

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 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-late 8:00 pm	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
	Mr. Schmidt	
	Mrs. Stubbs	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mrs. Winters	Mrs. DiJosie, Twp. Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Mignone	
	Mrs. Trotto	
	Mr. Mercado	Ms. Ehret, CFO
		Mr. Lechner, Comm. Dev.
		Chief Earle, Police

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Polidoro of Erial asked about the second public portion and if the 5 minute time limit would be extended.

Joanne Carr of Timberbirch asked that everyone speak clearly into the microphone.

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

MINUTES: Mrs. Trotto made a motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes of:
Regular Meeting – July 11, 2016

Seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: Mrs. Winters and Mr. Schmidt abstained. All others voted yes. Motion carried. 4-0-2.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

O-16-08

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 65A OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED “PARK RULES AND REGULATION” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0

O-16-09

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED “SMOKING REGULATIONS”

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.

Kim Burns of Smoke Free NJ thanked the Council for considering this ordinance. She stated that she has free signs for the township to put up at the various parks in town.

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

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0

**RESOLUTIONS:
CONSENT AGENDA**

R-16:07-215

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 \$ 4,891,820.16

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 354,878.07

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 22,097.75

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 60,626.51

ANIMAL TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 417.40

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 2,293,874.55

Adopted: JULY 25, 2016

PRESIDENT COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-216

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FINAL -FOR
2013 RECREATION TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP
OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, it was necessary to make changes in the scope of work to be done in completing the 2013 Recreation Trails Grant Program in the Township of Gloucester,

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 - Final was developed to itemize and authorize those changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that Change Order No. 1 is hereby authorized and approval is hereby granted to revise the contract cost from \$39,543.00 to \$37,700.50.

Adopted: July 27, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-217

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED
BY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, abandoned vehicles have come into the possession of the Police Department of Gloucester Township by finding or recovery, and

WHEREAS, efforts were made for more than a period of 30 days by Police Department to ascertain the owner or owners of said vehicles in order to return to said owner or owners the aforesaid vehicles; and

WHEREAS, said vehicles have for more than 30 days been in the possession and custody of said police department and stored at cost and expense of the Township of Gloucester, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester deems it desirable and in the best interest of the Township to dispose of said property at public auction sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-157.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that vehicles as per the attached list and in possession of the Police Department be and hereby are authorized to be sold at public auction sale by the Township and that the Township Clerk prepare and cause to be published in the Legal Newspaper of the Township a notice of the proposed sale, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the sale.

Adopted: July 25, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-218

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 13501, Lot 14 and Block 14002, Lot 2 for the year 2015, and

WHEREAS, a settlement agreement through the Tax Court has been made for the assessments of Block 13501, Lot 64 and block 14002, Lot 2, creating a credit for year 2015, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer has made an overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$200.62 for Block 13501, Lot 64 and \$19,27034 for Block 14002, Lot 2;

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: July 27, 2016

President of Council

Township Clerk

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-219

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 & ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
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604 21	James J & Barbara Di'Fazio 1000 Woodland Ave Glendora, NJ 08029	2016	\$1,469.83	Assessment Change
1702 14	Howard & Eileen Johnson 303 Lake Avenue Glendora, NJ 08029	2016	466.91	Homestead Benefit- 15F
1804 12	Thaddeus & Barbara Drapczuk 215 Front Street Glendora, NJ 08029	2016	284.24	Homestead Benefit- 15F
1903 2	Ja-Amy Real Estate LLC 513 Main Street Glendora, NJ 08029	2016	603.76	Assessment Change
2901 11	Samuel Frattaroli 507 Betsy Drive Glendora, NJ	2012	888.73	Homestead & Overpay Credit
3004 6	Wm & Marguerite Vallieu 30 Albert Rd Glendora, NJ 08029	2012	517.41	Homestead Benefit – 15F
3204 15	Donald & Maryann Johnson 627 Beverly Drive Magnolia, NJ 08049	2016	449.39	Homestead Benefit – 15F
7506 8	Joseph Tyler, Jr 11 King Street Blackwood, NJ 08012	2016	490.92	Homestead Benefit – 15F
8006 36	James & Donna Barrett 16 Valleybrook Court Blackwood, NJ 08012	2016	1,620.89	Overage due to 15F
8702 5	Glenn & Fillippa Habina 13 McKinley Ave Blackwood, NJ 08012	2013	728.84	Homestead Benefit – 15F
8705 7	Robert & Ruthanne Twaddle 2 Barbara Place Somerdale, NJ 08083	2016	1,243.80	Overage due to Assessment Change
9205 6	Gerson A Raines 220 Hinton Way Somerdale, NJ 08083	2015	637.81	Homestead Benefit – 15F
9503 1	John & Charlotte Hagerty 420 Hampton Lake Somerdale, NJ 08083	2016	668.47	Homestead Benefit – 15F
9904 10	Thomas Zippilli 20 Antietam Drive Laurel Springs, NJ 08021	2013	635.93	Homestead Benefit – 15F
9905 21	James & Deborah Commons 3 Washington Drive Laurel Springs, NJ 08021	2016	527.30	Homestead Benefit – 15F
11208 31	Joseph & Michele Pataky 135 Kelly Driver Rd Laurel Springs, NJ 08021	2016	1,793.33	Assessment Change
11602 2	Thomas M Bryant P O Box 546 Blackwood, NJ	2016	421.66	Homestead Benefit – 15F
12501 8	John & Kathleen Vermitsky 17 Cressmont Ave Blackwood, NJ 08012	2013	492.63	Homestead Benefit – 15F
12623 13	Catherine & John Guzik 319 Davistown Rd Blackwood, NJ 08012	2016	523.00	Homestead Benefit – 15F
12803 9	Romeo & Lourdes Hortaleza 831 Davistown Rd Blackwood, NJ 08012	2015	519.81	Homestead Benefit – 15F
13108 1	Black Horse Properties LLC 915 S Black Horse Pike	2016	840.31	Overage due to Assessment Change

