

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 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	Mr. Lechner, Community Development-abs.
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

R-20:11-264

**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM DISCUSSION
OF EXEMPTED SUBJECT MATTER AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER PURSUANT
TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ. OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

WHEREAS. The Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey provides that certain matters may be discussed in “Executive Closed Session” without members of the public being permitted to attend, and

WHEREAS. The following items, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, are permitted closed session discussion,

1. Confidential Matter under Federal or State Statute or Court Rule.
2. Matter which would jeopardize the receipt of Federal Funds.
3. Matter constituting unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
4. Matter involving collective bargaining.
5. Matter involving purchase, lease or investment using public funds, or involving setting of bank rates.
6. Matters involving investigation of violations or possible violations of law. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that disclosure could impair such protection.
7. Matters involving Attorney Client privileges.
8. Matters involving personnel.
9. Matters involving proceedings which could result in civil penalty, suspension or loss of license.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that there exists a need to discuss Pending Litigation, in executive closed session, and that the public be and is hereby excluded from this discussion on the 23rd of November at 7:30 pm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that disclosure to the public of the executive closed session matter shall not be made public until such matter has been resolved.

Adopted: November 23, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

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	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court inquired if the Housing Authority would be involved with the market to affordable housing mentioned in resolution 272. Mr. Carlamere explained the role Bach & Associates serves and his recommendation regarding Market to Affordable counseling.

Ray Polidoro of Erial inquired about the tax abatement for Dave & Buster's. Mr. Mercado explained tax abatements. A discussion was held regarding tax abatements, the state, and the governing body.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked Council for a list of public entities mentioned in the South New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund resolution and what this is. Mr. Cardis will provide.

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

CHIEF HARKINS MEMO – Read by the Township Clerk to appoint chaplains to the police department.

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF:

Executive Session

October 5, 2020

Special Meeting

October 10, 2020

Regular Session

October 14, 2020

October 26, 2020

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: Mr. Hutchison abstained from October 10th, Ms. Grace abstained from October 5th & October 10th, Mrs. Stubbs abstained from October 5th, October 14th, & October 26th, Mrs. Winters abstained from October 5th. Mrs. Trotto abstained from October 14th. All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

O-20-15

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND DAVE & BUSTER'S OF NEW
JERSEY INC. FOR PREMISES BLOCK 13105, LOT 1 PURSUANT TO C. 441, P.L. 1991
(N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 ET SEQ.) AND ORDINANCE NO. O-19-16**

WHEREAS, C. 441, P.L. 1991, N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, enables "qualified municipalities" to exempt from local property taxes certain industrial and commercial improvements and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester is a qualified municipality authorized to enter into Tax Abatement Agreements with taxpayers for "projects" defined under said Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Act and authorization, the Township of Gloucester has duly adopted Ord. No. O-19-16 entitled, "Ordinance Providing for Tax Exemption and Abatement for Commercial and Industrial improvements and projects pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq."; and

WHEREAS, a tax abatement application for a "project" pursuant to the aforesaid Act and Ordinance was filed by Dave & Buster's of New Jersey Inc. for premises known as Block 13105, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Gloucester.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The Tax Abatement Application of Dave & Buster's of New Jersey Inc. for a "project" for premises known as Block 13105, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Township of Gloucester pursuant to C. 441, P.L. 1991 (N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq.) and Ordinance No. O-19-16 be and is hereby approved for tax abatement in accordance with said application and the terms and provisions of an Agreement for Tax Abatement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of Gloucester be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Township of Gloucester the Tax Abatement Agreement between the Township of Gloucester and Dave & Buster's of New Jersey Inc. for premises designated as Block 13105, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Gloucester, a copy of said Agreement is attached hereto and made a part thereof.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions this ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: November 23, 2020

Orlando Mercado
President of Council

Nancy Power, RMC
Township Clerk

David R. Mayor
Mayor, Township of Gloucester

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on December 14, 2020 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mr. Mignone Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING

O-20-13

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

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

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

O-20-14

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND CHEWS LANDING, LLC FOR
PREMISES LOCATED AT 1399-1401 CHEWS LANDING ROAD, BLOCK 9708, LOT 1
C0100 PURSUANT TO C. 441, P.L. 1991 (N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 ET SEQ.) AND
ORDINANCE NO. O-19-16**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked council to revise the township's status as a rehabilitation zone by petitioning the state and explained why he feels this is beneficial.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court inquired as to where this location is. Mr. Mercado described. Mr. Heinbaugh would like tax abatements to be cleaned up on the state level. Mr. Carlamere explained tax abatements.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS: CONSENT AGENDA

