

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2017
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
Mr. Mignone
Mrs. Trotto
Mr. Mercado

Mr. Lechner, Comm. Dev.-abs.
Captain Minosse, Police

PRESENTATION: The Gloucester Township Scholarship Committee presented the Scholarship drawing.

Mr. Mercado called for a 10 minutes break.

Roll call: All Council members present.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

BIDS:

**TWO (2) F 550 4 WHEEL DRIVE DUM TRUCKS
PW:17-03
MARCH 29, 2017 @ 10:00 AM**

NAME BID BOND AMOUNT

Intercon Truck Equipment 10 % (for 2) \$159,100.00

Bayshore 10% (for 2) \$155,053.00

Winner Ford 10% (for 2) \$154,472.00

**ONE (1) 2017 25cy VACUUM LEAF LOADER
PW:17-04
MARCH 29, 2017 @ 10:15**

NAME BID BOND AMOUNT

ODB 10 % 53,974.00

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF:

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the following minutes,

Regular Meeting – March 27, 2017

April Workshop - April 3, 2017

seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stubbs abstained all both meetings, Mrs. Trotto abstained from the workshop, All others votes yes. Motion carried. 5-0-2

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

O-17-13 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81-31 ENTITLED, "SPEED LIMITS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER REDUCING THE SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT TO 25 MPH WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT ALONG BLENHEIM-ERIAL ROAD (C.R. #706) OF THE BLACKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing. There being no comment, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stubbs abstained. All others voted yes. Motion carried. 6-0-1

O-17-14 ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 47A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, "COMMUNITY CAT" ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR CATS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing, Elisa thanked the Council for passing this ordinance. She stated that this ordinance has already saved the township \$10,000.00 in tax money. She stated that the ordinance saves money and gets get to live also.

A resident thanked Council for the passage of this ordinance and she stated that she was proud to be a member of this forward thinking community. Mr. Brian Hack of the Human Society stated that he would like to thank and applaud the Gloucester Township for adopting this ordinance. He stated that this ordinance not only saves the tax payers money, but engages the community and reduces the killing of cats. He thanked all thos responsible.

There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stubbs abstained. All others voted yes. Motion carried. 6-0-1.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

O-17-15

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Chapter 81 of the Code of the Township of Gloucester be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 81-35B "Regulation for the Movement and the Parking of Traffic on Private Property Open to the Public to Which the Public is Invited (Retail Business)" be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Property:

**FAVORITES AT GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
1300 Blackwood-Clementon Road (C.R. 534)**

Regulations:

1. General Parking:

A. All vehicles must park in designated areas and between the lines provided.

B. Parking of vehicles, trailers, buses and recreational vehicles over eight Tons Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) is **prohibited at all times** except for deliveries.

C. Parking of vehicles, boats or trailers with the intent to display for sale is prohibited at all times.

Violators are subject to fine up \$1,000.00, subject to towing at owner's expense and/or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days or by a period of community service not to exceed ninety (90) days.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection or part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of the ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: April 10, 2017

Adopted:

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

TOWNSHIP CLERK

MAYOR

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have second reading and public hearing on April 24, 2017 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0

O-17-16

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$750,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$750,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

Section 1. The purpose described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Township").

Section 2. It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Township from all sources for the purpose stated in Section 7 hereof is \$750,000; and
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purpose stated in Section 7 hereof is \$750,000.

Section 3. The sum of \$750,000, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, is hereby appropriated for the purpose stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

Section 4. The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 to finance the costs of the purpose described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law. All or a portion of the bonds authorized to be issued hereunder may evidence one or more loans from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and/or the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, under one or more Applications for Financial Assistance submitted by the Township to said entities ("Loan Application").

Section 5. In order to temporarily finance the purpose described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, shall not exceed the sum of \$150,000.

Section 7. The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of said purpose; the amount of down payment for said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for said purpose and the period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A. Various Drainage Improvements in and for the Township including, but not limited to, the Replacement of Stormwater Piping at Argyle Avenue, Sturbridge Drive, and Melvin Avenue; together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly described in the Loan Application on file in the Township Clerk's office.	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000	40 years

Section 8. Monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of, obligations issued to finance the costs of improvements described in Section 7 above.

Section 9. The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$750,000 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance and, to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the

Township shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

Section 11. The Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

Section 12. The Township hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceed of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code") for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Township prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

Section 13. The Township hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Ogden, Utah Service Center of the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

Section 14. The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Township may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

Section 15. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 16. In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Attest:

Introduced: April 10, 2017

Adopted:

President of Council

Township Clerk

Mayor

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have second reading and public hearing on April 24, 2017 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

**RESOLUTIONS:
CONSENT AGENDA**

R-17:04-105-A

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 \$ 6,759,891.15

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 65,815.81

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 80,652.76

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 8,072.25

ANIMAL TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 12,148.90

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 572,685.83

Adopted: April 10, 2017

PRESIDENT COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLER

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

R-17:04-106

**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	16-0055	49 Cambridge Ave	\$271.00
numbers:				16-0987	509 Linda Ave	\$238.00
				16-0562	23 Bromley Ct	\$288.00

