

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2018
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation: Father Joe Ganiel

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:	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
	Mr. Owens	Mrs. Ehret, CFO
	Mrs. Stubbs – abs.	Mrs. Power, Twp. Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Winters	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mr. Mignone	Captain Barton, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Polidoro of Erial asked if resolution R:18-07-202, regarding the Gloucester Township Arts District, is an existing arts district or a plan to develop an arts district in that area. Mr. Mercado stated that this is a new designation that will allow the township to seek out grants for the arts through the state. Mr. Polidoro asked if the township was looking into private investments to build this area up as an arts district. Mr. Mercado stated that anything is on the table. There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING- PUBLIC HEARING

O-18:08 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, “CONTROL FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, the public hearing was closed.

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

O-18:09 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81-31 ENTITLED “SPEED LIMITS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER REDUCING THE SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT TO 25 MPH WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT ALONG EVESHAM ROAD (C.R. #544) AT THE ENTRANCE AND OR EXIT OF ST. THERESA REGIONAL SCHOOL IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, the public hearing was closed.

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

O-18:10 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 AMENDING ORDINANCE O-11-17 COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE INTERCHANGE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO PERMIT AN INDOOR AMUSEMENT PARK AS AN ACCESSORY USE

Mr. Carlamere stated that he was advised by Mr. Lechner that the planning board has not met regarding this ordinance. Mr. Carlamere stated that because this ordinance deals with land use, the planning board must meet and provide a recommendation before council may vote on this ordinance.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:
CONSENT AGENDA**

R-18:07-201

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 \$ 392,108.26

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 501,381.12

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 22,689.39

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 454.90

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 26,972.48

Adopted: July 9, 2018

Council President
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Mr. Owens stated that he abstains from PO 1803243. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-18:07-202

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
CERTIFICATION OF AN ARTS DISTRICT TO BE NAMED: "THE GLOUCESTER
TOWNSHIP ARTS DISTRICT"**

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has determined the designation of an Arts District within the Township of Gloucester will enhance economic vitality, community life and a participation in the arts and humanities through cultural experiences unique to the Township of Gloucester, and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Township Council have determined the designation of an arts district will encourage public/private interest in support of the development within the designated district.

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

- Article 1. Designates the areas between East Lake Ave. and Prospect Ave. along the Black Horse Pike as the Gloucester Township Arts District.

- Article 2. The Arts District promotes the exploration of and participation in the arts and humanities through cultural experiences unique to our community.
- Article 3. Endorses the goals of economic vitality and enhancing community life through participating in the development and financial support of the Arts District.
- Article 4. Encourages that all residents of the Township of Gloucester and County of Camden and especially those who own property or businesses within said cultural district to involve themselves and participate in the full development of the Arts District.
- Article 5. Encourages the development of incentives to stimulate and encourage the vitality of said arts district.
- Article 6. Directs Township staff to actively support and encourage the economics of the arts and humanities in said cultural district.

Adopted: July 9, 2018

 Council President
 Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

 Township Clerk, RMC
 Nancy Power

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

R-18:07-203

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
 GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING
 THE ACCEPTANCE OF A HOT DOG FOOD CART FROM DELUXE BAKERY FOR
 USE BY THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR
 COMMUNITY EVENTS**

WHEREAS. Deluxe Bakery located at 680 East Clements Bridge Road, Runnemede, New Jersey desires to donate a hot dog food cart to the Gloucester Township Police Department for Community Events; and

WHEREAS. The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement to accept the donation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the donation of a hot dog food cart by Deluxe Bakery be and is hereby accepted.

Adopted: July 9, 2018

 Council President
 Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

 Township Clerk, RMC
 Nancy Power

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

R-18:07-204

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF ENCROACHMENT
 DEPOSITS**

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

CREEKVIEW DEVELOPMENT CO., LLC
318 OAK AVE.
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002

APPLICATION # 215404

PERMIT: 10945

AMOUNT: 150.00

Adopted: July 9, 2018

ATTEST:

Council President
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-18:07-205

**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 number 20172777 in the amount of \$65.00.

Payable to: Dasan Building Group, LLC
Attn: Dianna Estabrook
242 Route 156, Suite C
Yardville, NJ 08620

ADOPTED: July 9, 2018

ATTEST:

Council President
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-18:07-206

**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 number 20172701 in the amount of \$288.00.

Payable to: Code Green Solar
523 Hollywood Ave
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

ADOPTED: July 9, 2018

Council President
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-18:07-207

**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 number 20141508 in the amount of \$148.00.

Payable to: Jeffrey Milano
19 Bellissimo Ct
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

