

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 2020
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:	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mrs. Stubbs	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Winters-via telephone	Mr. Lechner, Community Development-abs.
	Mr. Mignone	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer - abs.
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked Council to extend the public portion. Mr. Mercado granted the time extension for the second public portion. Mr. Polidoro expressed it is difficult to hear members sitting at the lower table via the telephone conference.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked who is the incumbent Risk Management Consultant. Mr. Cardis replied Connor Strong. Mr. Heinbaugh asked if there is a tax levy increase in the introduced budget. Mr. Cardis said yes, approximately 10.8 cents.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked if the taxes were being increased. Mr. Cardis said yes. A discussion was held regarding property taxes. Mr. Sweet asked if the township is applying for a grant prior to construction of a playground. Mr. Mercado stated yes. A discussion was held regarding playground equipment.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates asked if the ordinance is for an electronic road sign. Mr. Carlamere explained the ordinance is to permit a billboard within that specific redevelopment zone. A discussion was held regarding billboards. Mr. Mercado invited Mr. Krug to attend the upcoming planning board meeting via zoom.

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

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

O-20-06

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 AMENDING ORDINANCE O-15-08 COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE COLLEGE DRIVE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO ALLOW ONE (1) OFF-PREMISE SIGN ON BLOCK 13103, LOT 2 AS A PERMITTED USE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

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

WHEREAS, in order to stimulate redevelopment the Township has adopted by Ordinance O-15-08 the College Drive Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the College Drive Redevelopment Plan, as amended by Ordinances O-15-08 and O-19-12, encompasses an area known as the College Drive Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the College Drive Redevelopment Plan provides a broad overview for the planning, development, and redevelopment of vacant and underutilized land; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that more specific plans are necessary in order to effectuate the redevelopment of certain areas within the College Drive Redevelopment Area; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined to further amend the College Drive Redevelopment Plan as it pertains to the permitted uses and bulk and area standards for Block 13103, Lot 2 within the Township of Gloucester; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and accepted the recommendation of the Planning Board and has determined to adopt this amendment to the College Drive Redevelopment Plan for Block 13103, Lot 2; and

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

SECTION 1. The Township Council does hereby determine that Section 3.1 of the College Drive Redevelopment Plan titled “College Drive Redevelopment District (CD-RD)” is amended to add the following new subsection:

L. REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS FOR OFF-PREMISE ADVERTISING.

Signs for Off-Premise Advertising shall comply with the following requirements, unless relief is granted by the appropriate land use board pursuant to Section 3.2 of the College Drive Redevelopment Plan.

1. One (1) multiple message sign as defined by N.J.A.C 16:41C-2.1, Definitions for off-premise advertising shall be a permitted use on Block 13103, Lot 2 in the College Drive Redevelopment District subject to the following requirements:
 - a. The off-premise sign shall only be allowed along the frontage of NJ State Route 42.
 - b. The front setback of the off-premise sign along the right-of-way of NJ State Route 42 shall not exceed ten (10) feet.
 - c. Not more than one sign face or display shall be visible to traffic traveling in the same direction.
 - d. The maximum width of the advertising surface area of the sign shall be forty eight (48) feet. The maximum height of the advertising surface area of the sign shall be fourteen (14) feet, and the maximum advertising surface area of the sign shall be six hundred seventy two (672) square feet.
 - e. The maximum height of the sign as measure from grade to the top of the advertising surface shall be seventy five (75) feet.
 - f. The sign shall not advertise tobacco or any tobacco products or their use and consumption.
 - g. The sign shall not be attached to any building.
 - h. The Sign shall be constructed of permanent materials and shall be permanently attached to the ground by direct attachment to a rigid wall, frame, or structure.
 - i. The sign shall provide a limited access to its structure to avoid climbing upon or unauthorized access to the structure.
 - j. The sign shall not present a blank or unused advertising display for more than a sixty (60) day period. If a commercial or charitable message is not present, then a public service message must be presented.
 - k. In all other respects the sign shall comply with the N.J.A.C. Chapter 41C, Roadside Control and Outdoor Advertising and as may be amended.

2. Prevalent Land Use

- a. The College Drive Redevelopment Plan provides a large variety of office and commercial land uses and for the purpose of the State’s Roadside Control and Outdoor Advertising regulations, the prevalent land use in the College Drive Redevelopment Area shall be considered commercial unless or until a sufficient number of residential units are constructed and received certificate of occupancies within 660 feet of the highway right-of-way such that the prevalent land use could no longer be considered commercial under the provisions of the States’ Roadside Control and Outdoor Advertising regulations.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication according to law.