R-20:11-265

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 \$ 2,773,829.07

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 40,993.78

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 37,758.50

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 21,702.72

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 598.54

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 28,106.000

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 9,668,068.73

Adopted: November 23, 2020

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-266

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
101	2	Frank Sitarski 1004 Front St. Glendora, NJ 08029	2020	\$1,892.61	Duplicate Payment
8801	26	Frank Anello 35 Roberts Dr. Somerdale, NJ 08083	2020	\$2,603.24	Overpayment
9107	20	Stanley Zgrzepski 1030 Somerdale Rd. Somerdale, NJ 08083	2020	\$703.35	Overpayment
13103	24.01	Gerren Jefferson 66 Evergreen Ave. Blackwood, NJ 08012	2020	\$2,191.37	Overpayment
15204	36	Darryle & Dynita Crawley 4 Jeanene Lane Erial, NJ 08081	2020	\$1,834.97	Overpayment
15703	4	Chante Thomas 4 Del Sol Place Erial, NJ 08081	2020	\$1,185.41	Overpayment
20202	12	Jose and Mary Rios 8 Woodmill Ct. Clementon, NJ 08021	2020	\$3,367.03	Overpayment
20505	29	Sean & Allison Smith 28 Meadowyck Dr. Laurel Springs, NJ 08021	2020	\$2,185.18	Overpayment

ADOPTED: November 23, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-267

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF VITAL STATISTICS**

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

Non-resident Marriage License Application

Gina Smolenski
2049 Barnsboro Road, Apt. H6
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Total Amount - \$28.00

Adopted: November 23, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-268

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT AN ACCELERATED ELECTRONIC TAX SALE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, state statute N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for electronic tax sales and approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/Realauktion.com, LLC to conduct electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating an environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two (2) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee up to \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing, and mailing of said notices; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Township of Gloucester wishes to charge up to \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in the accelerated electronic tax sale program and is hereby authorized and directed to charge a fee of up to \$25.00 per notice for each tax sale notice sent in conjunction with the 2020 Accelerated Electronic Tax Sale.

Adopted: November 23, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-269

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR AMANDA'S HIDEAWAY, LLC 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.
Amanda's Hideaway, LLC	In-Pocket	0415-33-009-010

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 November 24, 2020.

Adopted: November 23, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-270

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, NAMING M & T BLACKWOOD LLC REDEVELOPER FOR THE LAKELAND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN - PHASE 3 AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT)

WHEREAS, pursuant to provision of the Redevelopment and Housing Law of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester did direct the Planning Board of the Township of Gloucester to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Redevelopment and Housing Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board did conduct a preliminary investigation in accordance with the guidelines set forth N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, held public hearings, and determined that the designated area is an area in need of redevelopment, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester did adopt the Redevelopment Area of the Township of Gloucester by Ordinance, and in accordance with the provisions of the Local redevelopment and Housing Law of the State of New Jersey, did designate itself as the Redevelopment Entity, and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper did submit a proposal for the development of the property; and

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment and Housing Law authorizes the Township Council, as

the Redevelopment Entity, to name a Redeveloper and to contract with a Redeveloper for any area of planning, construction or the undertaking of any project within the designated redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council and Redeveloper have engaged discussions concerning the construction of improvements to property within the Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper has agreed to redevelop parcels within the Redevelopment Area as indicated.

NOW THEREFORE, It is herein Resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester as follows,

1. M & T BLACKWOOD LLC is hereby designated Redeveloper for the area known and described as Block 112032 Lot 1.06, all within the Lakeland Redevelopment Plan – Phase 3.
2. The Mayor of the Township of Gloucester, or other Official of the Township of Gloucester as may be designated, is hereby authorized to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with for the planning, construction, development or the undertaking of any project within the designated redevelopment area. The proposed form of Redeveloper’s Agreement is attached to this Resolution.

Adopted: November 23, 2020

Orlando Mercado
President of Council

ATTEST:

Nancy Power, RMC
Township Clerk

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

R-20:11-271

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT TO JOIN THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY
REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND**

WHEREAS, a number of public entities in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form the **SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND**, hereafter referred to as "FUND", as permitted by N.J.S.A. 11:15-3, 17:1-8.1, and 40A:10-36 et seq., and;

WHEREAS, the FUND was approved to become operational by the Departments of Insurance and Community Affairs and has been operational since that date, and;

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund, contain certain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a FUND;

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township hereinafter referred to as "LOCAL UNIT" has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the LOCAL UNIT hereby agrees as follows:

- i. Become a member of the FUND for the period outlined in the LOCAL UNIT's Indemnity and Trust Agreements.
- ii. Will participate in the following type (s) of coverage (s):

- a.) Medicare Advantage Program
- iii. Adopts and approves the FUND's Bylaws.
- iv. Execute an application for membership and any accompanying certifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the LOCAL UNIT is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the FUND as required by the FUND's Bylaws, and to deliver these documents to the FUND's Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents shall become effective only upon:

- i. Approval of the LOCAL UNIT by the FUND.
- ii. Receipt from the LOCAL UNIT of a Resolution accepting assessment.
- iii. Approval by the New Jersey Department of Insurance and Department of Community Affairs.