ADOPTED: July 9, 2018

Council President
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-18:07-208

**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 number 20180693 in the amount of \$238.00.

Payable to: Sunrun, Inc
Attn: Stacey Williams-Ewan
20 West Stowe Rd, Suite 2
Marlton, NJ 08053

ADOPTED: July 9, 2018

Council President
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-18:07-209

**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 number 20180951 in the amount of \$136.00.

Payable to: John's AC & Heat
Attn: John Brown
119 Harding Ave
Bellmawr, NJ 08031

ADOPTED: July 9, 2018

Council President
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-18:06-210

**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 number 20150932 in the amount of \$246.00.

Payable to: Mid Atlantic Systems of DPN
Attn: Kristin Sinclair
802 Interchange Blvd
Newark, DE 19711

ADOPTED: July 9, 2018

Council President
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-18:07-211

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

WHEREAS, Township of Gloucester ("GT") and the Gloucester Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("GTMUA") have determined that the use of GTMUA's "EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTRACT with R.D. ZEULI, INC.", awarded pursuant to GTMUA Resolution

R-06-17-66 on June 15, 2017, with a one year extension awarded pursuant to GTMUA Resolution R-05-18-50 on May 17, 2018, will be beneficial and cost effective to Gloucester Township and it's taxpayers; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted: July 9, 2018

Council President
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power
Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion carried. 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

R-18:07-212

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ACCEPTING THE 2017 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 2017 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: July 9, 2018

Council President
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester at a meeting held on July 9, 2018.

Township Clerk, RMC

NO PHOTOCOPIES OF SIGNATURES

GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM

CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNING BODY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF CAMDEN

We, members of the governing body of the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected (or appointed) members of the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester in the county of Camden.
2. In the performance of our duties, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the Annual Municipal Audit filed with the Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 for the year 2016.
3. We certify that we have personally reviewed and are familiar with, as a minimum, the sections of the Annual Report of Audit entitled FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OR FINDING AND QUESTIONED COSTS:

(L.S.) _____

Sworn and subscribed before
me this _____ day of
_____, 20__.

Notary Public of New Jersey

The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholder as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

IMPORTANT: This certificate must be sent to the Bureau of Financial Regulation and Assistance, Division of Local Government Services, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

GT E-GOV ACCESS

Denise Durr of Blackwood made the following statement:

- 1. *I bought my house three years ago. It is going on the market in exactly three weeks all because of taxes. My parents bought a house in Valleybrook last year and pay \$7,800, retired and not using a damn thing in this township. I am talking them into selling. This is outrageous.*

Dean Barrone of Blue Jay Drive asked the following question:

- 1. *Why can't we get Verizon Fios in my area? I understand NJ state mandated Verizon provide services in certain areas. Why can't Gloucester Township become a mandated area? Why isn't Verizon offering 100% service in Gloucester Township? Comcast has a monopoly here and use that as leverage to raise their rates almost monthly. We have nowhere to turn for relief. Mr. Mercado stated that Comcast has a 15 year agreement with the township but that is not exclusive to just Comcast. If a cable company wanted to come into Gloucester Township, they have every right. Mr. Mercado stated that he cannot answer why Verizon has not come into the township. Mr. Mercado suggested contacting Verizon directly.*

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Sweet of Erial questioned why the township is looking to purchase 120 E Church St, the old PNC Bank. Mr. Mercado stated that this area is part of the Blackwood Redevelopment area. Mr. Lechner stated that Green Acres funds will be used to buy the lot. Mr. Sweet asked what project is happening on Jarvis Road across from Union Valley that was on the council agenda with Remington and Vernick on March 20th. Mr. Lechner stated it was a 50 lot major subdivision for residential single family homes.

Mr. Brown of Sicklerville stated he moved to Mulberry Station in 2011. Mr. Brown's taxes are now over \$9,000. Mr. Brown's taxes went up over \$2,300 in five years and is pushing people out of our area. Mr. Brown asked what the township and council are doing for people, who make under \$50k to pay for their homes. Mr. Brown asked what the township is doing to attract people. Mr. Mercado stated the township offers services, concerts in park, parks are jammed pack. Mr. Mercado stated that .28 cents of each dollar in taxes goes to services that the township provide such as police protection, trash removal, parks. Mr. Brown stated that he no longer receives a newsletter. Mr. Mercado stated that he will send the newsletter to Mr. Brown electronically. Mr.

