

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
MARCH WORKSHOP**

**MARCH 6, 2017**

Mrs. Stubbs was sick.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ms. Cheryl Pine of 18 Pinewood Court in Sicklerville came to Council for help with her property. She stated that she would like to erect a privacy fence around her property but there is severe overgrowth on the township's property. She stated that she has been trying to find out some information concerning her property from various township offices. After reviewing her information, it was stated that the space behind her home was township open space, and possibly a former retention basin. Mr. Mercado stated that he will have someone review the property and get back to Ms. Pine.

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

1. **DISCUSSION OF VERIZON R-O-W CONSENT** – Mr. Morgan of Tillison Technology has been contracted with Verizon to obtain consent from each town and municipality in New Jersey for Verizon to attach small equipment to certain utility poles to enhance signal strength. He stated that Verizon needs consent to enter the right-of-ways. Mr. Carlamere will review the resolution submitted by Tillison Technology before submitting it for approval by council.
2. **DISCUSSION OF TNR PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY CATS** – Mr. Cardis gave a short synopsis of the feral cat problem in the Township of Gloucester. He stated that the township originally passed an ordinance on first reading concerning feral cats. He stated that this ordinance was tabled at that time, so further information could be gathered. He introduced Elisa who runs a non-profit whose goal is to save and colonize feral cats. Mr. Cardis stated that following this ordinance would save the township money. Elisa explained what her organization does and explained how the cats ears are tipped, how they are microchipped and how they are returned to their colonies. This ordinance will be on the next meeting.
3. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES – 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RECONSTRUCTION)**  
Mr. Cantwell explained this project. A straw poll was taken and all council present voted yes to this proposal.
4. **DISCUSSION OF CHANGE OF SCOPE – EASEMENT PREPARATION AND DESIGN FOR DITTESS LANE SIDEWALK EXTENSION-** Mr. Cantwell explained the need for this extension. A straw poll was taken and all council present voted yes to this proposal.
5. **DISCUSSION OF ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES – SICKLERVILLE ROAD AND MULLEN DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS -** Mr. Cantwell explained this project. A straw poll was taken and all council present voted yes to this proposal.
6. **DISCUSSION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES – CHURCH ROAD CROSSWALK AND FLASHING PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS -** Mr. Cantwell explained this project. A straw poll was taken and all council present voted yes to this proposal.
7. **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 81-35 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”**  
Mr. Carlamere stated that this traffic ordinance must be amended to increase the tonnage to 8 tons from the present amount of 3 tons. This will be on the next meeting.

8. **DISCUSSION OF CREATION OF CHAPTER 81-32B ENTITLED "SCHOOL CROSSINGS"** – It was stated that a chapter will be created in the Code Book for school crossings. The Police Department would like to see small crosswalk signs. This will be on the next meeting.
  
9. **DISCUSSION OF CHAPTER 92 ENTITLED "DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN"** – It was stated that this ordinance must be adopted as per the statute. It was stated that this is for part time employees. This will be on the next meeting.
  
10. **DISCUSSION OF RED TOP FOR CLEMENTON** – Mr. Cardis stated that the township did this shared service last year with Clementon. He stated that Public Works will do this on Friday, with Clementon paying overtime for the township employees and the red top, plus an administrative fee for the township.
  
11. **DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY** – The Township previously participated with Middlesex Regional Education Services Co-op. They have since changed their name to Educational Services Commission of New Jersey. A resolution will be on the next meeting.
  
12. **BIKE PATH LITIGATION** – Mr. Carlamere stated that the township is being sued because someone was riding on the bike path in the snow and fell. He asked if the township should put up some sort of signage to not allow people to be on the bike path in inclement weather.

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**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Mrs. Winters stated that the Blackwood Lake Advisory Committee met in February and discussed an open house at the caboose.

Mr. Mignone stated that the Field of Dreams is moving along.

Mr. Hutchison discussed his concern with traffic along Somerdale Road at the beginning and the end of the school day. He would like to see a Police Officer or Special on Somerdale Road during arrival and dismissal to control traffic. Mr. Cardis will contact the Chief.