

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2022 @ 7:30 PM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation: Reverend William Wilson

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	
	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 members to speak into their microphones.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked for clarification regarding the Neighborhood Preservation Plan. Mr. Mercado stated that resolution will be pulled from the consent agenda and moved to the regular agenda. A discussion was held. Mr. Heinbaugh asked council for the process to borrow funds once the bond ordinance is approved. Mr. Cardis explained.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates asks for clarification on moving the NPP resolution to the regular agenda. Mr. Mercado clarified. A discussion was held regarding the NPP program.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked for clarification on moving the NPP resolution to the regular agenda.

Mr. Mercado explained further. Mr. Sweet asked to receive details regarding the capital budget.

Mr. Mercado stated he can receive the details tomorrow morning. Mr. Sweet asked if a cost

analysis has been done on borrowing incrementally. Mr. Cardis explained. Mr. Sweet asked if the township can utilize Covid Funds. Mr. Cardis clarified that the state has not issued guidelines on how the funds can be spent.

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

**ORDINANCE: FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION)**

**O-22-02**

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$9,207,922, THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$8,747,526; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

**Section 1.** The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Township").

**Section 2.** It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Township from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$9,207,922;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$8,747,526; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$460,396 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11.

**Section 3.** The sum of \$8,747,526, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$460,396, which amount represents the required down payment, are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

**Section 4.** The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$8,747,526 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5.** In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$8,747,526 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 6.** The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance, which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, shall not exceed the sum of \$1,800,000.

**Section 7.** The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the amount of available grants for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimate Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A. Reconstruction and/or Repaving of Various Sidewalks and Curbs within the Township, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator	\$166,690	\$8,335	\$158,356	10 years
B. Reconstruction and/or Repaving of Various Streets within the Township, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator	2,749,330	137,467	2,611,864	10 years

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimate d Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligatio ns</u>	<u>Period of Usefulne ss</u>
C.	Various Drainage Improvements at various locations in the Township, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator	126,600	6,330	120,270	10 years
D.	Improvements to Township's Recreation Buildings, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator	1,042,340	52,117	990,223	15 years
E.	Acquisition and Installation of Street Lighting and Traffic Signals, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator	158,250	7,913	150,338	10 years
F.	Improvements to Various Township Buildings, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator	1,055,000	52,750	1,002,250	15 years
G.	Acquisition of Heavy Equipment for the Public Works Department including, but not limited to, Various Trucks and Related Equipment, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator	1,218,525	60,926	1,157,599	15 years
H.	Acquisition of Various Equipment for the Public Works Department, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator.	258,264	12,913	245,351	5 years
I.	Acquisition of Real Property for the Public Works Department, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator.	31,650	1,583	30,067	40 years

<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimate Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligatio ns</u>	<u>Period of Usefulne ss</u>
J. Undertaking of Improvements in connection with the Downton Blackwood Revitalization Project including, but not limited to, acquisition of certain real property, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator.	\$284,850	14,243	270,607	40 years
K. Acquisition of Various Equipment for the Parks and Recreation Department including, but not limited to, Trench Digger Attachments, a Mower, Benches, and Recycling Trash Cans, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	68,048	3,403	64,645	5 years
L. Completion of Various Improvements for the Parks and Recreation Department, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	174,075	8,704	165,371	10 years
M. Acquisition of Office and Computer Equipment for Various Township Departments, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator	193,065	9,653	183,412	5 years
N.. Acquisition of Various Equipment for the Police Department, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly set forth in the information on file with the Township Administrator.	1,681,235	84,061	1,597,173	5 years
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,207,922</b>	<b>\$460,396</b>	<b>\$8,747,526</b>	

**Section 8.** Grants or monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of, obligations issued to finance, the costs of improvements described in Section 7 above.

**Section 9.** The average period of useful life of the several purposes for the financing of which this Bond Ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized for said several purposes is not less than 11.64 years.

**Section 10.** The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43, is

increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$8,747,526 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

**Section 11.** The full faith and credit of the Township are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

**Section 12.** The applicable Capital Budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended applicable Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

**Section 13.** The Township hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Township prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

**Section 14.** The Township hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

**Section 15.** The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Township may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

**Section 16.** In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Introduction : February 28, 2022

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Mayor  
David R. Mayer

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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 on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on March 14, 2022 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**ORDINANCE: SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)**

O-22-01 CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.  
There being no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R-22:02-057**

**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 \$ 1,281,675.64

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 155,193.90

**ANIMAL TRUST**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 520.00

**DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 45,101.00

**TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 8,382.18

**OPEN SPACE TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 8,382.18

**MANUAL CHECKS**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 10,549,869.31

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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 accept, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-22:02-058**

