

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 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:	Miss Grace	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs –abs.	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto –abs.	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:

Council President Mercado introduced and Mayor Mayer swore in Miss Carolyn Grace to the position of Council Member.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates inquired to the resolution added. Mr. Chadwell of Remington & Vernick Engineers clarified. Mr. Krugg asked for clarification regarding the online tax sale hosting services and the process that leads up to a tax sale. Mr. Cardis clarified.

Sam Sweet of Erial inquired to the tax sale process. Mr. Cardis clarified. Mr. Sweet asked if the township is eligible for county funds. Mr. Mercado stated it will be reviewed.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates asked for clarification regarding The Reserves at Independence Square. Mr. Lechner clarified.

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

BID REPORT:

**ONLINE TAX SALE HOSTING SERVICES
BIDS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 @ 12:00 PM**

CONTRACTOR

BID AMOUNT

Realauction.com, LLC

\$15.00 per property advertised

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

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES:

Executive Session: September 9, 2020

**Regular Session: September 14, 2020
September 28, 2020**

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Miss Grace abstained. Mrs. Winters abstained from September 14th and 28th. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0.

PROCLAMATION: “CHILDREN’S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY”

The Township clerk read the Proclamation

RESOLUTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

R-20:10-236

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 \$ 7,424,517.39

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 168,617.84

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 34,141.50

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 68,008.30

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 19,998.80

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 5,836.50

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 284,280.03

Adopted: October 14, 2020

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:10-237

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:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME AND ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
12610	12	Pablo Galvano 225 Frankford Ave. Blackwood, NJ 08012	2020	\$1,914.81	Duplicate Payment
14903	11	CoreLogic 3001 Hackberry Rd. Irving, TX 75063	2020	\$3,298.14	Overpayment

ADOPTED: October 14, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:10-238

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN OR OTHER EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 2020 FOURTH QUARTER & 2021 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 2020 fourth quarter & 2021 and refund any resulting credit balances.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount to be Credited
14003	8	Jonathan Ferris	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	4th Qtr. Tax – 3,381.60 1 st Half 2021 – 6,569.60
15905	3	Eric Warren	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	4th Qtr. Tax – 2,695.55 1 st Half 2021 – 5,241.60
17902	4.14	Keith Donaldson	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	4th Qtr. Tax – 2,920.52 1 st Half 2021 – 5,679.07
19003	45	Lyndora Dickerson	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	4th Qtr. Tax – 2,341.59 1 st Half 2021 – 4,683.17

ADOPTED: October 14, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:10-239

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND REALAUCTION.COM, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for Online Tax Sale Hosting Services; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been provided; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council received bids or proposals/quotes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the proper Township Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Realauktion.com, LLC for Online Tax Sale Hosting Services in the amount of \$15.00 per line

item payable by delinquent property owners. This agreement shall be effective for the time period of the 2020 Tax Sale.

Adopted: October 14, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:10-240

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP FOP LODGE 206 - SUPERIOR OFFICERS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Agreement between the Township of Gloucester and FOP Lodge 206 AGTSO@ Gloucester Township Superior Officers effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 be and is hereby approved and accepted and the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver same.

Adopted: October 14, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:10-241

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1014 SUPERVISORY UNIT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Agreement between the Township of Gloucester and Communications Workers of America, Local 1014 – Supervisory Unit effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 be and is hereby approved and accepted and the appropriate officials be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver same.

Adopted: October 14, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:10-242

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

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

#202032C
David & Sandra Dorofy
18 Trinity La
Blackwood, NJ 08012
Refund of Escrow #14303 \$150.00

Adopted: October 14, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:10-243

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SECURITIES FOR
THE RESERVES AT INDEPENDENCE SQUARE PHASE 1A
BLOCK 18302 LOT 3
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Reserves at Independence Square Phase 1A has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for site improvements; 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 that the Township of Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of securities for The Reserves at Independence Square Phase 1A as follows:

	<u>Original Guarantee</u>	<u>Reduction #1</u>
Public Facilities	\$1,327,519.50	\$357,059.45
Landscape Buffer	\$50,820.00	\$42,350.00

Adopted: October 14, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

R-20:10-244

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE 2020 NJDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BLACKWOOD STREETScape

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester formally approves of the submitting of an electronic Application for Funding from the NJDOT Transportation Alternative Program for the improvements to Blackwood Streetscape, **FURTHERMORE**, the Council commits to the construction of and the maintenance of this project, and

WHEREAS, the project will enhance the cultural aesthetic environmental aspects of the Blackwood West Redevelopment area, and

WHEREAS, this project will not only enhance the Blackwood West Redevelopment Area the program will contribute to the development of the Black Horse Pike Commercial district,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Administrator and/or Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant application where required, that the Township Engineer is authorized to prepare and submit the application on behalf of the Township of Gloucester and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, of the County of Camden, of the State of New Jersey that they fully support this Transportation Alternative Program project.

Adopted: October 14, 2020

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Miss Shirley of Brittany Woods asked if the remaining streets in Brittany Woods will be repaved. Mr. Mercado explained the process of evaluating streets for repaving.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates congratulated Miss Grace. Mr. Krugg congratulated Chief Harkins for a recent police issue. Mr. Krugg inquired to T&M Associates attending a meeting. Mr. Mercado stated they would attend a workshop. Mr. Krugg expressed his concerns with the Black Horse Pike only being partially paved.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked council to consider extending the time for Halloween until 8 pm for children who are participating in sports. Chief Harkins explained the time frame is a

recommendation.

Miss Shirley of Brittany Woods thanked Chief Harkins for everything he has done for Brittany Woods and for making it safer for the children.

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

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison congratulated Miss Grace and expressed his pride that four women are now on council.

Mr. Mignone congratulated Miss Grace and thanked everyone for coming out.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for attending, thanked Chief Harkins, and congratulated Miss Grace.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out and congratulated Miss Grace.

Miss Grace expressed her excitement and is looking forward to helping the community and making a difference.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC

Council President
Orlando Mercado