

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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  
Mrs. Stubbs Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator  
Mrs. Winters Mrs. DiJosie, Twp. Clerk, RMC  
Mrs. Mignone  
Mrs. Trotto  
Mr. Mercado

Mr. Lechner, Comm.

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Chief Earle, Police

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Maureen Meyers of Hilltop spoke about the grants being put into the budget by Chapter 159. Mr. Mercado explained the grants. Ms. Meyers also asked about Resolution 259 a culvert replacement for Broadacres Drive change order. She questioned why there was a change order for this project.

Mr. Heinbaugh asked about Resolution 253 which was a grant for cameras. He asked if this will be for cameras for all police officers. Chief Earle stated that this is a onetime incentive for municipalities to get body cameras. Mr. Heinbaugh also stated that he had questions in relation to the bill list. Mr. Cardis stated that American Traffic is not American Traffic Solutions but a company that sells blanks for sign making. He also asked about an Archer Greiner bill, but Mr. Cardis stated that this involves a lawsuit. Mr. Heinbaugh also questioned a bill for the artificial turf and asked if this was partial payment. Mr. Cardis stated that it was a final payment and deals with the turf itself.

Mr. Scott of 1989 Sicklerville Road spoke about the Electric Aggregation Program. He also asked about Freeway Golf Course and asked the status of the course. Mr. Mercado stated that the owners still have the property and have to maintain the property. Mr. Mercado also explained the electrical aggregation program.

Mr. Russo asked about Resolution 261 and also asked if the golf club was still paying their taxes

Mr. Sweet from Erial asked how someone goes about being appointed to a board. Mr. Mercado explained how the positions are filled.

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

**MINUTES:** Mr. Hutchison made a motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes of :

Regular meeting: August 8, 2016

seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: Mr. Mignone abstained. All others voted yes. Motion carried. 6-0-1.

**RESOLUTIONS:  
CONSENT AGENDA  
R-16:09-248**

**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 \$ 6,959,042.55

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 1,717,166.86

**DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 36,418.25

**TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 298,902.24

**ANIMAL TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 41,684.25

**MANUAL CHECKS**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 898,715.14

Adopted: September 12, 2016

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**PRESIDENT COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

**R-16:09-249**

**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 if revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item have 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 \$143,342.41 Clean Communities 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 2016 CY Budget in the amount of \$143,342.41 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the Clean Communities Grant.

**BE IT FURHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$143,342.41 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"  
Clean Communities Grant \$143,342.41

**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: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

**R-16:09-250**

**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 if revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item have 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 \$9,644.41 Drunk Driving Enforcement 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 2016 CY Budget in the amount of \$9,644.41 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$9,644.41 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"  
Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant \$9,644.41

**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: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

**R-16:09-251**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 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 if revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item have 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 \$170,167.00 NJDOT 2016 Grant – Bike, Phase X.

**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 2016 CY Budget in the amount of \$170,167.00 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the NJDOT 2016 Grant – Bike Path, Phase X.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$170,167.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"  
NJDOT 2016 Grant – Bike path, Phase X \$170,167.00

**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: September 12, 2106

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

**R-16:09-252**

**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 if revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item have 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 \$5,000.00 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 2016 CY Budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 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 \$5,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"  
Diver Sober Get Pulled Over Grant \$5,000.00

**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: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

**R-16:09-253**

**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 if revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item have 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 \$61,500.00 Camden County Camera Assistance 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 2016 CY Budget in the amount of \$61,500.00 which item is now available as revenue from the receipt of the Camden County Camera Assistance Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$61,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS "EXCLUDED FROM CAP"

Camden County Camera Assistance Grant \$61,500.00

**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: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

**R-16:09-254**

**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 20161911 in the amount of \$238.00.

Payable to: Solar City Corp.