**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>
17908	21	Magnificencia Estaban 4 Oak Leaf Court Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2022	\$3,212.87	Duplicate Payment
20202	19	National Integrity Title 1 Holtec Drive, Suite 102 Marlton, NJ 08053	2022	\$1,729.71	Duplicate Payment
20601	4.03	Title America 185 W. White Horse Pike Berlin, NJ 08009 Attn: Jennifer Hayes	2022	\$6,076.32	Overpayment

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:02-059**

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN OR OTHER EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 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 for 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>
4401	60	Timothy Goddard	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 1/4/22	2022 QTR 1 – 3,366.44 2022 QTR 2 – 3,523.02 Assessment – 348,900
9504	20	Annamarie Altomare	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 1/23/22	2021 – 1,849.88 2022 – 2,774.79 Assessment – 274,800
20103	5	Orlando Maldonado	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 1/21/22	2021 – 1,744.78 2022 – 2,617.17 Assessment – 262,900

ADOPTED: February 28, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:02-060**

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

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

Refund for Building Permit:

Permit #20211944, 1848 Erial Clementon Rd: \$297.00

Payable to: Sunrun, Inc  
Attn: Stacey Williams-Ewan  
202 Commerce Dr. Ste 7  
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:02-061**

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

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

Refund for Building Permit:

Permit #20211864, 530 Price Ave: \$235.00

Payable to: Petro Home Services  
Attn: Anna Pilla  
800 State Rd  
Princeton, NJ 08540

ADOPTED: February 28, 2022



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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:02-062**

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

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

Refund for Building Permit:

Permit #20191659, 2035 Broadacres Dr:	\$130.00
Permit #20211730, 1244 Walnut Ave:	\$140.00
Permit #20211279, 725 Eden Ln:	\$140.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$410.00</b>

Payable to: Hutchinson Plumbing, Heating & Cooling  
Attn: Carl Canfield  
621 Chapel Ave  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:02-063**

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

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

Refund for Building Permit:

Permit #20210136, 140 W Central Ave:	\$65.00
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Payable to:

Cooper St Development  
Attn: Jeff Riley  
877 Edge Park Dr  
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:02-064**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR  
STREET ENCROACHMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant for the street encroachment application, S000040A – Fanelli Lane, has supplied the Township of Gloucester with a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$600.00 for a period of 2 years, and

**WHEREAS**, the period of 2 years has been fulfilled, 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 release of a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$600.00 in the name of The Bannett Group LTD.

The Bannett Group LTD  
1998 Springdale Rd  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

APPLICATION: S00040A  
PERMIT: 000040  
MAINTENANCE BOND: \$600.00

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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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 accept, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-22:02-065**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR  
44 GRAVER'S LANE BLOCK 7602 LOT 1.02 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the developer of 44 Graver's Lane has supplied the Township of Gloucester with a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$159.75; and

**WHEREAS**, the period of 2 years has been fulfilled.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the release of the established cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$159.75.

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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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 accept, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-22:02-066**

**RESOLUTION CONSIDERING APPLICATION OF LA CANTINA RESTAURANT,  
LLC CORPORATION FOR PERSON TO PERSON, PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER  
OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE HELD BY AMANDA'S  
HIDEAWAY, LLC LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0415-33-009-010**

**WHEREAS**, La Cantina Restaurant, LLC has made application for Person to Person and Place to Place transfer of a Plenary Retail Consumption License held by Amanda's Hideaway, LLC, and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said transfer has been duly published, and

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

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has disclosed and the authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business, and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business, and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has received a written and sworn affidavit by an authorized representative of both the transferor and transferee, affirming that the transferee is aware of all obligations outstanding to New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage manufacturers, wholesalers, and distributors, and that either the transferee has assumed any such obligations or the obligations have been or will be satisfied by the transferor out of the proceeds of the sale of the licensed business.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that the application of La Cantina Restaurant, LLC located at 630 Lower Landing Rd., Blackwood, NJ 08012 for the Person to Person, Place to Place Transfer of a Plenary Retail Consumption License which is currently In-Pocket be and is hereby approved.

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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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 accept, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-22:02-067**

**RESOLUTION CONSIDERING APPLICATION OF  
RUBY TUESDAY OPERATIONS, LLC FOR A PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF  
A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE HELD BY RUBY TUESDAY INC.  
DEBTOR IN POSSESSION LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0415-33-039-002 (IN-POCKET)**

**WHEREAS**, Ruby Tuesday Operations, LLC has made application for a Person to Person transfer of a Plenary Retail Consumption License held by Ruby Tuesday Inc. Debtor in Possession, LLC (In-Pocket), and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said transfer has been duly published, and

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

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has disclosed and the authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business, and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business, and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has received a written and sworn affidavit by an authorized representative of both the transferor and transferee, affirming that the transferee is aware of all obligations outstanding to New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage manufacturers, wholesalers, and distributors, and that either the transferee has assumed any such obligations or the obligations have been or will be satisfied by the transferor out of the proceeds of the sale of the licensed business.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that the application of Ruby Tuesday Operations, LLC for a Person to Person Transfer of a Plenary Retail Consumption License which is currently In-Pocket be and is hereby approved.