Introduced: May 11, 2020

 Mayor
 David Mayer

ATTEST:

 Township Clerk, RMC
 Nancy Power

 President of Council
 Orlando Mercado

Mr. Mercado stated the ordinance shall be amended to read Lot 2, 3, and 3.01.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on May 27, 2020 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

**RESOLUTIONS
 CONSENT AGENDA:**

R-20:05-093

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:

<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>	
Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 8,706,539.29
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	
Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 75,597.00
<u>TRUST</u>	
Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 29,097.78
<u>ANIMAL</u>	
Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 13,108.40
<u>DEVELOPERS ESCROW</u>	
Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 4,320.00
<u>MANUAL CHECKS</u>	
Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 7,450.21

Adopted: May 11, 2020

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: Mr. Owens abstained from Purchase Order 20-01926. All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

R-20:05-094

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDING OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to authorize refunding of the following credit balances:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME AND ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
10404	16	Leo Foglio 625 Taranto Ave. Blackwood, NJ 08012	2020	\$4,500.00	Overpayment

ADOPTED: May 11, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

R-20:05-095

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has awarded the Township of Gloucester a Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant (#20-0415) in the amount of \$90,000 for the purpose of partially funding the salary of four (4) police officers which foster a safer community and enable the continued implementation of the holistic Broken Windows approach from May 9, 2020 to May 8, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester will provide “fringe benefit” matching funds, and **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, Camden County, New Jersey, that the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant (#20-0415) in the amount of \$90,000.00 is hereby gratefully accepted.

Adopted: May 11, 2020

Attest:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

R-20:05-096

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR A GRANT FOR RECREATION FACILITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FOR THE LAUREL HILL PLAY STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Camden County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund has made available to the municipalities of Camden County, a grant for Recreation Facility Enhancement Project for the Laurel Hill Play Structure in the amount of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester is desirous of making improvements to the Laurel Hill Play Structure;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an application to the Camden County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 for Recreation Facility Enhancement Project for the Laurel Hill Play Structure.

Adopted: May 11, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stubbs abstained. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-20:05-097

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR A GRANT FOR RECREATION FACILITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FOR THE WOODS EDGE PLAY STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Camden County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund has made available to the municipalities of Camden County, a grant for Recreation Facility Enhancement Project for the Woods Edge Play Structure in the amount of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester is desirous of making improvements to the Woods Edge Play Structure;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an application to the Camden County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation, and Historic

Preservation Trust Fund for grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 for Recreation Facility Enhancement Project for the Woods Edge Play Structure.

Adopted: May 11, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stubbs abstained. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-20:05-098

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION FOR VETERAN'S PARK GAZEBO RENTALS DUE TO COVID-19

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following list of refunds are necessary due to Covid-19 which resulted in the cancellation of the gazebo rentals at the Veteran's Park location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the following refunds be and are hereby authorized:

Lakeisha Gordon (Jack & Jill of America) 10 Amherst Ct. Blackwood, NJ 08012	Rental Receipt #223261	\$60.00
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Danielle Ritz 1000 Melvin Ave. Glendora, NJ 08029	Rental Receipt #223177	\$60.00
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Adopted: May 11, 2020

President of Council
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. 7-0.

R-20:05-099

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITING OF RFP/RFQ VIA THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AS REQUIRED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester has resolved to join the Camden County

Municipal Joint Insurance Fund following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said Funds require that each Municipality appoint a RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT to perform various professional services as detailed in the by-laws; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fund Commissioners established a fee equal to (6%) of the Municipal assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and was included in the cost considered by the Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is hereby authorized to solicit RFP/RFQ’s via the Gloucester Township website for a Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the respective specifications as established in the bylaws of the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Adopted: May 11, 2020

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. 7-0.

R-20:05-100

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDING OF TAXES DUE TO EXISTING MUNICIPAL LIENS ON PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, taxes for the following properties were paid by the Mortgage Company and the properties already have a municipal lien against them,

AND WHEREAS, by State statue, the municipal lien must be paid current before any payments can be accepted,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Township of Gloucester to authorize the refunding of the following amounts to Wells Fargo and post the taxes on the existing municipal liens:

BLOCK & LOT	NAME & ADDRESS	AMOUNT	REASON
4708 12	WELLS FARGO	\$251.81	Municipal Lien
4708 14	WELLS FARGO	\$120.47	Municipal Lien

Adopted: May 11, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

**RESOLUTIONS
REGULAR AGENDA:**

R-20:05-101

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PROCESS THIRD QUARTER “ESTIMATED”

TAX BILLS, DUE AUGUST 1, 2020

WHEREAS, in light of the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak, the State delayed the adoption of the State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) cannot certify State Aid allocations to municipal budgets until State Aid Appropriations are known; and

