

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JUNE WORKSHOP
JUNE 6, 2016**

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Mercado opened the Public Portion.

Mr. Harbison of Tory Estates thanked the Council for the speed signs on College Drive. He stated that he does not like the chain link fence that was installed near the ravine. Mr. Cardis stated that the fence is for safety. He asked that the Council call the County about repaving portions of Blackwood-Clementon Road.

Judy Jones of Broadmoor commended the Mayor's Office as well as the Department of Public Works, Mr. Bucceroni and Mrs. Calabrese of the Mayor's Office. She stated that she had issues caused by the storm last year and everyone mentioned responded to the issues in a quick manner. She also complained about the homes in her development with high grass and weeds.

A resident talked about the chicken ordinance and stated that she had an issue with the height of the fence around the yard where the chickens are kept. The proposed ordinance stated that the fence should be 6 feet. Mr. Carlamere stated that the logic for a fence that high was so that the chickens did not get out of the backyard. Mr. Hutchison stated that chickens can fly over either a 4 foot or 6 foot fence. He felt it would be too expensive for someone to replace an already existing fence. She also questioned the classes named in the ordinance and asked who would be teaching these classes. Mr. Carlamere suggested contacting the county to see if they offer a program.

Mrs. Jones questioned whether the chicken feed would draw rodents to the area and she asked if the chickens were vaccinated.

Mr. Bigwood stated that the chickens have automatic feeders and water. He also stated that the chickens are also vaccinated.

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

1. **DISCUSSION OF BROKER OF RECORD / PROPERTY CASUALTY-** Mr. Cardis stated that the township took in RFP's/RFQ's for the Broker of Record, Property Casualty. He stated that a committee comprised of himself, Mr. Carlamere and Ms. Ehret reviewed the two proposals that they received. He stated that they will be awarding to Conner, Strong, and Buckelew at the next meeting.
2. **DISCUSSION OF SHARED SERVICES WITH FIRE DISTRICT 4 – VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS –** Mr. Cardis stated that the township has entered into these agreements before. He reminded Council that the township will always have priority scheduling. This resolution will be on the next meeting.
3. **DISCUSSION OF NEW PRESS BOX AT AERIAL LITTLE LEAGUE –** Mr. Cardis stated that he is presenting Council with a proposal from J. F. McKernan Jr. Architect for \$4,500.00 for this project. Mr. Cardis stated that this will determine what the cost will be for the construction of the project. A straw poll of Council was taken and all members were in agreement.
4. **DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER –** Mr. Cardis stated that proposals were advertised and accepted for an Environmental Engineer. Mr. Cardis stated that the Committee reviewed the proposals and will be appointing CME Associates as Environmental Engineer.
5. **DISCUSSION OF SMOKING ORDINANCE –** Mr. Carlamere stated that this ordinance was introduced and talked about at the last meeting. Mr. Carlamere stated that there has been additional discussion about amendments to the ordinance and at this time the Administration is asking that Council table this ordinance until such time as the amendments are finalized.
6. **DISCUSSION OF WAIVING THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR AUDUBON PROFESSIONAL BUILDING-** Mr. Carlamere stated that this building was built over 8 years ago and they have requested that the Maintenance Bond be waived, because of the time. Mr. Cantwell stated that it would be up to the Council to agree to this. Mr. Mercado requested that a letter from Mr. Cantwell be sent to the township before this bond can be released.

REVISITED AGENDA

FLOOD PLAIN INSURANCE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Mr. Carlamere stated that this ordinance should be done by the end of the month.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Schmidt stated that the Veteran’s had a very nice program on Memorial Day.

Mr. Mignone stated that the Parks and recreation Committee would like a meeting with Mr. Mercado, Mrs. Trotto and Mr. Carlamere about the splinter groups.

Mrs. Winters stated that the dam issues seem to be coming to an end. She stated that construction should be restarting soon.

Mrs. Trotto stated everything is moving along with the Housing Authority.

A discussion was held, and the chicken ordinance will be amended to a 4 or 6 foot fence. There will be no committee. Classes need to be taken on sustainability and people could purchase up to 6 chickens.