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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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 accept, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-22:02-068**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL AND SCENIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following person be and is hereby appointed to the Gloucester Township Historical and Scenic Preservation Committee

Phyllis K. Bonfield

02/28/2022 – 12/31/2025  
(Filling the unexpired term of Daniel Webster)

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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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 accept, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-22:02-069**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GLOUCESTER CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICAN  
BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM (ABPP) WITH THE CAMDEN COUNTY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
PROGRAM (NJHPO)**

**WHEREAS**, the Camden County Historical Society has received a grant from the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) which will be matched by the Camden County Open Space and Historic Preservation Program to create the Camden County American Revolution Trail signage and mobile audio app project, and

**WHEREAS**, the Camden County Historical Society has identified Gloucester Township for significant historical locations during the American Revolution including the Gabriel Daveis Tavern, Ashbrook Burial Ground, and Chews Landing, and

**WHEREAS**, the American Battlefield Protection Program and the New Jersey Historic Preservation Program (NJHPO) require local input and land owner approval of the proposed signs subject to installation issues that may arise including, but not limited to archeological review, the location of underground utilities, and any other subsurface matters, and

**WHEREAS**, the Camden County Historical Society requests assistance in working with the property owners on sign location agreements, and

**WHEREAS**, the Camden County Historical Society would request the assistance of the Gloucester Township Public Works Department for installation of the sign in the fall of 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester hereby supports preliminary approval of the proposed sites as shown in the attached photos at the Gabriel Daveis Tavern, Ashbrook Burial Ground, and Chews Landing subject to approvals by the ABPP, NJHPO, Camden County, the Borough of Mount Ephraim, and the Mount Ephraim Board of Education.

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-22:02-070

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ADOPTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM  
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the Township of Gloucester applied for and was awarded a Neighborhood Preservation Program (“NPP”) designation for the Arts District NPP Neighborhood in Blackwood by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“NJDCA”); and

**WHEREAS** this designation includes award funding in the amount of at least \$125,000 per year for 5 years to start January 1, 2022 and end December 31, 2026 for Community and Economic Development improvements to the Arts District NPP Neighborhood target area; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the grant is to design and implement a wide range of initiatives to restore a favorable climate for investment and to improve the quality of life for the residents and businesses of this neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the grant, the NJDCA requires that an Implementation Plan be prepared which delineates the activities of the NPP program and describes the manner in which the grant funds will be expended. The plan covers a one-year period (January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022) and contains a possible strategy for four years following subsequently (January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026) and must be submitted to the NJDCA for review and approval prior to program implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, said Implementation Plan has been completed pursuant with the required citizen input and other related State mandates and approved by the NJDCA;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby approve the Arts District NPP Neighborhood Implementation Plan including the accompanying Budget and Policy and Procedure Guidelines and further authorizes submission of these documents to the NJDCA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is hereby authorized to expend funds in accordance with said Plan upon Plan approval by the NJDCA.

Adopted: February 28, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township of Gloucester  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to pull the resolution from consent agenda and move to regular agenda, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-22:02-71

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE  
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO RETIRE K-9 OFFICER  
“SARGE” AND TO PURCHASE “ACE” FROM GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE  
OFFICER MICHAEL PRZEWORSKI AS K-9 REPLACEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Gloucester Township Police Department has determined that K-9 police dog “Sarge” is no longer capable of performing the duties of a K-9 officer; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized retired K-9 police dogs fair better through the adoption to the police officer assigned to the K-9 police dog; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement to authorize the Gloucester Township Police Department to facilitate the adoption of the retired K-9 police dog “Sarge” to police officer Michael Przeworski; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement with police officer Michael Przeworski that K-9 police dog “Sarge” will not be used in any capacity relating to any activities associated with the Gloucester Township Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement that the Gloucester Township Police Department will be held harmless for all responsibilities associated with the former K-9 police dog “Sarge”.

**WHEREAS**, Gloucester Township Police Officer Michael Przeworski desires to sell his Belgian Malinois canine dog known as “Ace” to the Gloucester Township Police Department for the consideration of \$1.00 as the replacement for K-9 Officer “Sarge”; and

**WHEREAS**, this would result in a considerable savings for the Gloucester Township Police Department and the residents of Gloucester Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gloucester Township Police Department is in agreement to purchase canine “Ace” with the signing of a contract and a hold harmless and indemnification agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloucester Township Police Officer Michael Przeworski and canine “Ace” will be enrolled in the K-9 police academy to facilitate the required training to become a certified K-9 Officer; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that retired K-9 police dog “Sarge” will be adopted by police officer Michael Przeworski and will not be used in any activities associated with Gloucester Township Police Department be and is hereby approved.

