

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
FEBRUARY WORKSHOP**

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Mrs. Stubbs was absent.
Mr. Hutchison arrived late.

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.
There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

1. **DISCUSSION OF SPLINTER GROUPS** – Mr. Mercado stated that this discussion was left on the table last year. He explained what splinter groups were and asked Mr. Mignone if the Recreation Committee discussed this at their meeting. Mr. Mignone stated that Mr. Bianchini talked about this at their meeting. It was stated that when the ordinance is drafted it must make it clear as to what a splinter group is. Mr. Mercado stated that he would like to review this as a Council by April. Mrs. Winters stated that the hockey group had that problem this year. Mr. Carlamere stated that he had drafted a moratorium ordinance last time this was discussed. Mr. Mignone stated that not all splinter groups are a problem. This will be on a future workshop.
2. **DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARINGS** – Mr. Mercado stated that he would like to see time limits on public hearings on ordinances. Mr. Carlamere stated that with public hearings, the public should have as much input as the public wants to speak. Mr. Carlamere will look into if a time limit could be put on comments during a public hearing.
3. **DISCUSSION OF AWARDING THE 2013 RECREATION TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM –TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENTS** – The Engineer stated that the township received a \$26,000.00 grant. He stated that this will give us a total of 5 more parking spaces, one of them an ADA parking space. It was stated that there is no parking at the site presently. This will go on the next meeting.
4. **DISCUSSION OF 2015 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** – It was stated that Asphalt Paving Systems was the lowest bidder. This will be awarded at the next meeting.
5. **DISCUSSION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR PHASE 5 – CHERRYWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** – Mr. Cantwell explained that this is still in the estopple period. This will be put on the February 22 meeting as a proposal and the council will conduct a straw poll.
6. **DISCUSSION OF LAKEVIEW DRIVE BRIDGE GUARD RAIL REPAIRS** – Mr. Cantwell explained that the roadway is damaged as well as the guardrail and it is the township's responsibility to fix this. It was stated that this will cost approximately \$165,000.00. The new guardrails have to be up to today's standards. Mr. Cardis stated that we are going to do a bond ordinance to cover this situation. In the meantime, Mr. Bucceroni will speak to Mr. Cantwell for a temporary solution.
7. **DISCUSSION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HADDON TOWNSHIP FOR AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEM (ALPR)** – Mr. Carlamere stated that the township already has this server and the township has shared service agreements with other towns concerning this. Mr. Hutchison asked for a list of all shared service agreements.

8. **DISCUSSION OF AMENDING GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PARKING OF TRACTOR TRAILERS ON BLACKWOOD-CLEMENTON ROAD** – Mr. Carlamere stated that this was discussed at a Director’s meeting. He stated that tractor trailers are parking overnight in the old Super Fresh parking lot. He stated that Mr. Lechner has had the vehicles cited but they have not responded. It was stated that the Council would like to see a stronger ordinance, which may result in booting the vehicle. It was stated that this is not a Title 39 location.
9. **DISCUSSION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR A REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR ABANDONED PROPERTIES** - Mr. Carlamere explained the requirements of our ordinance. He stated that the mortgage companies are required to notify the municipalities and maintain the properties. He stated that it becomes cumbersome tracking down the owner’s mortgage company. The township is proposing to do a shared service agreement with Gloucester County, who at this time has a third party doing the registration process. It was stated that 15 municipalities are working along with Gloucester County. A resolution and ordinance will be prepared for a future meeting.
10. **DISCUSSION OF THE TOWNSHIP GOING OUT FOR BID FOR MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT** – Mr. Cantwell stated that he needs authorization to go out for bid for the municipal building parking lot. He stated that this will be on the meeting of the 22nd for a straw poll if completed.

Mr. Cardis stated that 3 companies bid for the trash collection and with a cursory review of the bids, he stated that the township saved a lot of money.

Mr. Mercado stated that he spoke with our Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Evans who stated that the township should be getting back 1.25 million in costs from the storm in June of 2015. It was questioned whether the township could pay off the note when it receives the money. Mr. Cardis stated that there were many charges what were covered in the state application. Mr. Cardis was asked if we would be getting money back from the snowstorm of January 30th. Mr. Cardis stated that the Governor declared a State of Emergency and the township has not received any of the total numbers. He stated that this will be moved outside the CAP.

Mr. Carlamere reminded everyone that they will see the global agreement for grass and composting with the GTMUA on the next Council meeting.