

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2016
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. Schmidt-Abs. Mrs. Ehret, CFO
Mrs. Stubbs Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
Mrs. Winters Mrs. Power, Asst. Twp. Clerk, RMC
Mrs. Mignone-Abs.
Mrs. Trotto
Mr. Mercado

Mr. Lechner, Comm. Dev.
Deputy Chief Harkins, Police

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Brown of Mulberry Station questioned resolution 236 and asked why we are adding more money to the turf fields. An explanation was given as to why there were additional costs for the fields. The Field of Dreams was also discussed.

Pete Heinbaugh of Morning Star questioned the change order and asked if the work had already been done. Mr. Heinbaugh also spoke about the Planning Board appointment. He questioned resolution 239 and asked what the broker of record health was. Mr. Cardis explained their role in the township's health insurance. Mr. Cardis also explained we are self-insured which is more complex. Mr. Heinbaugh asked how this was awarded and Mr. Cardis stated it is for a three year period.

Mr. Polidoro of Erial 236 questioned if the township is bonding the additional fees for the fields and he also questioned who the engineer was. He asked why the additional fees were added in at this time. Mr. Hutchison asked if the change was in line and stated that if the fields needed to be bigger and more materials were required, then the township would have the additional fees regardless. Mr. Polidoro asked if anyone has gone to the Field of Dreams in Absecon. He is bothered that our Field of Dreams is not up to par, yet we are worried about the other fields. He said that it was stated that it is common practice for change orders on projects. He asked how many projects come in under budget. Mr. Cardis stated there are road projects and stormwater projects which do come in under budget.

Shelley Lovett of Chatham Rd questioned how much the bond was for the fields. Mr. Cardis explained what was covered under the bond. She also asked how much was left in the open space account and how much money will go into open space from tax dollars. Mrs. Lovett asked if there were sprinkler systems at the fields. Mr. Cardis stated that the township salvaged all the heads and parts that could be salvaged.

Joann Carr asked how long it will take to pay off the fields. Mr. Cardis stated it would take approximately 11 years. She asked what projects are coming out of the open space fund.

Mr. Van Stine of Lower Landing Rd. reminded everyone that the Rotary Club has raised over \$80,000.00 towards the Field of Dreams. He wanted to make council aware that there are monies that have been donated. Mr. Mercado stated it is our intention to use those monies in the near future.

Mr. Brown of Sicklerville questioned why we are paying for 11 years when the life expectancy of the field is 10 years. Mr. Cardis stated we plan to maintain the fields and do what we need to keep the fields operable.

Mr. Keller of Hampton Lane questioned why we didn't look into the duration of the fields. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

MINUTES: Mrs. Winters made a motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes of:
Regular Meeting – July 25, 2016
Workshop – August 1, 2016
Seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

The Asst. Clerk read the following appointment:
Jaclyn McFarlane as Planning Board alternate #2 – 08-08-16 to 12-31-18

**RESOLUTIONS:
CONSENT AGENDA
R-16:08-229**

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 \$ 16,093,124.79

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 772,595.25

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 5,079.25

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 61,532.89

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 2,090,366.05

Adopted: August 8, 2016

PRESIDENT COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-16:08-230

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

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

Refund for Building Permit number 20160051 in the amount of \$153.00.

Payable to: Solar City Corp.
Attn: Mike Curran
1001 Lower Landing Rd #601
Blackwood, NJ 08012

ADOPTED: August 8, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

R-16:08-231

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

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

Refund for Building Permit number 20160682 in the amount of \$238.00.

Payable to: Sunrun, Inc
Attn: Stacey Williams-Ewan
20 West Stow Rd, Ste 2
Marlton, NJ 08053

ADOPTED: August 8, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

R-16:08-232

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

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

Refund for Building Permit number 20160707 in the amount of \$65.00.

Payable to: The Neher Group, Inc

Attn: Jenn Reynolds
1239 Revere Dr
Chalfont, PA 18914

ADOPTED: July 11, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

R-16:08-233

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

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

Refund for Building Permit number 20160754 in the amount of \$65.00.

