

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY WORKSHOP**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Harbison of the Tory Estates spoke about the new signs that were installed. He also stated that when the township cuts down trees they should chip the excess. Mr. Harbison stated that Collee Drive should be cleaned up along both sides.

Mr. Buonopastore of Aberdeen spoke about the stop sign at Annapolis and Easton Road. He stated that there is only a stop sign on the Annapolis side and there is no sign on Easton road. He stated that there have been close calls at this intersection.

Mr. Mercado will forward this to the Police Department.

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

1. **DISCUSSION OF NOISE ORDINANCE** – Mr. Ernie Smith of the Camden County Dept. Health stated that he looked over the township's ordinance and stated that he had a question with the verbiage Noise Control Officer/Investigator, and stated that it was ok the way the township had it. Mr. Mercado explained that sometimes residents call into the Police Department to complain about the noise. It was stated that the residents also contact the Camden County Health Department. It was stated that a certificate must be acquired from the Camden County Health Department before the complaint could go up to the State. Mr. Smith discussed the types of violations there are as well as the fine for the violations. It was stated that the county is on call 24/7. The decibels were discussed as well as the scales used to measure the noise level. Mr. Nick Abbate, of Villari's spoke about the noise problem at the Villari's location. It was stated that the noise level could be measured at the property line as well as inside the house. Mr. Mercado stated that the township would need exceptions in the ordinance for the two gun ranges in the township, one that was grandfathered in and the Police gun range. Mr. Abbate also discussed several options he is looking into to reduce the noise levels. It was stated that if the two gun ranges were made exceptions under the ordinance, it could hinder the ordinance going up to the DEP, as there are no assurances and this is a significant change. Dorsett Kelly stated that even if the ordinance is changed, the township could still enforce the ordinance. This ordinance will go on the second meeting in February.
  
2. **DISCUSSION OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES** – Mr. Cardis and Ms. Geppi, Human Resources Director explained the new Personnel Policy and Procedures manual. It was stated that this was done several years ago and Ms. Geppi worked with Dave Rapauno to update the manual. She stated that most of the manual was updated to coincide with the new laws that were adopted by the state and the township. The ordinance will be on the next meeting.

3. **DISCUSSION OF ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES – CHERRYWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PHASE 6** – Mr. Cantwell explained the proposal and stated that it must be approved by straw poll at the council meeting.
4. **DISCUSSION OF ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR BERLIN-CROSS KEYS ROAD AND KEARSLEY ROAD SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENTS** – Mr. Cantwell explained this proposal and stated that it must be approved by straw poll at the council meeting.
5. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MILL AND OVERLAY)** – Mr. Cantwell explained the proposal and stated that it must be approved by straw poll at the council meeting.
6. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL FOR GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING REHABILITATION** – Mr. Cardis stated that when the engineer was completing the wash bay he noticed some problems with the building. It was stated that the building needs to be fixed. This will be done with some capital money as well as some older money.
7. **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 81 – ADDING SECTION 81-32A – DO NOT BLOCK THE BOX** – Mr. Carlamere stated that all of the “Do Not Block the Box” ordinances must be condensed into one chapter in the Code Book. He stated that the traffic ordinance must be amended.
8. **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 81-35 TO INCLUDE WAWA ON ERIAL/LITTLE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP FOR NO OVERNIGHT PARKING** – Mr. Carlamere stated that the former parking ordinances the township have adopted have led to the truck drivers moving to the WaWa parking lot across from the Lewis School. He stated that the WaWa has given the township permission to enforce parking in this parking lot. Mr. Carlamere stated that this ordinance will be on the next meeting.
9. **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 79 – TOWING ORDINANCE – FOR ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT TOWING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP** – Mr. Carlamere stated that we passed a towing ordinance several years back and he stated that he feels that the towers must have back ground checks before they become township towers. If the towers have convictions this would be a reason to reject them. An ordinance will be on the next meeting.
10. **DISCUSSION OF TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT FOR SSG-BARGO, INC. – ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION 625 N. BLACK HORSE PIKE – WALGREENS** – Mr. Carlamere stated there is ground contamination in the area of the Walgreens in Blackwood and the company inspecting this environmental problem needs an easement on township property. A resolution will be on the next meeting with the addition of an insurance clause.

11. **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO THE ABANDONED PROPERTY REGISTRATION – CHANGE IN REGISTRATION FEE –**

Mr. Carlamere stated that we are now doing a shared service with Camden County for this registration ordinance. He stated that all other municipalities in Camden County are charging \$500.00 which would give the township a greater amount of the registration fee. He stated that the township will only be amending the amount. This will be on the next meeting.

12. **DISCUSSION OF RFP/RFQ FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES**

– Mr. Cardis stated that the township was in a shared service for this with the County and the County is no longer involved with this and each municipality will have to do this on their own. Mr. Cardis stated that he would like the township to go out for a RFP/RFQ and would like a resolution authorizing this on the next meeting.

13. **DISCUSSION OF THE GABREIL DAVEIS CARRIAGE HOUSE AND APPLYING FOR A GRANT THROUGH SUSTAINABLE JERSEY PROGRAM –** The Council needed more information on this.

There was a discussion about our Fair Share Plan under COAH being accepted. A resolution must be adopted stating that the township will maintain the project and is committed to the project.

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**Council Liaison**

Mr. Mercado stated that the GTMUA has reorganized. Mr. Rich Calabrese was appointed Chairman of the Board. He also reminded everyone to get their nominations in for Black History Month.

Mrs. Trotto stated that the Housing Authority will be re-organizing next week.