

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
 SEPTEMBER 25, 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.  
 Chief Earle, Police

**PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL HISPANIC MONTH  
 PRESENTATION: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH HONOREES**

Norberto Cruz	Our Lady of Hope
Nadia Lizbeth Ayala-Claros	Charles W. Lewis School Student
Jalen Hunt	Timber Creek High School Student
Sulietha Nunez	Timber Creek High School Student
Melanie Rodriguez	Triton High School Student
Michael Acevedo	Community Advocate
Benedict Lora-Nunez	Triton High School Student
Vanessa Marinero	Mullen School Student
Sophia Aguirre	Triton High School Student

**RECESS:** Roll call: All members present.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**  
 Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.  
 There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

**BID REPORT:  
 PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING REHABILITATION  
 BIDS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 @ 10:00 A.M.**

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>	<u>ALT. BID</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>BOND</u>
Levy Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 264,093.25	\$ 62,522.30	\$326,615.55	10%
Peter V. Pirozzi LLC	\$ 276,324.00	\$ 36,473.00	\$312,797.00	10%

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

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

O-17-24

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 67A OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" ARTICLE IV "RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS AND OPERATORS APPLICABLE TO ALL PROPERTIES AND ENFORCEMENT"

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. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

**RESOLUTIONS:  
CONSENT AGENDA**

**R-17:09-269**

**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 \$ 725,811.48

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 264,961.32

**TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 60,485.68

**DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 10,353.50

**ANIMAL TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 7,260.00

**MANUAL CHECKS**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 601,558.87

Adopted: September 25, 2017

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PRESIDENT 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.

**R-17:09-270**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER  
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT  
BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester submitted an application for the Detective Matthew L. Torrentino Community Policing Grant Program administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, implemented by the Office of the Attorney General: and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester received notice from the Office of Attorney General that our application, Award Number CP-6-18 has been accepted and the Gloucester Township Police Department has a total approved award amount of \$10,000 with no in-kind match requirement for the period between August 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017: and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester is authorized to accept and does accept Award Number CP-6-18 on behalf of the Gloucester Township Police Department to be used for the purpose of visiting several neighborhoods for a picnic with an officer. Officers will be conducting lunch cookouts to encourage youth engagements and to build trust with the youth and community of Gloucester Township from August 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 and.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, gratefully accept and authorize execution of any and all documents necessary of said grant.

Adopted: September 25, 2017

ATTEST:

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President of Council

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Township Clerk

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Stubbs. Mr. Hutchison read from an article describing this Police Officer who urged Police Departments in New Jersey to look into funding for community policing. Mr. Hutchison stated that he feels Gloucester Township's Police Department is spectacular and they have been exercising community policing for some time. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

**R-17:09-271**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER, REMINGTON AND VERNICK ENGINEERS TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO NJDOT FOR FY 2018 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR PETER CHEESEMAN ROAD/STONEBRIDGE DRIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) makes funds available to municipalities and counties for road improvement projects through the Municipal Aid portion of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, Remington & Vernick Engineers, has recommended that the Mayor and Council apply to the NJDOT for funds that are available under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act, FY2018 Municipal Aid Program for the purpose of constructing improvements to various municipal roads and pathways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have considered and approved this recommendation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that the Township's Engineer, Remington & Vernick Engineers, is hereby authorized to submit a Grant Applications to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funds which may be available under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act, FY2018 Municipal Aid Program;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Township of Gloucester and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement, and approves the execution of the Grant Agreement.

Adopted: September 25, 2017

ATTEST:

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President of Council

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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.

**R-17:09-272**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF ENCROACHMENT DEPOSITS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following encroachment deposits be and are hereby authorized to be refunded:

Dwayne Yates, Lopes Construction, LLC  
751 Tomlin Station Road  
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

APPLICATION: #201510

PERMIT: #10145

AMOUNT: \$1,350.00

ADOPTED: September 25, 2017

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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.

**R-17:09-273**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 676 -  
DISPATCHERS UNIT CONTRACT FOR 2017, 2018, 2019**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the proper officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the agreement between the Township of Gloucester and Teamster's Local Union 676 for Dispatchers for the period of January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2019.

Adopted: September 25, 2017

ATTEST:

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President of Council

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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.

**R-17:09-274 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING  
THE ADOPTION OF RETIRED K-9 POLICE DOG "CODY" TO  
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH EDEN**

**WHEREAS.** The Gloucester Township Police Department has determined that K-9 police dog "Cody" 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 "Cody" to police officer Joseph Eden, and

**WHEREAS.** The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement with police officer Joseph Eden that K-9 police dog "Cody" 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 “Cody”.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that retired K-9 police dog “Cody” will be adopted by police officer Joseph Eden and will not be used in any activities associated with Gloucester Township Police Department, be and is hereby approved.

Adopted: September 25, 2017

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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.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Polidoro questioned whether the challenger leagues would be having a fall season. Mr. Mignone stated that they would not be having a fall league as only 4 children signed up. Mr. Polidoro complimented the Council for leading the meeting off with a prayer. He stated that this evening was a wonderful night full of great people who do great things.

Ms. Shirley of Brittany Woods invited Council to the ribbon cutting of the new playground equipment. She thanked Chief Earle and his officers for all their interaction with the Brittany Woods community. She also thanked the Public Works Department.

Mr. Shawn McDonough of Blackwood Estates thanked the Department of Public Works, the Recreation Department and the Mayor’s Office for all their hard work with the playground at State Street. He stated that unfortunately there has been vandalism at the playground. He was at the meeting to ask the Police Department and the Township to put a camera on the playground.

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

Joanne Carr of Timberbirch questioned the questions on the ballot. Mr. Mercado stated that he will speak to someone and get back to her with answers to her question. Ms. Carr reminded everyone that the Historic Committee will be having a Ghost Event on October 7, 2017 at the Gabreil Daveis Tavern.

Karen Brown of Blackwood Estates also spoke about the State Street Park and asked what protocol the Township would want her to take if she sees something suspicious.

Mr. Jim Williams stated that this would be his last meeting as he is moving to Holiday City. He stated that he has been a resident of Gloucester Township for the past 36 years. He stated that the Township and their school system have laid a foundation for his 4 children and has helped them to excel. He stated that his grandchildren are now attending the Gloucester Township Public Schools. He thanked Public Works for all that they have done and also thanked the Council members for doing a great job. Mr. Williams also thanked the Chief of Polcie for all that his department has done.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He thanked everyone for their comments and congratulated the honorees.

Mr. Schmidt thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their comments.

Mrs. Stubbs thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and stated that it was a wonderful program this evening.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She also stated that it was a wonderful program.

Mrs. Trotto congratulated the honorees. She stated that it is encouraging to see the wonderful things that are happening in the township.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He congratulated the honorees. Mr. Mercado reminded everyone that the Pumpkin Festival will be this Sunday from 11-4. He stated that on the 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a Drive In Movie at Timber Creek High School. Mr. Mercado also

stated that there will be a dedication of new names at the Citizens Appreciation Park on October 14<sup>th</sup>. He extended Council's sympathies on the passing of Mr. Carlamere's mother.

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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President of Council

Rosemary DiJosie  
Township Clerk