development Corporation. A discussion was held.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road stated Triad is being paid to handle agendas for Economic Development Corporation.

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

**POLLING OF DIRECTORS:**

Chief Harkins informed Council of a missing juvenile today that was safely located.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Ms. Grace thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mr. Mignone wished everyone a great week.

Mrs. Trotto congratulated all of the citizens recognized at the Citizen Appreciation Ceremony.

Mr. Mercado congratulated all of the citizens recognized as well. Mr. Mercado stated Halloween is on as usual.

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Council President  
Orlando Mercado

Nancy Power, RMC  
Township Clerk