16-0992	17 Lee Ann Dr	\$238.00
16-0563	6 Mallard Ct	\$288.00
16-0988	14 W. Annapolis Dr	\$288.00
16-0561	46 Aberdeen Dr	\$238.00
16-0483	21 Lee Ann Dr	\$288.00

TOTAL: \$2,137.00

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

ADOPTED: April 10, 2017

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. 7-0

R-17:04-107

**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 20170124 in the amount of \$288.00.

Attn: Melanie Dreyer
 2211 Allenwood Rd

Payable to: Trinity Heating & Air,
 Inc

Wall, NJ

07719

ADOPTED: April 10, 2017

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. 7-0

R-17:04-108

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND QUINN CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for canopy pier repairs at the Municipal Building Parking Lot

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been provided, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council received bids or quotes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the proper Township Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Quinn Construction for canopy pier repairs at the Municipal Building in the amount of \$27,353.00 which was the lowest bid or quote received.

Adopted: April 10, 2017

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. 7-0

R-17:04-109

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 20150730 in the amount of \$337.00.

Payable to: Geopeak Energy LLC

Attn: Michael Koping

285 Davidson Ave, Ste 101

Somerset, NJ 08873

ADOPTED: April 10, 2017

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. 7-0

R-17:04-110

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND FIRE DISTRICT #4

WHEREAS. The Township has determined the need to establish a Rescue Task Force (RTF) which will allow Fire District #4 to be dispatched to emergencies such as Active Shooter/Hostile Events (ASHE) and or Evacuation events within the Township of Gloucester and the County of Camden; and

WHEREAS. The Township of Gloucester has procured certain lifesaving equipment that would allow Fire District #4 to provide point of injury care to the citizens of the Township of Gloucester and the County of Camden during an ASHE and or Evacuation emergency event; and

WHEREAS. The Township of Gloucester and Fire District #4 are in agreement that this will ensure expedited point of injury care to the residents of the Township of Gloucester and the County of Camden during an ASHE and or Evacuation emergency event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester hereby authorizes the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of establishing a Rescue Task Force (RTF) with Gloucester Township Fire District #4 to provide point of injury care during an Active Shooter/Hostile Event or an Evacuation emergency. The Memorandum of Understanding Agreement is attached hereto.

Adopted: April 10, 2017

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-17:04-111

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

10404 16 Leo Foglio 2017 1,000.00 Overpayment

13702 7 Corelogic 2017 2,912.05 Overpayment
P.O. Box 9220
Coppell, TX 75019-9238
Attn: Refund Department

19004 40 Grafton Hunley II 2017 632.09 Overpayment
66 Aberdeen Dr.
Erial, NJ 08081

ADOPTED: April 10, 2017

Council President

Township Clerk

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

R-17:04-112

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND OLD DOMINION BRUSH COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for One (1) 2017 25cy Vacuum Leaf Loader

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been provided, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council received bids or quotes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the proper Township Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Old Dominion Brush Company for one (1) 2017 25 cy Vacuum Leaf Loader in the amount of \$53,974.00 which was the lowest bid or quote received.

Adopted: April 10, 2017

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. 7-0

REGULAR AGENDA

SOIL REMOVAL HEARING: Blenheim Construction for Cal Atlantic Homes – Iron Gate Development

Mr. Carlamere explained the reason for the Soil Removal Hearing and stated that he reviewed the application and everything was in order. Mr. Dougherty of Blenheim Construction was available for any questions. Mr. Hutchison made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Stubbs. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried to approve the soil removal. 7-0.

R-17:04-113

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

Richard Rosetti Alternate # 2 04-10-17 to 12-31-18

Adopted: April 10, 2017

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-17:04-114 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO READ THE TOWNSHIP BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget, as advertised, may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing provided that at least one week prior to the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget, as advertised, is posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted in the municipal building and that the approved budget, as advertised, was made available to each person requesting same, and

WHEREAS, the Township has complied with those two requirements, posting a copy of the approved budget, as advertised, on the municipal building notice board, and provided copies

to each person who requested same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of new Jersey, as follows:

1. The conditions set forth regarding posting and providing copies of the approved budget, as advertised, have been met.
2. The 2017 Township budget shall be read by title only.

Adopted: April 10, 2017

ATTEST:

President of Council

Township Clerk

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

Public Hearing on the 2017 Municipal Budget.

Mr. Mercado opened the budget hearing.

Mr. Polidoro of Erial asked for confirmation that the budget increase was zero on the levy. He questioned the budget amounts from this year and last year. He questioned why there was an increase in the surplus accounts, and why this money could not be used to offsetting taxes.

Mr. Radisch stated that this is the highest surplus that the township has had in the last 20 years. He asked if the township would consider using surplus money to lower taxes. Mr. Cardis stated that wiping out surplus could lower the township's bond rating.

