

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 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
	Miss Grace	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs-abs	Mr. Lechner, Community Development-abs.
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

**RESOLUTIONS:
CONSENT AGENDA**

R-20:10-245

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 \$ 645,878.50

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 24,126.01

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 2,845.75

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 9,961.56

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 1,875.00

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 82,776.75

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 1,115.27

Adopted: October 26, 2020

ATTEST:

President of Council
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-20:10-246

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE
IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.
40A:4-87 (Chapter 159 P.L. 1948)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item has been made available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$5,500.00 Drive Sober Get Pulled Over Grant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Gloucester hereby requests the Director of Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2020 CY Budget in the amount of \$5,500.00 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the Drive Sober Get Pulled Over Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"

Diver Sober Get Pulled Over Grant \$5,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township CFO email a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Adopted: October 26, 2020

President of Council
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-20:10-247

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WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$11,915.10 Body Armor Grant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Gloucester hereby requests the Director of Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2020 CY Budget in the amount of \$11,915.10 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the Body Armor Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$11,915.10 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"

Body Armor Grant

\$11,915.10

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township CFO email a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Adopted: October 26, 2020

President of Council
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-20:10-248

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WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 Emergency Management Grant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Gloucester hereby requests the Director of Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2020 CY Budget in the amount of \$10,000.00 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the Emergency Management Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$10,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"

Emergency Management Grant

\$10,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township CFO email a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Adopted: October 26, 2020

President of Council
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-20:10-249

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WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$379,374.00 NJDOT 2020 Grant – Reconstruction of Johnson Road.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Gloucester hereby requests the Director of Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2020 CY Budget in the amount of \$379,374.00 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the NJDOT 2020 Grant – Reconstruction of Johnson Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$379,374.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS “EXCLUDED FROM CAP”

NJDOT 2020 Grant – Reconstruction of Johnson Road \$379,374.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township CFO email a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

ADOPTED: October 26, 2020

President of Council
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-20:10-250

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE
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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item has been made available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$276,983.00 Green Acres Multi-Park Improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Gloucester hereby requests the Director of Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2020 CY Budget in the amount of \$276,983.00 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the Green Acres Multi-Park Improvements

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$276,983.00 is hereby appropriated

under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"

Green Acres Multi-Park Improvements \$276,983.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township CFO email a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Adopted: October 26, 2020

President of Council
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-20:10-251

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE
IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.
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WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$540,000.00 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for Lakeland Road Connector Trail Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Gloucester hereby requests the Director of Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2020 CY Budget in the amount of \$540,000.00 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for Lakeland Road Connector Trail Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$540,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for Lakeland Road Connector Trail Project. \$540,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township CFO email a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Adopted: October 26, 2020

President of Council
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-20:10-252

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2020 BILLING FOR DELETED OR EXEMPTED PROPERTIES AS INDICATED

WHEREAS, several of the following properties in the Township of Gloucester, as indicated by block and lot number, have been deleted from the 2020 Tax List by the Assessor and will be combined with another lot, and,

WHEREAS, several of the following properties in the Township of Gloucester, as indicated by block and lot number, have been approved for tax exempt status for 2020 and,

WHEREAS, all of the following properties received an estimated billing for the first half of 2021 with the 2020 tax bills in accordance with State regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the following properties 2020 tax billings and clear each record accordingly, or apply any credits to master lot, or refund overpayments.

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	REASON	CANCEL TAX AMOUNT
18301	13.02	GTMUA	Owned by GTMUA	2020 – 3,115.06

Adopted: October 26, 2020

President of Council
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-20:10-253

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #15-07773, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 4708, Lot 12, assessed to Rafael Martinez Jr, at a tax sale held on December 29, 2015, and was redeemed by homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #15-07774, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 4708, Lot 14, assessed to Rafael Martinez Jr, at a tax sale held on December 29, 2015, and was redeemed by homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #17-01077, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 18301, Lot 13.01, assessed to Lakeside Business Park, LLC, at a tax sale held on December 28, 2017, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #17-01134, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 18319, Lot 1, assessed to Lakeside Business Park, LLC, at a tax sale held on December 28, 2017, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #18-00799, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 15821, Lot 34, assessed to Four Seasons at Forest Meadows Home, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2018, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #19-00132, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 5201, Lot 6, assessed to Tracy Robert, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2019, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #19-00134, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 5201, Lot 8, assessed to Tracy Robert, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2019, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #19-00137, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 5201, Lot 32, assessed to Tracy Robert, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2019, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #19-00138, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 5201, Lot 33, assessed to Tracy Robert, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2019, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #19-00199, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 7903, Lot 2.01, assessed to Kojieski Constrution, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2019, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #19-00200, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 7903, Lot 2.03, assessed to Kojieski Construction, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2019, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #19-00472, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 12402, Lot 2, assessed to Antonietta Romano, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2019, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Township of Gloucester are hereby authorized to endorse the above Certificates of Sale for cancellation and refund GTMUA and CCMUA.

Adopted: October 26, 2020

President of Council
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-20:10-254

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DAVE & BUSTER'S OF NEW JERSEY, INC. IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the following has made application for renewal of a Retail Consumption Liquor License in the Township of Gloucester:

NAME

TRADING AS

LICENSE NO.

Dave & Buster’s Inc.

Dave & Buster’s

0415-33-027-011

WHEREAS, application for renewal has been properly advertised by the Alcoholic Beverage Control, and

WHEREAS, no written objections have been filed, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has no objections and furthermore is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local ordinance which would prohibit the renewal of Retail Consumption Liquor License in the Township of Gloucester,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden that the application for renewal of Retail Consumption Liquor License is hereby granted and that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents and certificates effective October 27, 2020.

Adopted: October 26, 2020

President of Council
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.

R20:10-255

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL LIAISON TO GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following person be and is hereby appointed as the Gloucester Township Housing Authority

Carolyn Grace

October 27, 2020 to December 31, 2020

(Filling the unexpired term of Scott Owens)

Adopted: October 26, 2020

President Council
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.

GT E-GOV ACCESS:

Sam Sweet of Elizabeth Place asked the following questions:

In the last week of September, HUD announced that Gloucester Township was to receive \$493,426 under the CARES Act. This money is to provide temporary financial assistance to meet rental obligations for up to six months. I asked these questions earlier and I realize at

that time, the program and announcement were new and not much was known. It has been a month now so I will ask again:

1. *Was the money received?*
2. *Who is in charge of the money?*
3. *Who is in charge of the record keeping?*
4. *What are the qualifications in order to apply for access?*
5. *How does one apply for this relief?*
6. *Will the records be made public?*

Mr. Mercado addressed Mr. Sweet's questions.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Nick Rehrig of Beacon Hill Drive introduced himself to council and his plans to open a tattoo shop in Downtown Blackwood.

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

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Chief Harkins recounted a situation that occurred this past weekend with a resident in mental distress who was taken into custody safely. Chief Harkins thanked Public Works for restoring the resident's mother's home and cleaned the entire street. Chief Harkins thanked Council and the Administration for their support.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison expressed his happiness with officers having the equipment they needed.

Miss Grace expressed she is happy that our officers are safe.

Mr. Mignone thanked Chief Harkins for his accomplishments and is happy everyone is safe.

Mrs. Winters thanked the police and public works. Mrs. Winters reminded residents that Covid still exists.

Mrs. Trotto congratulated Chief Harkins.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for attending this evening. Mr. Mercado reminded residents to vote. Mr. Mercado acknowledged Chief Harkins becoming a deacon.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC

Council President
Orlando Mercado