

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 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-late – 7:45 Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
Mr. Schmidt
Mrs. Stubbs-abs. Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
Mrs. Winters Mrs. DiJosie, Twp. Clerk, RMC
Mrs. Mignone
Mrs. Trotto
Mr. Mercado

Mr. Lechner, Comm. Dev.-late
Chief Earle, Police

R-16:10-826

**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 Workmen’s Compensation, in executive closed session, and that the public be and is hereby excluded from this discussion on October 24, 2016, 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: October 24, 2016

President

of Council
ATTEST:

Township Clerk

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

Mr. Mercado stated that the closed session was concerning a Workmen's Compensation case.
The matter is still unresolved at this time.

Mr. Hutchison arrived at the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Mr. Mercado asked for a roll call of all council members. Roll call: All Council members present.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES:

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to accept the following minutes of:

Regular Meetings: October 12, 2016

Seconded Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: Mr. Mercado and Mr. Hutchison abstained from the October 12, 2016 meeting. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 4-0-2.

RESOLUTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

R-16:10-287

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 \$ 557,521.99

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 129,685.84

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 11,373.00

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 25,493.23

ANIMAL TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 6,872.42

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 115,423.59

Adopted: October 24, 2016

PRESIDENT COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-16:10-288

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL FOR THE CHANGING OF TRAFFIC BULB SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township council of the Township of Gloucester has determined that entering into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Pine Hill to provide "Changing of Traffic Signal Bulb" services can decrease cost incurred by the Township of Gloucester and the Borough of Pine Hill and continue and or increase and improve services to both the Township of Gloucester and Borough of Pine Hill, and;

WHEREAS, The Borough of Pine Hill is in agreement with entering into a shared services agreement for changing of traffic signal bulb services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is hereby authorized to enter into a municipal shared services agreement with the Borough of Pine Hill to provide "Changing of Traffic Signal Bulb" services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipal shared services agreement shall be prepared for an initial term as set forth in the agreement and for consideration to be paid by the Borough of Pine Hill to the Township of Gloucester in the amount provided therein.

Adopted: October 24, 2016

ATTEST:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-16:10-289

RESOLUTION DECLARING DEFAULT OF TRADITION HOMES AT GLOUCESTER TWP, LLC FOR ERIK COURT (GLOUCESTER CHASE)

WHEREAS, certain subdivision/Site Plan improvements were required to be constructed and installed by Tradition Homes at Gloucester Twp., LLC, as a condition of approval of the development known as , and

WHEREAS, posted with the Township of Gloucester, a performance surety, dated May 17, 2012 for the sum of \$750,210.39 as surety and a performance guarantee for the proper and timely installation and completion of said improvements.

WHEREAS, Tradition Homes at Gloucester Twp., LLC has not properly performed and completed said improvements as indicated in the report of the Township Engineer, dated October 10, 2016 and attached hereto.

WHEREAS, there presently exists certain improvements remaining to be properly installed and completed by Tradition Homes at Gloucester Twp., LLC in the amount of \$238,140.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township

1. that the Developer, be and is hereby declared to be in default in performance of the installation of the required improvements for the project known as SD # 04-15-T-752 for the improvements remaining incomplete which total the sum of \$238,140.00 as indicated in the letter of the Township Engineer, dated October 10, 2016 and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That the appropriate Township Official of the Township of Gloucester is hereby directed and authorized to take the necessary action to recover the cost of the improvements which have not been properly completed.

Adopted: October 24, 2106

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-16:10-290

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

8010 3 Fulton Bank of NJ 2016 \$201.33 Erroneous
P.O. Box 25091 Payment
Lehigh Valley, PA 18003-9940
Attn: Christina Boyer

ADOPTED: October 24, 2016

Council President

Township Clerk

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

R-16:10-291

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTIONS FOR TAX YEAR 2016 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AND REFUND ANY OVERPAYMENTS

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

WHEREAS, they have made proper application for Total and Permanent Service-Connected Disability tax exempt status on their property designated with the block and lots listed below and,

WHEREAS, they have submitted proper evidence of Total and Permanent Disability rating from the U.S. Veterans Administration in accordance with State Regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is authorized to grant said exemption, cancel property taxes as stated for 2016 and first half 2017 and refund any resulting credit balances.

Block Lot Name	Comment	Amount to be Credited
2101 20 Robert Malin	Add Disabled Veteran	\$1,036.15 – 2016 4 th Qtr
Half	Tax Exemption	\$2,087.09 – 2017 1 st
9904 5 Leonard Collier	Add Disabled Veteran	\$3,800.00 – 2016 5 mons.
Half	Tax Exemption	\$4,259.66 – 2017 1 st

13702	5	Robert Johnson	Add Disabled Veteran	\$1,879.76 – 2016 4 th Qtr
			Tax Exemption	\$3,508.95 – 2017 1 st
Half				
17608	15	Morris Haith	Add Disabled Veteran	\$3,809.30 – 2016 2 nd Half
			Tax Exemption	\$4,374.80 – 2017 1 st
Half				
18501	2.23	Cynthia Johnson	Add Disabled Veteran	\$416.34 – 2016 4 th qtr land
			Tax Exemption	\$832.70 – 2017 1 st
Half				
20901	68	Irving Joyner	Add Disabled Veteran	\$2,401.72 – 2016 4 th Qtr
			Tax Exemption	\$4,471.89 – 2017 1 st
Half				

ADOPTED: October 24, 2016

President of Council

Township Clerk

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

R-16:10-292

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GRANT SENIOR CITIZEN, DISABLED, OR VETERAN DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2016 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 2016,

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 2016 and refund any balances for the amounts indicated.