Mr. Heinbaugh also questioned the surplus account and also discussed banking CAP. Mr. Cardis explained the townships actions concerning this. Mr. Heinbaugh questioned the expenditures of the Office of Public Information, Township Engineer, Aid to Ambulance and the Prosecutor's salary. Mr. Heinbaugh also questioned the snow fund and the CDBG account.

Joanne Carr of Timberbirch asked what would have to happen for the taxes to go down. Mr. Cardis stated that it is very hard for taxes to go down as the expenses continue to go up.

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

The Clerk read the following resolution in its entirety.

R-17:04-115

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2017 was introduced on the 13th of March, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget which does not require advertisement,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that the following amendments to the approved 2017 calendar year budget be made:

CURRENT FUND – GENREAL REVENUES FROM TO

1.	Surplus Anticipated	\$5,230,000.00	\$5,240,000.00
	Total Surplus Anticipated	5,230,000.00	5,240,000.00
2.	Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:		
	Drive Sober Get Pulled Over	0.00	5,000.00
	Click It or Ticket	0.00	5,000.00
	Drunk Driving Enforcement	0.00	10,300.79
	Body Armor	0.00	10,524.83
3.	Miscellaneous Revenues – Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services – Other Special Items:		
	Utility Operating Surplus of Prior Year – GTMUA	270,000.00	260,000.00
4.	Surplus Anticipated	5,230,000.00	5,240,000.00
5.	Total Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations	129,629.74	160,455.36
6.	Total Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services – Other Special Items	989,132.50	979,132.50
7.	Total Miscellaneous Revenues	9,646,932.24	9,667,757.86
8.	Subtotal General Revenues	14,876,932.24	14,907,757.86

CURRENT FUND – GENREAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TO

9.	Operations – Excluded from “CAPS” – Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues		
	Drive Sober Get Pulled Over	0.00	5,000.00
	Click It or Ticket	0.00	5,000.00
	Drunk Driving Enforcement	0.00	10,300.79
	Body Armor	0.00	10,524.83
10.	Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	166,897.74	197,723.36
11.	Total Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”	263,897.74	294,723.36
12.	(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from “CAPS”	7,798,417.74	7,829,243.36
13.	(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (H-01) and (O))	58,583,592.74	58,614,418.36
14.	Total General Appropriations	59,358,377.28	59,389,202.90

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the Township Council on the 10th day of April, 2017.

Adopted: April 10, 2017

ATTEST: _____ President of Council

Township Clerk

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

R-17:04-116 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has previously introduced and approved the 2017 Calendar Year Budget; and

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has followed the laws of the State of New Jersey regarding the introduction, first reading, properly advertising for and the scheduling of a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has received approval from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey for the Calendar Year 2017 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and approved that the 2017 Calendar Year Budget be and is hereby adopted as submitted and approved.

Adopted: April 10, 2017

President of Council

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Dave Johnson of Apple Avenue asked if the Public Works Department was still on a 4 day work week. Mr. Cardis stated that they are but the some of the workers work a staggered work week and work weekends. Mr. Cardis also stated that some items funded through capital allow Public Works to work overtime. Mr. Johnson also asked about the Neighborhood Improvement trucks working on foreclosed homes in the township. Mr. Johnson asked about Heritage Park and the cost of the park. Mr. Cardis stated that he does not have the cost of the park. It was suggested that Mr. Johnson leave the Clerk his e-mail address so that Mr. Cardis could answer his question. Mr. Johnson asked about the townships' social media and Facebook accounts and stated that he was curious as to why they are censoring public comment. Mr. Cardis will discuss this with the Administration.

Ray Polidoro of Erial questioned past storms and asked if the township did a bond in anticipation of being reimbursed by FEMA. Mr. Cardis stated that the township went before the local finance board and was given permission to pass an emergency appropriation and the value of notes is \$800,000.00. Mr. Polidoro asked that when we were reimbursed from the State, why the township did not pay off the note. Mr. Cardis stated that the township had an agreement with the State and that the actual cost well exceeded the amount of money we got back. Ms. Ehret stated that by paying off the bond, it could cause a tax increase. Mr. Cardis stated that he thoroughly discussed this with the local finance board. Mr. Polidoro talked about past tax increases and stated that people want their taxes lowered.

Robert Johnston of Lower Landing Road stated that he runs a program called Hooked on Fishing and he stated that the organizers will be interviewed sometime this week. Mr. Mercado thanked him for all the work he does for the youth of the township.

Joanne Carr reminded everyone about the Colonial re-enactment on the 22nd and 23rd of April. Ms. Carr stated that the Public Works leaf truck is going around picking up leaves.

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

POLLING OF COUNCIL

Mr. Hutchison thanked the residents for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Schmidt thanked the residents for coming to the meeting and staying

Mrs. Stubbs thanked the residents for their comments. She stated that she was glad to be back to the meetings. Mrs. Stubbs stated she was excited to see the student's present at the meeting.