Payable to: Storm Doctor, Inc
Attn: Marc Gold
1050 Street Rd #554
Southampton, PA 18966

ADOPTED: July 11, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

R-16:08-234

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR CAPITAL BANK
OF NEW JERSEY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Crossings At Twin Oaks II has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this development, within the Township of Gloucester, 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 by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the securities in the amount of \$55,833.00 in the name of The Crossings At Twin Oaks II be released upon the posting of an approved maintenance bond in the amount of \$7,754.63.

Adopted: August 8, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-16:08-235

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREDIT OF TAXES DUE TO COUNTY BOARD JUDGEMENT AS INDICATED AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of Gloucester Township has received Official notification of a County Board Judgement for Block 4706, Lots 1 & 1.01 for Brian Pimpinello for the year 2016, and

WHEREAS, a settlement agreement through the Tax Court has been made for the assessment of Block 4706, Lots 1 & 1.01 creating a credit for year 2016, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer has made an overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$301.56 for Block 4706, Lot 1 and \$295.42 for Block 4706, Lot 1.01;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, authorizes the Tax Collector to refund the overpayment of taxes.

Adopted: August 8, 2016

ATTEST: _____

President of Council

Township Clerk

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

R-16:08-236

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, it was necessary to make changes in the scope of work to be done in completing the Artificial Turf Fields in the Township of Gloucester,

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 was developed to itemize and authorize those changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that Change Order No. 2 is hereby authorized and approval is hereby granted to revise the contract cost from \$1,286,235.42 to \$1,291,312.27.

Adopted: August 8, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

R-16:08-237

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A DEED

**TO TRANSFER PROPERTY TO CORRECT AN ENCROACHMENT
BEHIND 10 YARDLEY COURT**

WHEREAS, The Township of Gloucester has become aware that the property known as 10 Yardley Court, Block 19802, Lot 1 on the tax map of the Township of Gloucester encroaches over property owned by the Township of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, Owners of said property Joseph and Theresa Leckerman and June Ferns have requested that the Township transfer a portion of approximately 18.08 feet by 217.59 feet +/- to correct the encroachment; and

WHEREAS, The Township Administration and Council have determined that the request provides an amicable solution to correct the encroachment without prejudice or detriment to property owner and Township of Gloucester.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the proper officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the transfer of a portion approximately 18.08 feet by 217.59 feet +/- to Joseph and Theresa Leckerman and June Ferns to correct the encroachment.

Adopted: August 8, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-16:08-238 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 – STATE CONTRACT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has determined the necessity of purchasing operating materials, supplies and or equipment, and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, of the laws of the State of New Jersey permits a contract for purchase to be awarded without prior advertising when said purchase is pursuant to an existing State Contract for purchasing of operating materials, supplies and or equipment, provided that a State Contract number is provided and available for the material, supplies or equipment to be purchased, and

WHEREAS, Township Council has determined that, in the interest efficiency in operation, it is at times in the best interest of the Township of Gloucester to award purchase pursuant to the State Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is herein resolved that a contract for the purchase of a is hereby authorized and may be awarded to the vendor listed herein, pursuant to identified State Contract Numbers and for the calendar year 2016.

Company State Contract Number Description

Hon A81641 Office furniture

Adopted: August 8, 2016

ATTEST:

Township Clerk

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

R-16:08-239 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITING OF RFQ'S VIA THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR BROKER OF RECORD - HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester is in need of a Broker of Record – Health, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester hereby authorized the Township Administrator to go out for RFQ's for Broker of Record – Health via the Gloucester Township website.

Adopted: August 8, 2016

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-16:08-240 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE 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.
Plaza Azteca Sicklerville Inc.	Plaza Azteca Mexican Restaurant	0415-33-008-009

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 August 9, 2016

Adopted: August 8, 2016

of Council _____

President

ATTEST:

Township Clerk

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ms. Kelley of Stonebridge Run gave a follow up on the noise from Villari's and stated that the meeting was not successful. She stated that one of the agreements was violated the very next day. She wanted to ask that the residents be a part of any talks.

Mr. Frederick White of 40 Prospect Road in Sicklerville stated that he received a letter from the electric company stating that the township authorized a change to his service. Mr. Mercado explained the program and its function and stated that the rate for 14 months. He stated that there is a savings which is advantageous to the residents. Mr. Mercado stated opting out is an option. Mr. White stated that he contacted the company and they are located in Texas. Mr. Mercado stated the rate cannot change. Mr. White expressed he is not happy about these changes and switches.