Brown stated that his road was microsurfaced 3 years ago and that he was told the life span is only 5 years. Mr. Brown asked what the township is going to do after 5 years. Mr. Mercado stated that they have already discussed the cost of completely redoing the roads. Mr. Chadwell from Remington & Vernick stated that it is approximately \$1 million a mile to completely redo a road. Mr. Polidoro of Erial asked for the status on the Township's appeal of distressed property sales being considered in comps. Mr. Mercado asked Mr. Carlamere to reach out to Long's office for an update for the next council meeting. Mr. Polidoro stated that the state upped the gas price by taxing gasoline and asked if any of that money trickles down to the townships to offset road repairs. Mr. Chadwell stated that most of the funds went to North Jersey but some did trickle down. Mr. Chadwell stated that the municipal aid allotment can be located on the NJDOT website.

Peter Heignbaugh of Morning Star Court asked if the project on Little Gloucester Road and Hider Lane was abandoned by the developer because the sale sign went back up. Mr. Mercado stated that the sale sign never came down and that the project was denied. Mr. Lechner stated the developer only had 45 days to appeal and has not. Mr. Heignbaugh asked what was discussed about the property located at 44 Coles Road on the previous workshop agenda. Mr. Mercado stated it was about selling the property. Mr. Carlamere stated a private buyer was looking into purchasing. Mr. Heignbaugh asked what the long list of property tax appeals where Gloucester Township was the plaintiff was about. Mr. Carlamere stated that these are for the distressed properties that the tax assessor was looking to appeal. Mr. Heignbaugh asked who does the township hire for these cases. Mr. Carlamere stated Long. Mr. Heignbaugh asked if there had been attempts to sell the property at 120 E Church Street on the open market before using Green Acres funds to buy it. Mr. Mercado stated that it is private property, has been vacant for close to 15 years, and gives opportunity for parking leading into downtown Blackwood. Mr. Heignbaugh asked if the Fair Housing Agreement was settled in June. Mr. Carlamere stated the court ruled in favor of the township and our plan has been accepted and now we have some compliance steps to fulfill through a period of time. Mr. Heignbaugh asked if the developer gets a subsidy for affordable housing. Mr. Mercado stated that some developers make all units uniform and some make the units a little smaller. Mr. Lechner stated that the units have to meet the affordable housing code in New Jersey.

Mr. Ball of Winding Way asked if houses rented are registered. Mr. Mercado stated that landlords are supposed to register their properties for a \$50 one time fee. Mr. Ball asked if there is a database. Mrs. Power stated that there is a sequential log. Mrs. Power stated it is a state statute to be registered in order to evict. Mrs. Power stated it is a running list from 2008 but that does not mean the list is accurate because the clerk's office is not notified if there is a change with the property. Mr. Ball asked about vehicles over 3 tons parked on residential streets. Captain Barton stated that he would check overnight. Mr. Ball stated North Jersey implements parking permits and asked if the township is considering this. Mr. Mercado stated it is not something that has been considered. Joanne Carr of Timberbireh asked if there is a protocol in place if people come to the tax office and state that they are in trouble. Mr. Mercado stated that he wasn't aware of anything but money from CDBG provides counseling for individuals. Mrs. Erhet stated that there are some options from the state for seniors and veterans. Mrs. Carr stated that more developments are being applied for and asked what the longevity of the roads are in these new developments. Mrs. Carr asked if the township could push the developer to use better quality products for their roads. Mr. Mercado stated that there are inspections that take place. Mr. Chadwell explained the road improvement program. Mrs. Carr asked why aren't we delaying new development since we are having difficulty repairing old roads. Mr. Mercado stated that he disagreed. Mr. Lechner stated that there are state guidelines and codes for streets, otherwise every town would require different streets.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked if the Royal Farms property is actually going to be a Royal Farms. Mr. Mercado stated yes. Mr. Sweet asked when. Mr. Lechner stated that the construction plans are under review. Mr. Sweet stated that 12 year old Erial boys won district tonight. Mr. Sweet asked if he could request the Police hot dog cart for National Night Out.

Mr. Brown of Mulberry Station stated that the Homestead Rebate was cut in half from last year's state budget and does not help residents.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison stated that he was driving through neighboring towns on Saturday and asked his wife if she noticed a difference. Mr. Hutchison stated there is a stark difference between our town and others and high taxes are not a problem unique to Gloucester Township.

Mr. Owens thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the first responders.

Mrs. Williams congratulated the Erial Baseball team and wanted to recognize four traveling hockey teams with Gloucester Township residents on them.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming and stated that the coach of the 12 year old boys' Erial team is a 19 year old who went through the Erial program.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a good night.

Mr. Mercado stated that Thursday is movie night in the park. Mr. Mercado thanked the first responders and stated the upcoming food truck festival will benefit the scholarship committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Council President
Orlando Mercado

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC