

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2016
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 Admin.
Mrs. Winters Mrs. Power, Asst. Twp. Clerk, RMC
Mrs. Mignone
Mrs. Trotto
Mr. Mercado

Mr. Lechner, Comm. Dev.
Chief Earle, Police

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Mayer and President Mercado presented the Gloucester Township Stallions Cheerleaders with certificates of accomplishment.

A five minutes recess was called. Roll call. All members present.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Polidoro, of Erial questioned Resolution 136, the Sale of the Nike Base. Mr. Mercado stated someone is purchasing a portion of the Nike Base site. Mr. Mercado stated that a global supermarket chain from Europe is looking to expand in the United States. Mr. Polidoro asked if it is the township's intention to let the developer put a supermarket at this location and how many acres there are. Mr. Lechner stated there are 20 acres on the entire Nike Site property. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

R-16:04-127

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 \$ 717,453.37

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 51,314.89

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 13,297.50

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 32,456.40

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 65.00

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 178,087.39

Adopted: APRIL 25, 2016

PRESIDENT 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-16:04-128

**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 numbers:	20150402	3303 High St.	
\$288			
	20160392	528 Hollywood Dr	\$288
		TOTAL	\$576.00

Payable to: Vivint Solar Developer, LLC
Attn: Anna Nelson
20-B Roland Ave
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

ADOPTED: April 25, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

R-16:04-129

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR CHERRYWOOD
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the 2016 Budget provides funds for the purchase of certain materials and supplies and equipment whose aggregate value will exceed \$40,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the State Statutes require that items exceeding \$40,000.00 be properly advertised and bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Advertising of Bids is hereby authorized, in accordance with the respective specifications for the following items:

CHERRYWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Adopted: April 25, 2016

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-16:04-130

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREDIT OF TAXES DUE TO STATE TAX COURT APPEAL SETTLEMENT AS INDICATED AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of Gloucester Township has received Official notification of a State Tax Appeal for Block 17904, Lot 13 for the year 2015, and

WHEREAS, a settlement agreement through the Tax Court has been made for the assessment of Block 17904, Lot 13 creating a credit for year 2015, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer has made an overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$1,061.91;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, authorizes the Tax Collector to refund the overpayment of taxes.

Adopted: April 25, 2016

ATTEST:

President of Council

Township Clerk, RMC

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

R-16:04-131 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-16:04-115 ENTITLED “RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER DESIGNATING BUS STOPS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, Resolution R-16:04-115 entitled “RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER DESIGNATING BUS STOPS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER” was adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester on April 11, 2016, and

WHEREAS, this resolution was adopted with only a portion of the location noted on the resolution, and

WHEREAS, this resolution should have read as follows:

1. Along Premium Outlet Drive, southbound, on the westerly side thereof between:

- a. Robert E. Kelly Drive and College Drive – mid block
Beginning 160 feet south of the prolongation of Robert E. Kelly Drive and extending 135 feet southerly therefrom

That the Mayor and council of the Township of Gloucester will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop location and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

Adopted: April 25, 2016

ATTEST:

President of Council

Township Clerk, RMC

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

R-16:04-132

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
7506	2.08	Joseph and Victoria Gunn 9 St. James Ct. Blackwood, NJ 08012	2016	3,336.95	Erroneous Payment
11001	9	CBJM, LLC 1580 Hider Lane Laurel Springs, NJ 08021	2016	707.56	Erroneous Payment
18316	22	Byron and Patricia Giddins 18 Bryce=s Ct. Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2016	2,768.98	Overpayment

ADOPTED: April 25, 2016

Council President

Township Clerk

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

R-16:04-133

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTIONS FOR TAX YEAR 2016 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AND REFUND ANY OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the following names are owners and residents of property in the Township of Gloucester, and

WHEREAS, they have made proper application for Total and Permanent Service-Connected Disability tax exempt status on their property designated with the block and lots listed below and,

WHEREAS, they have submitted proper evidence of Total and Permanent Disability rating from the U.S. Veterans Administration in accordance with State Regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is authorized to grant said exemption, cancel property taxes as stated for 2016 and refund any resulting credit balances.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount to be Credited
11707	4	Kenneth Bouchard	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption (Additional corrected 2016 2 nd Qtr	\$ 521.56

ADOPTED: April 25, 2016

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-16:04-134

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GRANT SENIOR CITIZEN, DISABLED, OR VETERAN DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2016 AS INDICATED AND TO ADJUST ANY BALANCE

WHEREAS, the following applicants are the owners of a residential property located in the Township of Gloucester, and,

WHEREAS, they have properly filed an application for a Senior Citizen, Disabled, or Veteran Deduction with proof of eligibility, and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has reviewed and approved said application and adjusted the records for 2015,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is authorized to grant said deduction and/or adjust any resulting balances for the year 2016 and refund any balances for the amounts indicated.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount of Deduction
2101	20	Robert Malin	Add Veteran Deduction 2016	250.00
5201	11	Noreen Wilder	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2016	250.00
5203	11	Marianne Kamody	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2016	250.00
8502	6	Andrea Barna	Add Widow of Vet Deduction 2016	250.00
9001	36	Mary Mackes	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2016	250.00
12406	10	Anna Hyatt	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2016	250.00
15821	50	Edward Kuzniaz	Add Veteran Deduction 2016	250.00
15903	10	May Bain	Add Widow of Vet Deduction 2016	250.00
16203	6	Luz Maldondo	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2016	250.00
16601	3	Carmelyn Milone	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2016	250.00
18310	51	Frank Fish	Add Veteran Deduction 2016	250.00