Adopted: November 23, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-272

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND AFFIRMING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND TRIAD ASSOCIATES**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for a Consultant for The Township of Gloucester Market to Affordable Program; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been provided.

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 Triad Associates as Consultant for the Market to Affordable Program.

Adopted: November 23, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

RESOLUTIONS: REGULAR AGENDA

R-20:11-273

RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CY 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS, certain CY 2020 Budget Appropriation balances are expected to be insufficient for the remainder of the year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations in the CY 2020 Budget of the Township of Gloucester, as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u> <u>Inside the Cap</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
0-01-20-100-001-200	Admin Support OE		10,000.00
0-01-20-105-000-200	Personnel OE		50,000.00
0-01-20-110-004-200	Public Information OE	40,000.00	
0-01-20-110-005-100	Community Development SW		10,000.00
0-01-20-140-000-200	Data Processing OE		60,000.00
0-01-20-155-000-100	Township Attorney SW		3,000.00
0-01-20-155-000-200	Township Attorney OE		30,000.00
0-01-21-185-000-200	Zoning Board OE	50,000.00	
0-01-22-195-000-100	Construction Code SW		4,000.00
0-01-22-200-001-100	Code Enforcement SW		36,500.00
0-01-23-220-000-336	Group Insurance Flex		47,000.00
0-01-25-240-000-200	Police OE	120,000.00	
0-01-25-250-000-100	Police Communications SW		100,000.00
0-01-25-252-000-100	Emergency Management OE		50,000.00
0-01-25-260-000-103	Retired Police Sick		50.00
0-01-26-290-000-200	Streets & Roads OE	90,000.00	
0-01-26-305-000-200	Sanitation OE		50,000.00
0-01-26-310-000-100	Public Buildings SW		32,700.00
0-01-26-310-000-200	Public Buildings OE	20,000.00	
0-01-26-315-000-200	Vehicle Maintenance OE	70,000.00	
0-01-26-315-000-100	Vehicle Maintenance SW		20,000.00
0-01-27-330-000-100	Health & Welfare SW		50.00
0-01-27-340-000-200	Animal Control OE		20,000.00
0-01-28-370-001-100	Recreation SW	300,000.00	
0-01-28-370-004-100	Municipal Pool SW	90,000.00	
0-01-28-375-000-200	Parks & Playgrounds OE	40,000.00	
0-01-31-460-000-200	Gasoline OE	103,300.00	
0-01-32-465-000-200	Landfill OE		400,000.00
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		\$923,300.00	\$923,300.00

ADOPTED: November 23, 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. 7-0.

R-20:11-274

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER,
CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS
REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE REPAIR TO THE STORM DRAIN INLET ON
SONORA COURT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:11-6 authorizes the award of contracts without public advertising for bids when an emergency exists affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires, and

WHEREAS, On or about November 10th, 2020, Mr. Thomas Cardis, Township Business Administrator was advised by Marie Tortorice Baaden of Consulting Engineer Services, that an emergency repair was necessary to the storm drain infrastructure in the area of Sonora Court, and

WHEREAS, It was determined that roadway storm drainage failure occurred on Sonora Court causing an immediate danger to the general health, safety and welfare of Township residents if not immediately repaired, and

WHEREAS, It was further determined that delaying the repairs to secure quotes or bids would unreasonably increase the risk to the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Gloucester.

NOW, THEREFORE, It is herein Resolved that an emergency exists that places the general health, safety and welfare of Township Residents at risk, requiring immediate repairs to the Sonora Court Storm Drain System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and or Business Administrator of the Township of Gloucester is authorized to enter into a contract for emergency tree removal with Marksmen Landscaping in the amount of \$16,000.00 and R. Moslowski Excavating Inc. for Storm Drain Repairs in the amount of \$184,000.00.

Adopted: November 23, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

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

R-20:11-275

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL OR
CORRECT 2020 BILLING AND FOR EXEMPTED PROPERTIES OR ADDED
ASSESSMENTS AS INDICATED**

WHEREAS, the following names are owners and residents of property in the Township of Gloucester, and

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Gloucester, as indicated by block and lot number, have received an added assessment for the year 2020

WHEREAS, the following properties received an erroneous bill for 2020

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

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	REASON	CANCEL TAX AMOUNT
3501	3	Katrina Foster	Credit for Added Assessment Billing	2020 – 4,319.05

			Disabled Veteran	
9601	3	Ryan Walick	Cancel Added Assessment Billing Error (Wrong B/L)	2020 – 8,700.69
9601	32	Eric Camm	Correct Added Assessment Billing (Was on lot 3) Disabled Veteran Moved	2020 – (+) 6,327.76
18304	63	Jamil Abdur-Rahman	Correct Disabled Veteran Date (3/10/20 – 6/30/20)	2020 – 2,571.88

ADOPTED: November 23, 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. 7-0.

