

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
MAY WORKSHOP**

**MAY 4, 2020**

Mrs. Stubbs, Mrs. Winters, and Mr. Chadwell via telephone.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked if the County and School Districts' shares of the property taxes are due on May 15th. Mr. Cardis stated the County is due on May 15th and explained the school districts receive their share at the end of May. Mr. Heinbaugh asked if the township is looking at a potential cash flow deficit after making the payment to the County. Mr. Cardis does not believe so.

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

**1. DISCUSSION OF FY 2021 NJDOT TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM**

**“STATE AID” APPLICATIONS** - Mr. Chadwell of Remington & Vernick

explained this is state aid the township applies for every year and utilizes funds for various projects. The proposed plan is to continue repair along Kelly Driver Road in conjunction with CES' (stormwater engineer) proposed project in the same area. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.

**2. DISCUSSION OF BICYCLE PATH BRIDGE INSPECTION** - Mr. Chadwell of

Remington & Vernick explained during a recent storm in the area, a tree was uprooted and landed on a bridge in the Blackwood section of the bicycle path. This discussion is for Remington & Vernick to put a report together to make recommendations for the repair of the bridge. Mr. Cardis explained the tree has not been removed and the bridge will remain closed due to safety concerns. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.

**3. DISCUSSION OF PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS** - Mr. Cardis explained these

improvements are for the Erial Little League Ball Field and will be funded from the Capital Program from last year. Mrs. Stubbs asked if this is a new structure. Mr. Cardis explained this is for a new structure new to the site. Mrs. Stubbs asked what other projects can Capital funds be used for. Mr. Cardis explained these funds were allocated for recreation. Mrs. Trotto asked if the funds could be held, in the event they are needed during this pandemic. Mr. Cardis stated funds could be held, but he does not foresee a cash flow problem even with the property tax grace period being extended to June 1st. Discussion for this project will be completed during the next council meeting.

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**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

Mr. Mignone stated there will not be a 2020 Field of Dreams due to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

Mr. Owens stated the residents at Senior Housing Campus I are getting antsy. They are social distancing and working on their garden.

Mr. Mercado stated school has been cancelled for the remainder of the year. Mr. Mercado urged residents to follow the township Facebook page and website for up to date information.