ADOPTED: April 25, 2016

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-16:04-135

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITING OF RFQ=S VIA THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR BROKER OF RECORD – PROPERTY & CASUALTY AND GENERAL LIABILITY

WHEREAS, the Laws of the State of New Jersey pursuant to Public Contracts and Pay-to Play legislation authorizes request for Qualifications for professional services, and

WHEREAS, the State Statutes require that items exceeding \$40,000.00 be properly solicited via the Gloucester Township Website and RFQ's received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Soliciting of RFQ's via the Gloucester Township Website is hereby authorized, in accordance with the respective specifications for the following items:

BROKER OF RECORD – PROPERTY & CASUALTY
GENERAL LIABILITY

Adopted: April 25, 2016

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.

REGULAR AGENDA

R-16:04-136

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR A PORTION OF BLOCK 18403 LOT20 (AKA: NIKE/SITE BERLIN CROSS KEYS ROAD) BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND LIDL US OPERATIONS, LLC AND DESIGNATING LIDL US OPERATIONS, LLC AS THE REDEVELOPER PURSUANT TO THE SIGNING OF A REDEVELOPERS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, The Township of Gloucester is the owner of certain real property located in the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, and better described as Block 18403, Lot 20 (AKA Nike/Site Cross Keys Road); and

WHEREAS, The property is located in a Redevelopment Zone, known as New Vision Redevelopment Zone with a Plan designation as New Vision Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, Lidl Us Operations LLC desires to purchase said property from the Township of Gloucester and to be designated as the Redeveloper for the site pursuant to a Redevelopers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Parties desire to memorialize authorization for the signing of an Agreement of Sale, the designation of Redeveloper for the site and signing of a Redevelopers Agreement, all to be prepared and submitted to the Township of Gloucester, to specify the purchase price based on the number of acres to be acquired and manner of development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that upon receipt of the proposed agreement of Sale, and following review and approval by the Township Attorney, Township Planner and Township Council sitting as Redevelopment Entity, The Mayor of the Township of Gloucester, and respective authorized officials are hereby authorized to sign the Agreement of Sale, Resolution designating Lidl Us Operations LLC as Redeveloper, and the signing of a Redeveloper Agreement.

Adopted: April 25, 2016

PRESIDENT 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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET

Mr. Mercado opened the Public Hearing on the budget.

Mr. Polidoro questioned if some of the money from the sale of the Nike Base will go back into the budget. Mr. Cardis stated it would go back into surplus. Mr. Polidoro asked why the monies for storms never seem to go down. He asked why we continually ask for monies for the storms. Mr. Cardis stated that the township requested 1.2 million in FEMA money after the storm. Mr. Polidoro asked if this money will be put into the budget. Mr. Cardis stated that this money will go into surplus. Ray Polidoro stated that this is not the first serious storm we had, and he has never seen the budget go down after a storm. Mr. Cardis stated that the township's costs exceeded the amount the township is putting in for.

Mr. Heinbaugh questioned the base line budget that can absorb the cost of four storms. He stated that the township has increased the budget to cover a certain amount of storms in one year. He stated the budget continually increases and never comes down. Mr. Mercado stated that this is because there was a decrease in the surplus and if the Township goes any lower it will affect the township's bond rating, there was also a decrease in the local revenue, 36 million less in rateables, minus tax appeals. Mr. Cardis stated that the tax increase is not just for the storm, it is on the revenue side. He also asked about the Open Space tax and construction code fees. Mr. Heinbaugh also questioned other areas of the budget.

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

R-16:04-137 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has previously introduced and approved the 2016 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 2016 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and approved that the 2016 Calendar Year Budget be and is hereby adopted as submitted and approved.

Adopted: April 25, 2016

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.

Robert Engel, a resident and retired Gloucester Township Police Officer stated that at a previous meeting, a resolution was passed to obtain the building of the Erial Ambulance Squad. It was stated that the Mayor was going to take the building but the EMS still wants to use it and the Ambulance Squad members are not ok with this. Mr. Engel stated that the Erial Ambulance has members, equipment, and are ready to make the squad active again. He stated that he is now the CEO of the squad and able to speak for them. Mr. Engel stated that their biggest problem is funding and insurance. He stated that the Erial Ambulance Squad built the building themselves on township land. He explained the history of the Erial Ambulance Squad. He stated that they want to operate the ambulance squad again and that they have members. They want the opportunity to work out an agreement with the volunteers.

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

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that in the future he would like to ask Mr. Engel a few questions about the Erial Ambulance Squad. He stated that the town is moving in the right direction.

Mr. Schmidt thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Stubbs thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She stated that the cheerleading champions are the result of hard work and support.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She congratulated the girls and reminded everyone that on the 30th there will be a cleanup at Blackwood Lake

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He congratulated the girls and send condolences to the family of the freshman who was killed on the Black Horse Pike.

Mrs. Trotto congratulated the Stallions and also sent condolences to Timber Creek on the death of the freshman who was killed crossing the Black Horse Pike.

Mr. Mercado congratulated the Stallions cheerleaders. He also thanked Mr. Engel for bringing the situation at the Erial Fire Company to the council's attention.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Council President

Nancy J. Power
Asst. Township Clerk