Attn: Mike Curran

1001 Lower Landing Rd #601

Blackwood, NJ 08012

ADOPTED: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

**R-16:09-255**

**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 numbers 20160067, 20160818 & 20160341 in the amount of \$864.00.

Payable to: Vivint Solar Developer, LLC  
Attn: Anna Nelson  
20-B Roland Ave  
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

ADOPTED: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF  
COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

**R-16:09-256**

**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 20162012 in the amount of \$132.00.

Payable to: John's AC & Heat  
119 Harding Ave  
Bellmawr, NJ 08031

ADOPTED: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF  
COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

**R-16:09-257**

**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 20152119 in the amount of \$288.00.

Payable to: Sunrun, Inc

Attn: Kristine Rehill  
20 West Stowe Rd, Ste 2  
Marlton, NJ 08053

ADOPTED: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF  
COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

**R-16:09-258**

**RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

**WHEREAS**, thee exists outstanding checks which have been outstanding for over one year; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following checks be cancelled and the expenditure be deposited into the proper fund:

**Payee Date Check # Amount**

**Current Fund**

Assoc. of Mun Assessors	08/23/11	62486	\$145.00
Edward Thompson	08/23/11	62535	35.00
Lawyers Diary & Manual	08/23/11	62569	305.19
Archer & Greiner	02/28/12	80441	16,110.76
Deborah Suwa	07/18/12	81746	10.00
Triton High School	08/28/12	82092	150.00
ASG Security	10/23/12	82349	39.00
Courier Post	10/23/12	82371	102.30
XO Holdings	12/28/12	82914	1,216.52

Delaware Valley Neg Assoc 01/15/13 82951	100.00
USPCA Region 15 03/25/13 83634	305.00
Janette Tierno 07/09/13 84369	10.00
Sheryl Walker 07/23/13 84530	10.00
Contemporary Filing Systems 12/27/13 85718	164.04
Steve Acito 03/25/14 86542	232.00
NJ DMV 04/24/14 86802	250.00
CC Mun. Court Assoc. 05/13/14 86832	150.00
Recruit Charles Ohrenich 05/13/14 86899	49.99
Bellmawr Collision Ctr 06/09/14 87125	1,337.60
Donna Barker 08/12/14 87687	20.00
Jameuah Best 08/12/14 87706	20.00
Nicole Mantuano 08/12/14 87730	20.00
Felix Radich 11/11/14 88443	289.50
CWA Local 1014 11/25/14 88568	3,812.50
CDW Government 12/09/14 88659	28.82
Pitney Bowes Inc 12/30/14 88875	<u>192.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$25,105.22</u></b>

#### **Developers Escrow**

Cricket Communications 11/21/12 15093	\$30.75
Cricket Communications 02/21/13 15115	999.25
John & Joan Drimax 04/16/14 15227	235.75
Siracusa Homes 04/16/14 15238	661.25
Laurelwood Estates 08/06/14 15290	237.00
Rizzo/Valenti Inc 08/06/14 15295	324.25
Bozzi Builders 10/16/14 15314	<u>15.75</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$2,504.00</u></b>

#### **Trust Other**

W. Hargrove Demolition Co 06/24/14 21181	<u>\$5,976.80</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$5,976.80</u></b>

#### **General Capital**

The Home Depot 01/29/13 15335	\$198.00
CC Soil Conservation 08/26/14 16030	<u>1,125.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,323.00</u></b>

ADOPTED: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

**R-16:09-259**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR  
BROADACRES DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP  
OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, it was necessary to make changes in the scope of work to be done in completing the Broadacres Drive Culvert Replacement in the Township of Gloucester,

**WHEREAS**, Change Order No. 1 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. 1 is hereby authorized and approval is hereby granted to revise the contract cost from \$395,785.00 to \$408,840.00.