Block Lot Name Comment Amount of Deduction

3003 28 Frederick Hill Add Disability 250.00
Deduction 2016

7604 6 Linda Scoppetta Add Widow of Vet 250.00
Deduction 2016

8007 23 Benjamin Hemme Add Veteran 250.00
Deduction 2016

9303 23 Roger Jones Add Veteran 250.00
Deduction 2016

12606 6 Robert Braddock Add Disability 250.00
Deduction 2016

15702 53 Herbert White Add Vet&Sen Cit 500.00

Deduction 2016

16801 74 Daniel Miner Add Veteran 250.00
Deduction 2016

17202 13 Rita Irrera Add Sen Cit 250.00
Deduction 2016

17403 14 Fred Moore Add Veteran 250.00
Deduction 2016

17801 7 Ernestine Atkins Add Widow of Vet 250.00
Deduction 2016

18304 56 Gerard Sprintis Add Veteran 250.00
Deduction 2016

ADOPTED: October 24, 2016

President of Council

Township Clerk

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

R-16:10-293

**RESOLUTION TO CREDIT ASSESSMENTS FOR 2016 DUE TO STATE TAX COURT
APPEAL SETTLEMENTS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND
ANY OVERPAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Gloucester, as indicated by block and lot number, have received a reduction resulting from a Tax Court appeal settlement based on a 2016 appeal, and,

WHEREAS, the Township Assessor has reviewed and processed said appeal for the tax year 2016,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, that the following properties be reduced for 2016 and the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to credit each tax account for the fourth quarter 2016 and refund any over-payments:

**BLOCK LOT NAME & REASON REDUCTION OF ASSESS RED. TAXES
ACCOUNT**

18601 2.02 Morningstar Resources Cancel \$90,000 assessment \$3,406.50
2016 full year credit
2016 Tax Court Docket #006859-2016

19003 44 Terrance Johnson Cancel \$31,200 assessment \$1,162.20
2016 full year credit
2016 Tax Court Docket #010461-2016

ADOPTED: October 24, 2016

President of Council

Township Clerk

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

R-16-10-294

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF RETIRED K-9 POLICE DOG "RADAR" TO GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL PRZEWORSKI

WHEREAS. The Gloucester Township Police Department has determined that K-9 police dog "Radar" is no longer capable of performing the duties of a K-9 officer, and

WHEREAS. It is recognized retired K-9 police dogs fair better through the adoption to the police officer assigned to the K-9 police dog, and

WHEREAS. The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement to authorize the Gloucester Township Police Department to facilitate the adoption of the retired K-9 police dog "Radar" to police officer Michael Przeworski, and

WHEREAS. The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement with police officer Michael Przeworski that K-9 police dog "Radar" will not be used in any capacity relating to any activities associated with the Gloucester Police Department, and

WHEREAS. The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement that the Gloucester Township Police Department will be held harmless for all responsibilities associated with the former K-9 police dog "Radar".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that retired K-9 police dog "Radar" will be adopted by police officer Michael Przeworski and will not be used in any activities associated with Gloucester Township Police Department, be and is hereby approved.

Adopted: October 24, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial stated that the township purchased Chevy Volts some time ago, and asked if the township applied and received any rebates? Mr. Mercado will speak to Mr. Cardis.

Mr. Williams of Sicklerville thanked the Chief for patrolling an abandoned house in his neighborhood. He also asked how many body cameras our Police Department own. Mr. Mercado stated that the township is buying them in increments. Chief Earle stated that the township has a total of 126 but they are not in service as of yet. Once they are all officers on patrol will have these cameras. He also discussed the gas tax increase and why the Mayor was not at the meeting. Mr. Mercado stated that this is a council meeting, and in previous years, some Mayor's chose to be at the meeting, but it is not a requirement of the Mayor. Mr. Williams stated that he thinks the Mayor should be at the meeting.

Sam Sweet of Erial stated that he wanted to clarify that with the Housing Authority, there is a cap on what can be spent on the house rehab. Mr. Carlamere stated that not all the dollars in the COAH trust fund will be used for this. Mr. Sweet also asked who is going to do the accounting for this. Mr. Carlamere stated that this has to go through the court first, and the township would have to account for all the money they are spending. He also asked who is deciding on the

houses. Mr. Carlamere stated that the mechanics of it are being worked on at this time and it should begin in three to six months.

Joanne Carr of the Historic Committee stated that they are having a fund raising event on Friday evening at the Tavern.

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

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Schmidt thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Winters thanked the residents for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Great Halloween.

Mr. Mignone thanked the residents for coming to the meeting and also wished everyone a great holiday.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Mr. Mercado acknowledged Ms. Kelly and stated that he will be putting the Noise Ordinance on the November workshop. He also stated that the Township Trunk or treat is still looking for trunks.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary DiJosie
President of Council Township Clerk. RMC