A resident of Tanglewood Drive stated that the noise at Villari's has gone on for two years. He asked what can be done in the interim of a resolution. Mr. Mercado stated the township was unaware of the problem however the township is reaching out to other municipalities for copies of their noise ordinances.

Jasper Lucas of 401 Tanglewood Drive stated they went to the mediation hearing looking for a resolution to the problem and he feels that the owners of the establishment are not cooperating with the residents. Mr. Lucas stated that the things which were agreed upon such as the PA system were violated the very next day. Mr. Mercado stated that the township will resolve the situation and apologized it is not moving as quickly as the residents would like.

Mr. Kelly of Stonebridge Run stated that he works in health care and comes home and 7 nights a week, Villari's is banging and they can't get a break. He stated that he understands the ordinance concerning noise, however, it has gotten out of control. He said something needs to be done, but at this time it is unbearable.

Ms. Klein of 1 La Jolla questioned when Villari's opened and asked what was in effect as far as their licensing. She questioned what was done to license this Tiki bar. Mr. Mercado asked Mr. Lechner if he recalls what they had to do as far as zoning. Mr. Lechner stated they went for a setback approval in 1993. She stated there are many concerns in Erial and wanted to know where the Mayor was. She stated the Mayor should be involved when there are problems in the Township. Mr. Mercado stated this is a Council Meeting and the Mayor is not required to attend the meetings. Mr. Mercado stated he will convey her feelings.

Mr. George McBride of Edinshire Rd. expressed his concern about his development and wondered when someone would be cleaning up the development as they had in the past. He stated he is on a fixed income and he is concerned about how quickly his neighborhood is going down. Mr. Mercado stated there have been clean ups by the neighbors but the development has many renters in it.

Mr. Brown of Sicklerville stated that at the workshop, abandoned homes were discussed. Mr. Mercado stated that issue was tabled and will be discussed in the future. He asked if the Township was going to purchase Freeway Golf. Mr. Mercado stated that the township is not purchasing the golf course. There was also a discussion concerning the abatement on the outlets. Mr. Brown stated that they shouldn't have been given an abatement and Mr. Palumbo stated that the township is obligated to grant an abatement. Mr. Brown stated he does not know why his property taxes have gone up as much as they have. Mr. Brown stated he has been trying to speak with the Mayor for three years.

Mr. Vince Keller of Hampton Lane questioned if it was possible to get the Mayor to the meeting.

Mr. Polidoro Erial stated Mr. Hutchison's comments were inappropriate. Mr. Polidoro stated Ann Mullen, Sandy Love, and Cindy Rau-Hatton all attended the meetings. Mr. Hutchison stated they did not attend all of the meetings. Mr. Polidoro asked Mr. Lechner to state what he previously stated due to the fact he did not hear. Mr. Polidoro discussed the outlets. He asked who purchased the farmland originally when it was the Nicholson Farm and which areas of the township are redevelopment areas.

Mr. Lechner stated there are approximately 8 redevelopment zones.

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

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Deputy Chief Harkins stated that the township had an outstanding National Night Out. He thanked Council for all that they do.

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison stated he heard Mr. Kelley and he hopes a solution is found. He stated he respects Mr. Polidoro and Mr. Heinbaugh. He stated he is human and has respect for himself and he will stand up for himself.

Mrs. Stubbs stated council is here to support the residents of the township and everyone needs to work together.

Mrs. Winters stated that National Night Out was a success.

Mrs. Trotto thanked Mr. Mc Bride for coming out with his concerns about his neighborhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, she stated that Council is working on their next move to remedy the situation. She stated it is disrespectful and distracting to Council to call out and make comments. She stated that National Night Out was a success and the Council met several residents

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He asked that if anyone has the opportunity to check out the turf fields, they should. He thanked Mr. Van Stine from the Rotary and stated that they were out during the storm with 100 gift certificates. He stated that the Rotarians were originally formed to fight polio and that they have evolved into help for residents. He thanked them for their contributions. He stated that it is his responsibility to preside over the council meetings and he always asks everyone to respect the speakers who address council.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Power
President of Council Asst. Township Clerk