Adopted: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

**R-16:09-260**

**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:

#4802-071029CSPFa  
The Crossings @ Twin Oaks II  
Berlin Cross Keys Road  
Block 18612 Lot 4  
David Guzzo  
P.O. Box 58  
Richwood, NJ 08074  
Balance from unexpended escrow: \$ 2,439.73

Adopted: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mr. Mercado stated that at the engineer's request, Blackwood Redevelopment will come off this resolution. Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt as amended, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0

**R-16:09-261**

**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**

406 14 Brian and Emily Dempsey 2016 \$1,495.75 Duplicate Payment  
225 Woods Lane  
Somerdale, NJ 08083

1602 4 Chase Bank 2016 \$1,595.99 Duplicate Payment  
P.O. Box 961227  
Fort Worth, TX 76161-9933  
Attn: Sheryl Stowe

8013 6 Alicia Francis 2016 \$2,237.08 Duplicate Payment  
27 La Costa Dr.  
Blackwood, NJ 08012

11707 4 Dovenmuehle Mtg. Inc. 2016 \$2,317.56 Erroneous Payment  
1206 St. Charles Rd.  
Elgin, IL 60120  
Attn: Shawnee Moore

15305 12 Scott Vesper 2016 \$2,392.60 Duplicate Payment  
804 Dartmoor Ave.  
Williamstown, NJ 08094

17204 1 Weichert Title Agency 2016 \$2,183.08 Duplicate Payment  
1909 Route 70 East, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003  
Attn: Andrea Vanacore

21001 18 John Diering 2016 \$2,837.56 Duplicate Payment  
35 Mulberry St.  
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

**ADOPTED:** September 12, 2016

Council President \_\_\_\_\_

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Township Clerk

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

**R-16:09-262**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE GLOUCESTER  
TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following persons be and are hereby appointed to the Gloucester Township Housing Authority

BRETT A. KIER 09/12/16 to 12/31/18  
(to fill the unexpired term of Richard Rosetti)

Adopted: September 12, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

Mr. Mercado stated that he wanted to make a comment to the residents in the audience before the Public Portion of the Council meeting. He stated that he wanted to straighten out some misconceptions and misrepresentations that were on the internet blogs. He started with the Field of Dreams, and stated that some children with special needs do not get the opportunity to play organized baseball. He stated that the idea behind the Field of Dreams is to raise money for the project and not use public money. He stated that the Rotary has raised money through various fund raisers and now has \$137,000.00, which is being held by the rotary foundation. He stated that the project has stalled with no one meeting and no one pushing. Mr. Mercado stated that the township is going to jump start the project. He stated that he has talked with Councilman Mignone who has agreed to start a task force. He will put the committee together who will report their findings to the Council at the last meeting in December. He stated that the new Field of Dreams will be located at an underused field at the Valleybrook complex. He stated that it is a turf field and the dugouts are ADA compliant. Mr. Mercado said that this field will give the children a sense of inclusion as they will be right in the middle of all the sports fields and not separated.

He spoke about that in 2011 when the County was forming the Metro Police Department, many individuals were scaring residents by saying that we were going to join that force. He stated that these are the same people that are now advocating for putting all the municipal services together and these same people also exaggerated the cost of the armored car. He spoke about the franchise agreement with Comcast signed by Mayor Rau-Hatton. He stated that this is a non-exclusive contract that would allow any company to come into the township, such as Verizon. This is not what was written on the blogs. He also spoke about the fact that it was reported online that the Council was going to cancel Halloween. This was totally untrue but fortunately it led to the township holding Trunk or Treat. He stated that there were reports of the township paying for the solar panels at the municipal

complexes and the schools. Mr. Mercado stated that the township did not pay anything for the solar panels. The solar panels were purchased by Marina, a subsidiary of South Jersey Industries. The Twp. and School Districts receive energy at a reduced rate. He also stated that there were statements online that the outlets were not going to provide many jobs when in fact they have hired 800 people. There was also a discussion as to the amount of taxes the outlets are bringing into the township. Currently they pay taxes on the land of \$390,000 and on January 2017 will begin paying 30% of their taxes on the buildings – per their tax abatement. Mr. Mercado spoke about the turf fields. He stated that they did not cost the township 10 million dollars as reported on the internet. The cost was \$2.9 million. Lastly Mr. Mercado spoke about the Billboard messages throughout the town. He stated that the ability to put the township messages on the billboard was part of the approval process when the billboards were before the planning and zoning boards. The messages from the township are at no cost to the township. He stated that these stories are spun by people who don't use facts and just post on the internet.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Russo stated that he had questions about the Grenloch School. It was stated that it was owned by Board of Education and has been shut down for 5 or 6 years. He stated that the original offer was based on the presumption that it was 3 acres when it is only 1 ½ acres. There was also a discussion concerning the Freeway Golf course which is privately owned. He thanked Mr. Mercado for his explanations. He stated that he knows that the township has to raise taxes to pay their bills but the increase this year was a big increase at one time.