R-20:11-276

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GRANT SENIOR CITIZEN, DISABLED, OR VETERAN DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2020 AS INDICATED AND TO ADJUST ANY BALANCE

WHEREAS, the following applicants are the owners of a residential property located in the Township of Gloucester, and,

WHEREAS, they have properly filed an application for a Senior Citizen, Disabled, or Veteran Deduction with proof of eligibility, and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has reviewed and approved said application and adjusted the records for 2020,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is authorized to grant said deduction and/or adjust any resulting balances for the year 2020 and refund any balances for the amounts indicated.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount of Deduction
903	16	Edward Dold	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
10303	23.01	Tracy Perkins	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
10303	23.01	Ligia Perkins	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
12103	2	James Moorhead	Add Veteran Deduction 2020	250.00
13607	15	Lisa Randolph	Add Disability Deduction 2020	250.00

Mr. Cardis explained there was a reduction in revenues this year and the township is waiting for state aid.

Joy Dreyer of Erial Road asked the following questions:

1. *Why is it called a 'redevelopment plan' when all of the development has been on open fields in Gloucester Township.*
2. *Why would a brand new office complex get a tax abatement? Are they charging rent? What has their taxes been for past 4 years? Looking at property records, they keep changing the addresses or the tax assessor office has been creating new block/lot for all of the new buildings by Chews Landing, LLC and therefore, allowing them to qualify for a "NEW" tax abatement. Example, Block 9708 lot address 1403 Chews Landing became 9708/1x then 9708/1x with qualifications from c0100 to c0700 changing from tax for land, or exempt for the past 4 years. Properties throughout 1365-1403 are all owned and developed by Chews Landing LLC c/o Needleman. LLCs have the luxury of changing their names to avoid any taxes liabilities. Can I create an LLC and put it on my residential Property and get a 5 year tax abatement? You and they should be ashamed for not paying their FAIR SHARE when you can't figure out how to do a budget. Why are you giving tax revenue away to someone who doesn't need it? BOO! HISS!*

Mr. Cardis explained this is the last portion of a ten year project. Mr. Cardis explained a redevelopment plan does not only apply to an existing structure.

Amber McGuigan of Juniper Lane made the following comment:

1. *I just want to let everyone know why I have been missing from Council meetings lately. My family moved out of Gloucester Township in October, to be closer to our church and my children's school. I would like to thank Council members for their willingness to engage in dialogue with me in these past months about ensuring justice and well-being for all the residents of Gloucester Township. I hope that discussion will continue in my absence. Gratefully, Amber McGuigan.*

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Nick Rehrig of Beacon Hill Drive addressed council regarding his plan to open a tattoo studio in the Downtown Blackwood Arts District. Mr. Rehrig asked for clarification regarding Personal Services as a permitted use within the redevelopment zone. Mr. Lechner and Mr. Carlamere clarified.

Ray Polidoro of Erial expressed his feelings regarding the dialogue exchange between council and residents. Mr. Polidoro expressed his concerns regarding tax abatements.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked if Council can do something for Mr. Rehrig. Mr. Mercado explained Mr. Rehrig is placed on the December Workshop. Mr. Sweet outlined the funds dedicated to snow removal and is hoping we do not have snow in December.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked what the overall amount of state aid would be coming to the township. Mr. Cardis responded. Mr. Heinbaugh outlined the situation regarding Mr. Rehrig and the business he wishes to open. Mr. Lechner outlined the steps and the timetable for Mr. Rehrig. Mr. Heinbaugh asked if a budget subcommittee has been formed. Mr. Mercado stated not yet.

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

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Chief Harkins wanted to publicly thank Mr. Dave Beach, Remax Realtor, who donated meals to be distributed through out the township. Chief Harkins also stated toys are being collected for the toy drive.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison complimented Mr. Mercado for leading council and the meetings.

Miss Grace thanked everyone for their commitment to attending meetings and she appreciates the passion.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Stubbs asked residents to remain safe and vigilant regarding the Covid Virus.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for their comments. Mrs. Winters reminded residents to refrain from gatherings and take care of themselves.

Mrs. Trotto was asked to announce that the GT Bluesocks won the Tristate Elite Rookie Division.

Mr. Mercado wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC

Council President
Orlando Mercado