

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2022 @ 7:30 PM  
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-abs.	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs-abs.	
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked council if the township is going to hold AMR accountable. Mr. Carlamere stated comments can not be made at this time. Mr. Polidoro stated AMR needs to understand that they cannot breach contracts. A discussion was held.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court inquired into the bids for a long term EMS provider. A discussion was held regarding the RFP. Mr. Heinbaugh inquired into the non-fair and open contracts resolution.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates thanked Mr. Cardis and Chief Harkins for quickly installing ambulance service in the township. Mr. Krugg inquired into moving EGov questions to prior to the agenda. Mr. Mercado stated the EGov questions will remain where they are located on the agenda. Mr. Krug provided figures regarding the budget.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked for clarification regarding Resolution 31 pertaining to police department equipment. A discussion was held.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R-22:01-028**

**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 \$ 1,987,188.10

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 53,880.00

**ANIMAL TRUST**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 1,577.74

**TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 5,447.25

**OPEN SPACE TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 12,919.29

**DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 18,214.75

**MANUAL CHECKS**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 189,493.38

Adopted: January 10, 2022

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. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-21:01-029**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE, STIPULATE, SETTLE BOTH REGULAR AND ADDED/OMITTED TAX APPEALS, AND ROLL BACK TAX COMPLAINTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that James Grandrimo, Tax Assessor for the Township of Gloucester, is hereby authorized to file, stipulate, settle both regular and Added/Omitted tax appeals and roll back tax complaints on behalf of the Township of Gloucester for the year 2022.

Adopted : January 10, 2022

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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. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-22:01-030**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester has a need for various services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

**WHEREAS**, the below listed business entities will provide their various goods and services for the 2021 and have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the below listed business entities have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the name of Gloucester Township in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the below named business entities from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

A Cut Above Tree Services  
Action Uniform Company  
ADEMC Inc / ADI  
Amazon Capital

Mobile Dredging  
National Paving Co, Inc  
Nationwide Carpet Inc  
NJ Recreation & Park Assoc

Arthur Door Company  
Associated Building Spec Inc  
AT Landscape Management LLC  
B-Safe Inc  
B&B Tree Service, Inc  
Bialowas Concrete Const. Inc  
Cousins Concrete, LLC  
CSI Tech Group  
Denny Septic Service  
Diversified Vehicle Services.  
Edmunds & Associates, Inc.  
Exterior Images  
Firestone Complete Auto Care  
Foley Rents, Inc  
Holden Facility Services  
James Tsougarakis  
K&H Construction LLC  
Koch 33  
Marino General Construction  
Mechanics Auto Parts  
M & E Locksmith CCTV

PF Surveillance  
Print & Mail Communication LLC  
Security Lock & CCTV Installation  
Security Lock Company  
Stella Contracting Inc  
T & C Sports  
The Illusion Maker  
The Activity Group  
Toshiba Business Solutions  
Uline  
VJ Landscaping II  
Visual Computer Solutions, Inc.  
Vortex Servies LLC  
W. Hargrove Demolition Inc

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with above named business entities as described herein; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution in the Office of the CFO.

Adopted: January 10, 2022

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. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-22:01-031**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER THROUGH THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT.**

**WHEARAS**, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

**WHEARAS**, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

**WHEARAS**, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

**WHEARAS**, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-3-.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Gloucester that the Gloucester Township Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2022 and terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2022; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Gloucester Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated “DEMIL A,” which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools medical and first aid supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution is authorized, based on the needs of the Gloucester Township Police Department, without restriction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Gloucester Township Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following “DEMIL B through Q” property list in its entirety is hereby approved and hereto attached to this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Gloucester Township Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Gloucester Township Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property and “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization to terminating on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2022.

Adopted: January 10, 2022

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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. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-22:01-032**

**RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE DAYS IN WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE YEAR 2022**

JANUARY 17 <sup>th</sup>	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
FEBRUARY 21 <sup>st</sup>	PRESIDENT’S DAY
MAY 30 <sup>th</sup>	MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 16 <sup>th</sup>	JUNETEENTH
JULY 4 <sup>th</sup>	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SEPTEMBER 5 <sup>th</sup>	LABOR DAY

OCTOBER 10 <sup>th</sup>	COLUMBUS DAY
NOVEMBER 10 <sup>th</sup>	VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 24 <sup>th</sup>	THANKSGIVING DAY
DECEMBER 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
JANUARY 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023	NEW YEAR'S DAY - 2023

Adopted: January 10, 2022

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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. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-22:01-033**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR  
UNION SQUARE BLOCK 17703 LOT 2.01 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the developer of Union Square has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for the project located at Block 17703 Lot 2.01 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 the release of the following Performance Guarantees upon the posting of the associated Maintenance Guarantees to be held for a period of two years as outlined below:

<u>Guarantee/Bond</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maintenance Guarantee</u>
Public Facilities Performance Guarantee	\$475,379.22	\$168,505.89
Landscape Buffer Guarantee	\$50,790.00	\$7,618.50
Safety & Stabilization Guarantee	\$15,421.15	No Maintenance
Stormwater Management Maintenance	N/A	\$14,907.75

Adopted: January 10, 2022

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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. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-22:01-034**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following persons be and are hereby appointed to the Gloucester Township Municipal Utilities Authority:

Frank Dintino	5 years	January 31, 2022 to December 31, 2026
Alisa Smith	5 years	January 31, 2022 to December 31, 2026

Adopted: January 10, 2022

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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. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-22:01-035**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GLOUCESTER AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF PUBLIC  
STREETS FOR THE UNION SQUARE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS BLOCK 16504,  
LOTS 10, 11 AND 12, JARVIS ROAD PER LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE O-19-  
05**

**WHEREAS**, Land Development Ordinance O-19-05, Article IX, Section 905 (I.) titled “Acceptance of Publicly Dedicated Streets” authorizes the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to accept dedication of certain streets, sidewalks, easements and rights of way by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the developer for Union Square Subdivision has submitted the “Final Plan of Lots” to be dedicated to the Township of Gloucester consisting of:

1. Street Dedication Application
2. “Deed of Dedication for Right-of-Way”
3. “As-Built Plans”
4. “Confirmation of Installed Street Lights”

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has inspected this project and has provided his report recommending the release of the Performance Guarantee to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Solicitor has reviewed said dedications and hereby recommends the Township Council accept the “Deed of Dedication” from the Union Square Subdivision known as Block 16504, Lots 10, 11 and 12, Jarvis Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester finds it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Township of Gloucester to accept this dedication.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey authorizes the acceptance of the “Deed of Dedication for Right-Of-Way” conveying public street right of way from the Union Square Subdivision, Block 16504, Lot 10, 11 and 12, Jarvis Road.

Adopted: January 10, 2022

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Council President  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**R-22:01-036**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER CONFIRMING THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT WITH INSPIRA MEDICAL CENTERS, INC. TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE SERVICES (EMS) WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester did authorize the signing of an agreement with American Medical Response Mid Atlantic, Inc. (AMR) to provide emergency medical response services (EMS) within the jurisdiction of the Township of Gloucester; and

**WHEREAS**, without advance notice to the Township of Gloucester, all emergency medical response services (EMS) being provided by American Medical Response Mid Atlantic, Inc. (AMR) ceased for reasons internal to American Medical Response Mid Atlantic, Inc. (AMR); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Gloucester determined that as a result of the non-response by American Medical Response Mid Atlantic, Inc. (AMR), an emergency exists affecting the public health, safety, and welfare within the Township of Gloucester; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.40A:11-6 authorizes the award of contracts without public advertising for bids when an emergency exists affecting the public health, safety, or welfare. And, noted, agreements for emergency medical services within the jurisdiction of the Township of

Gloucester; and

**WHEREAS**, it was further determined that delaying adequate emergency medical response services (EMS) to secure public advertising for proposal would unreasonably increase the risk to the general health, safety, and welfare within the Township of Gloucester; and

**WHEREAS**, it is determined that it is in the best interest of the Township of Gloucester and protection of public health, safety, and welfare, that the Township of Gloucester enter into an agreement with Inspira Medical Centers, Inc. to provide emergency medical response services (EMS).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, it is herein resolved that an emergency did exist that placed the general health, safety, and welfare within the Township of Gloucester at sufficient risk requiring immediate response.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and or Business Administrator of the Township of Gloucester are authorized to enter into an agreement with Inspira Medical Centers, Inc. to provide emergency medical services within the jurisdiction of the Township of Gloucester.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the signing of an agreement with Inspira Medical Centers, Inc. is hereby confirmed.

Adopted: January 10, 2022

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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. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-22:01-037**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE  
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FOR 2022**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payment is to be made prior to the final adoption of the annual Municipal Budget, Temporary Appropriations shall be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, Temporary Appropriations shall be adopted within the first 30 days of the Municipality's fiscal year, and shall not exceed 26.25% of the prior's year's adopted Budget, exclusive of appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements and Public Assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount appropriated in the 2021 Municipal Budget, as detailed above, was \$64,904,239.38 and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the above amount is \$16,912,656.99

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that an additional sum of \$4,000,000.00 be appropriated for Debt Service, Capital Improvements and Public Assistance, for a total Temporary Budget of \$20,912,656.99.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and the Township Council, that following Temporary Appropriations be approved.

Adopted: January 10, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:



Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:01-038**

**RESOLUTION OF CONSENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor-Council Plan B form of government under the provisions of the optional Charter Law States, "The executive power of the Municipality shall be exercised by the Mayor", and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has, after consultation with members of Council, appointed the following persons to the positions named, and the terms as set forth beside their name:

**Directors**

Vincent Borrelli	Dir. Community Development	4 years
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, that the consent of the Council be and is hereby given to the above appointments of the Mayor of the Township of Gloucester.

Adopted: January 10, 2022

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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. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 5-0.

**GT E-GOV ACCESS:**

Maurice Chandler of Kearsley Road asked council the following questions:

*Hello, I am contacting you in regards to our desperate need of a snow plow for you tax paying residents. We need a snow plow for us at 1485, 1489, and 1493 Kearsley Road. A snow plow doesn't plow us out and we pay our expensive property taxes like the rest of the residents in Gloucester County. This request is on behalf of the residents who reside at 1485, 1489, and 1493 Kearsley. We would appreciate some help with this matter. Thank you.* Mr. Mercado explained the residents reside on a private driveway that public works is not permitted to plow.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked council the following questions:

*Will you be hiring a director of Community Development to replace Ken Lechner?* Mr. Mercado stated yes, Vince Borelli.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Brian Burns of Erial asked for an update regarding the Hayes property. A discussion was held.

Mr. Burns inquired into the solar panels at the landfill. Mr. Carlamere explained.

Shaunessy Smithman of Millbridge Gardens expressed her concerns regarding a bird nest that was removed when trees were cut back and suggested using open space to assist birds with nests and provide a burial ground for stillborn children. Mr. Mercado stated he and council will have to review this.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates suggested a proclamation for awareness regarding stillborn children. Mr. Krugg thanked Mr. Burns for his efforts in Open Space.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked council for an update regarding the purchase of a gas station on the Blackhorse Pike. A discussion was held. Mr. Heinbaugh asked if the budget for the Neighborhood Preservation Project was being formulated. Mr. Cardis clarified. Mr. Heinbaugh offered his services to the NPP.

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

**POLLING OF DIRECTORS:**

Chief Harkins stated its last call for the Citizens' Police Academy.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for attending this evening.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Mrs. Winters thanked Mr. Burns for his Open Space work.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Mercado stated the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is being cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power, RMC  
Township Clerk

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Council President  
Orlando Mercado