

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
JULY WORKSHOP**

**JULY 6, 2016**

Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Carlamere were absent.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Lynn Rosner stated that she and others were attending the meeting to offer any assistance to the Council concerning the Tobacco ordinance since it was tabled at the regular meeting, Mr. Mercado stated that it was sent back to the Administration and Director of Human Resources to address some issues. He stated that it will be discussed later in the workshop.

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

1. **DISCUSSION OF HOUSING AUTHORITY'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** – This program was explained by Mr. Mercado. He stated that this is a Housing Assistance Program funded by COAH money. It was stated that this is for Campus 1 and 2. The COAH fund will provide \$60,000.00 a year for rental assistance for seniors who meet the criteria. It was stated that the application should be spelled out that this is for Senior Citizens. This will be sent back to Mr. Carlamere for review.
2. **DISCUSSION OF LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE FEE** – It was stated that the Township receives matching fees from all applicants for raffle licenses. There is a fee paid to both the State of New Jersey and the Township of Gloucester. Mr. Cardis stated that the township makes about \$2,400.00 per year for these licenses. It was stated that everyone requesting a license for bingo or a raffle is a non-profit organization and this will help them earn more money for their organization. Mr. Cardis stated that not all towns take the matching funds. Gloucester Township will no longer take funds for bingo and raffles.
3. **DISCUSSION OF SMOKING ORDINANCE REVISIONS** – Mr. Mercado explained the tobacco ordinance and stated that there will be no smoking in all public buildings, parks and vehicles. This will be on the next meeting.
4. **DISCUSSION OF PARK REGULATIONS** – This ordinance was discussed at the meeting. The ordinance includes amendments such as not allowing people to use loud speakers, public address systems or amplifiers within a park without permission from the Department of Recreation, as well as other amendments. This ordinance will be on the next meeting.
5. **DISCUSSION OF FIRE SCENE BOARD UP ORDINANCE** – Mr. Mercado stated that this ordinance would put the businesses that board up homes after fires on a rotating schedule as the township has done with the towing operators. This will be on the August workshop for more discussion
6. **DISCUSSION OF BONDS OF WOODTHRUSH** – Mr. Cantwell stated that Woodthrush is a street located in Kearsley III. He stated that US Estates turned over the project to Richmond American Homes to build the homes, but they are responsible for the paving and other bonded items. Mr. Cantwell stated that the roads must have their final coat of paving done, and there are landscaping items to be finished. The Council agreed that we should have do a resolution to pull the bond and have someone contact US Estates and let them know that the township will be passing a resolution to pull the bond.
7. **DISCUSSION OF INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GTMUA AND THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE USE OF THE GTMUA'S EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTRACT WITH R.D.ZEULI** – Mr. Cardis stated that over the past year we have used this company one or twice. He stated that we would only use them, when there is a problem that our Public Works Department couldn't fix in an emergency. Mr. Cardis stated that this is a shared service with the GTMUA.

8. **BLACK HORSE PIKE CORRIDOR** – Mr. Cantwell presented a report for the Black Horse Pike Corridor which purpose is to develop a plan for that area. He stated that they would like to tie the community into the walking trail adjacent to the Black Horse Pike. Mr. Cantwell stated that R & V prepared this report and a resolution is needed adopting the document, so that the township will receive their funding of the project back. Mr. Cantwell explained the report and talked about the highlights. This will be on the last meeting of July.
  
9. **GRANT APPLICATION** – Mr. Cardis stated that the township would like to put a resolution on the meeting applying for a Camden County Historical Grant of \$50,000.00 for further work at the Gabriel Daveis Tavern. The grant will cover window refurbishment, painting and spot brick re-pointing of the brickwork on the exterior of the building. A resolution will be on the next meeting.

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### **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Mrs. Stubbs stated that the Historical Committee is awaiting Councils adoption of the resolution authorizing the application of a grant from Camden county Open Space for the Gabriel Daveis Tavern.

Mr. Mercado stated that the MUA is moving along. He reminded everyone that there will be another movie night soon and National Night Out will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August.

Mrs. Trotto stated that the township is looking for volunteers for the Police Dog Competition.

Mr. Cardis discussed the need for fencing around the new turf fields and stated that this will probably be done next year.

There was also a discussion as to overnight truck parking on Blackwood-Clementon Road as well as the use of drones in the township.