Shelly Lovett of 742 Chatham Road stated that she found out about the Police rally on Facebook. She stated that people use Facebook as the outlet for their frustrations. She stated that Council has the ability to give their opinions and Facebook is where the residents give their opinions. Shelly Lovett stated that she is glad that she went to the rally and she wishes there were more people there.

Mr. Mark Pendleton asked what was the percentage of people that opted out of the energy program.

A resident of 608 Tanglewood Drive asked for any follow up from the discussion of the noise ordinance. He asked if the township was having a shredding event this year. Ms. Burley spoke about the Mayor's 2010 campaign promise of no more double digit tax increases. She stated that residents want a property tax reduction. She asked if council has any say about how many fire districts and commissioners there are. It was stated that there are 6 fire districts and 30 commissioners.

Mr. Addison Bradley suggested that people put blue lights outside of their homes to support the Police Department.

Sam Sweet asked about the law suit with the rehab committee and what was the current status. Mr. Carlamere stated that nothing has come into the building as of late. Mr. Sweet stated that he has received more information about the Grenloch School at the council meeting than he has received from the School Board meetings.

Mr. Mercado suggested that Mr. Sweet contact the Superintendent about this. Mr. Sweet also spoke about ways for the township to save money. He spoke about the bid process for the energy aggregation program. He also spoke about the turf fields and if there was any history of injuries. Mr. Mercado will reach out to the teams to see if there are any injuries reported in the course of the year.

Ray Polidoro of Erial stated that what scares the people of the township is the Administration.

Joanne Carr of Timberbirch also spoke about the Grenloch School. She stated that she came before council and talked about the historical significance of the school. She also talked about the Moffa's Farm building which is one of the first houses in

the township. Mr. Mercado stated that the Grenloch School is not the township's building to save. She also asked about how many crossing guards there are in the township. Chief Earle stated that there are 11 posts in areas where the children walk to school.

Maureen Myers of Hilltop thanked council for putting the meeting notices on Nixle. She also asked about the Field of Dreams and the fund raising that was done for the project. Mr. Mercado stated that the former committee started the fund raising and then the committee stalled. It was stated that at this time only baseball is considered for the Field of Dreams. Other sports will be considered in the future. The economic development Committee and its makeup were also discussed. Ms. Myers spoke about the rally this past weekend as her son-in-law and sister-in-law are on the police force. She asked the Chief what is being done in the high crime areas of the township.

Mr. Sweet asked about the Gloucester Board of Education meetings and the Township Council meetings being on the same night. He asked if Council would consider moving their night. Mr. Mercado stated that there are meetings every night of the week in the municipal building and they would not change their meeting night. He stated that Council cannot dictate the meeting night for the Board of Health.

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

**POLLING OF DIRECTORS:**

Chief Earle stated that they will be having kick off events soon. He stated that there are 100 Police K-9's coming to our township. He stated that the 29<sup>th</sup> of September there will be demonstrations as well as fireworks. He stated that the next Citizens Police Academy will be starting soon. He also stated that there will be Blue Mass at Our Lady of Hope. Chief Earle stated that he and his Police Officers just attended classes at the Constitution Center.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Mr. Hutchison stated that he appreciates all the comments that were made this evening as it is a different side to the issue.

Mr. Schmidt thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for commenting.

Mrs. Stubbs stated that she appreciates everyone coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Mercado thanked Vice President Trotto for chairing the last meeting.

Mr. Mercado reminded everyone that September 26 is Hispanic Heritage Night at the Council meeting. He stated that the Council is still taking nominations for that evening.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Rosemary DiJosie  
President of Council Township Clerk