WHEREAS, the DLGS cannot approve municipal budgets and the County Board of Taxation cannot certify taxes until after the June 30, 2020 deadline to process third quarter tax bills due August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, without an adopted 2020 Municipal Budget and without a 2020 Certified Tax Rate, the Tax Collector cannot process the final 2020 Tax Levy; and

WHEREAS, the DLGS “strongly recommends” under Local Finance Notice 2020-07 that municipalities prepare to issue estimated property tax bills for 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, computed and certified an estimated Tax Levy necessary to bill third quarter taxes due August 1, 2020

WHEREAS, the general tax rate is anticipated to be \$4.049 per \$100 assessed valuation resulting in a \$179,594,238.07 levy in 2020 which is equal to 102.55% of the 2019 tax levy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey on this 11th day of May, 2020, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to process estimated tax bills for the third quarterly installment of 2020 taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the third quarterly installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10, 2020 or the twenty-fifth (25) calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

Adopted: May 11, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

R-20:05-102

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTRODUCTION AND PROVIDING NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council, of the Township of Gloucester, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Gloucester Township Municipal Budget for the year 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary of said Municipal Budget shall be published in *The Courier Post* on May 19th, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that full copies of said Municipal Budget shall be available for public inspection, beginning on May 12th, 2020 upon request to the Gloucester Township Clerk’s Office (Due to COVID-19 the Township Clerk’s Office is currently closed, however requests can be made for a copy of the budget at GTCLerk@glotwp.com and is available on the Township’s website at www.glotwp.com;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Public Hearing and Final Adoption on the 2020 Municipal Budget will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building located at 1261 Chews Landing Road at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8th, 2020, at which time and place inquiries and objections to said Municipal Budget may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons. In the event the Municipal Building is closed due to COVID-19 Special Instructions will be provided in the meeting agenda.

Adopted: May 11, 2020

President of Council
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. 7-0.

R-20:05-103

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended on August 7, 2017 before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Adopted: May 11, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion carried. 7-0.

R-20:05-104

RESOLUTION APPROVING OPEN SPACE TAX LEVY FOR 2020

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services has

determined the requirement for approval of the Local Municipal Open Space Tax Rate for the municipality for Calendar year 2020, and

WHEREAS, the procedure provides for the calculation of a Municipal Tax Open Space Levy on the basis of an Open Space Trust fund as approved by the voters of the Township of Gloucester via referendum on November 6, 2001, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester via resolution R-02:02-070 has authorized a Trust Account entitled Open Space Trust Fund and said account is to be dedicated by rider to the Budget of the Township of Gloucester in accordance with P.L. 1997, Chapter 24, N.J.S.A 40:12-15.7 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Municipal Open Space Tax Levy is hereby approved reflecting a separate Municipal Open Space Tax Levy of \$887,011.00 with certified rateables of \$4,435,054.600.00 resulting in a rate of .02 per \$100 of assessed value of the calendar year 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be filed with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services and with Camden County Board of Taxation.

Adopted: May 11, 2020

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked if the \$10 million payment to the county was going to occur in four days. Mr. Mercado replied yes. A discussion was held regarding property taxes and a tax anticipation note. Mr. Heinbaugh asked why the township would be issuing estimating tax bills. Mr. Cardis explained the Division of Local Government Services strongly suggested the use of estimated tax bills.

Sam Sweet of Erial inquired about Erial Park from the last workshop agenda. Mr. Mercado explained the project is paused at this time. A discussion was held regarding Erial Park.

Ray Polidoro of Erial expressed his concerns with following the State of New Jersey's guidelines.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates asked council to go through this budget with a fine tooth comb looking for cost savings opportunities.

Sam Sweet of Erial continued the discussion regarding Erial Park.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked council to consider rescinding the open space tax. A discussion was held regarding the open space tax.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked council the amount of funds held in the tax levy bank. A discussion was held regarding the tax levy bank.

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

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Chief Harkins stated the police department continues to receive great support from the community with numerous donations of food and masks to the police department.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison wished everyone to remain safe.

Mr. Owens thanked everyone who joined the meeting tonight. Mr. Owens thanked Chief Harkins, his department, first responders, and public works employees.

Mrs Stubbs wished everyone to stay safe.

Mrs. Winters thanked the first responders and wished them a Happy Law Enforcement week.

Mr. Mignone thanked the first responders and essential employees.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for what they are doing to keep everyone safe.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone who joined the meeting and asked everyone to keep all of the township residents in their thoughts and prayers. Mr. Mercado asked residents to keep referring to the township website for updates.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC

Council President
Orlando Mercado