**AND BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester authorizes the Gloucester Township Police Department to purchase and canine “Ace” from Gloucester Township Police Officer Michael Przeworski for the consideration of \$1.00 as replacement for K-9 “Sarge” with the signing of a contract and hold harmless and indemnification agreement.

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Orlando Mercado  
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**R-22:02-070**

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Mr. Jake Botticello of Triad Associates presented a summary of the NPP Program and a timeline of events. Mr. Botticello explained the program is a guide with flexible funding.

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to accept, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-22:02-072**

**RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION RESERVES IN THE CY 2021 CURRENT FUND BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, certain CY 2021 Budget Appropriation Reserve balances are expected to be insufficient for the remainder of the year;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59, the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriation reserves during the first 3 months of the succeeding year:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations in the CY 2021 Budget of the Township of Gloucester, as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>Inside the Cap</u>			
1-01-20-110-004-200	Public Information OE		\$2,000.00
1-01-25-240-000-200	Police SW	\$37,000.00	
1-01-26-290-000-200	Streets OE		15,000.00
1-01-26-305-000-200	Sanitation OE		15,000.00
1-01-26-315-000-200	Vehicle Maintenance OE		2,000.00
1-01-31-435-000-200	Street Lighting OE		1,000.00
1-01-31-460-000-200	Gasoline OE		1,500.00
1-01-43-490-000-200	Municipal Court OE		500.00
		\$37,000.00	\$ 37,000.00

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**GT E-GOV ACCESS:**

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

*In October of 2006, The Housing Authority purchased 15 acres of block 12301, lot 1. Gloucester Township purchased 10 acres of that land from the Housing Authority in 2012. Senior Campus 1 was built on the other 5 acres. The remainder of Block 12301, lot 1, is included in the Township's current Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. The plan allows for 370 multifamily units, 20% of which will be affordable.*

*A report from the Planning Board to Council from 2005, entitled Lakeland Complex Phase 1 (Block 12301) Redevelopment Plan, indicated that Block 12301;*

- "has some special environmental issues due to the location of the County hospital's former landfill, power plant and a closed sewage treatment plant."*
- "The now-demolished hospital wings also may have been contaminated with lead paint and asbestos."*
- "All future redevelopment projects should require restrictive covenants in their property deeds to notify future owners of the site's potential contamination, remediation and usage limitations."*

*My questions are;*

- 1. Was a NJDEP-acceptable Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation analysis to identify and evaluate contamination issues completed on any of the land in Block 12301?*
- 2. Was any of the contamination remediated?*
- 3. Was a "No Further Action" letter received from the NJDEP for Block 12301?*

Mr. Mercado read a response from the township's redevelopment engineer, Mr. Bach responding to Mrs. Coyne's questions.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked council how banking the cap is advantageous for tax payers. Mr. Cardis explained. A discussion was held regarding the cap. Mr. Polidoro asked council if they would forgo banking the tax levy. Mr. Cardis explained. A discussion was held.

Shaunessy Smithman of Millbridge Gardens expressed her concerns with the community having access to the municipality's nonemergency phone number.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates thanked the police for their community engagement. Mr. Krugg asked if there is an update regarding the implementation of the Blackwood West Amended Redevelopment Plan through Council. Mr. Mercado explained. Mr. Krugg explained the NPP program differs from the Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Krugg explained that small business owners have a difficult time coming into the township when dealing with the construction department. Mr. Mercado explained the administration has been made aware and has implemented personnel changes in the construction department.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked how much money remains in the business grant program. Mr. Botticello stated \$75,000. Mr. Sweet asked why residents cannot join the NPP committee. Mr. Botticello stated the committee is full, but there are residents servicing on the committee. Mr. Sweet asked council to wait on borrowing funds until the state designates how Covid funds be used. Mr. Cardis explained.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked for an update to the lease agreement for Resonate Bliss. Mr. Carlamere explained. Mr. Heinbaugh asked when the unaudited financial statement would be available. Mr. Cardis responded. Mr. Heinbaugh asked for feedback during the department head budget meetings. Mr. Cardis responded. Mr. Heinbaugh asked how the Fair Share Settlement agreement was received by the courts. Mr. Carlamere clarified.

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

**POLLING OF DIRECTORS:**

Chief Harkins stated the police department provided assistance to the Pennsauken Police Department when one of their officers passed away suddenly. Chief Harkins stated Winslow Mayor Barry Wright passed away.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Ms. Grace wished everyone a good night.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a great week.

Mrs. Stubbs thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Mr. Mercado stated April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Easter Bunny Brunch at the Rec Center. Mr. Mercado stated the following Saturday is the Gloucester Township 5K benefiting the Scholarship Committee.

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power, RMC  
Township Clerk

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Council President  
Orlando Mercado