13506 9	Blackwood, NJ 08012 Eva M Williams 1706 Hybrid Place Clementon, NJ 08021	2016	453.64	Homestead Benefit – 15F
15704 50	Sabrina & Roosevelt Smith 49 Fox Meadow Drive Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2011	205.83	Homestead Benefit – 15F
16102 32	Arthur & Arlene Steiner 2143 Garwood Rd Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2016	1,722.36	Overage due to Assessment Change
16119 3	Gerald & Linda Bailey Jr 51 Fairmount Ave Erial, NJ 08081	2016	452.82	Homestead Benefit – 15F
16124 10	Robert Amesbury Jr 42 Highland Avenue Erial, NJ 08081	2016	933.18	Overage due to Assessment Change
17504 12	John Andrews Sr – Trustee 130 Plymouth Rd Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2013	518.95	Homestead Benefit – 15F
17603 8	John & Margaret Yeackel 110 Centennial Dr Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2016	481.61	Homestead Benefit – 15F
17701 36	Robert Cimino 1436 Jarvis Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2013	540.03	Homestead Benefit – 15F
18310 39	Edmond & Annunziata Mrowczynski 25 Waterview Rd Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2011	550.82	Homestead Benefit – 15F
19401 9	Janet Profeta 39 Tall Oaks Drive Clementon, NJ 08021	2016	1,115.15	Overage due to Assessment Change

Adopted: July 25, 2016

President of Council

Township Clerk

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-220

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 first half 2017 and refund any resulting credit balances.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount to be Credited
3501	3	John Peeples	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$6,812.06 – 2016 2 nd Half \$6,363.38 – 2017 1 st Half
6703	22	Henry Dowdy	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$5,138.99 – 2016 2 nd Half \$4,800.51 – 2017 1 st Half

10603	9	Edward Holiday	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$3,769.26 – 2016 2 nd Half \$3,503.91 – 2017 1 st Half
11507	12	Leonard Cooper	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$2,911.55 – 2016 2 nd Half \$2,704.64 – 2017 1 st Half
11707	4	Kenneth Bouchard	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$4,635.12 – 2016 2 nd Half \$4,202.79 – 2017 1 st Half
11708	8	Robert Lee	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$2,894.27 – 2016 2 nd Half \$2,697.06 – 2017 1 st Half
11708	9	Robert Lee	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption (combined lot)	\$310.96 – 2016 2 nd Half \$289.79 – 2017 1 st Half
12511	7	Fredrick Wilkinson	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$3,657.48 – 2016 2 nd Half \$3,399.74 – 2017 1 st Half
13702	7	Joseph Lambert	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$5,384.47 – 2016 7 mos. \$4,615.28 – 2017 1 st Half
14802	3	Matt Wojciechowski	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$4,438.22 – 2016 2 nd Half \$4,131.24 – 2017 1 st Half
15603	6	Barry Jarvis	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$5,671.06 – 2016 2 nd Half \$5,289.54 – 2017 1 st Half
17907	40	Michael Evans	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$5,777.80 – 2016 7 mos. \$4,952.39 – 2017 1 st Half
18309	2	George Allen Jr	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$6,066.71 – 2016 2 nd Half \$5,658.58 – 2017 1 st Half

ADOPTED: July 25, 2016

President of Council

Township Clerk

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-221

RESOLUTION TO CREDIT ASSESSMENTS FOR FIRST HALF OF 2016 DUE TO COUNTY APPEAL, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND ANY OVERPAYMENTS.

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Gloucester, as indicated by block and lot number, have received a reduction from the Camden County Board of Taxation based on a 2016 appeal, and,

WHEREAS, the Township Assessor has reviewed and processed said appeal for the second half of 2016,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, that the following properties be reduced for the first half of 2016 and the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to credit each tax account and refund any over-payments:

BLOCK ACCOUNT	LOT	NAME & REASON	REDUCTION OF ASSESS	RED. TAXES
402	28	Christopher Monaco	Cancel \$41,400 assessment 2016 First Half credit 2016 County Appeal	\$759.28

ADOPTED: July 25, 2016

President of Council

Township Clerk

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-222

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 2016,

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
8013	45	Paul Roberts	Add Veteran Deduction 2016	250.00
8905	19	Margaret Ott	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2016	250.00
15817	14	Paul Sadowiczak	Add Veteran Deduction 2016	250.00
16214	12	Raylene Basile	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2016	250.00

ADOPTED: July 25, 2016

President of Council

Township Clerk

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-223

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following refunds be and are hereby authorized:

#3163-061139INSP

The Shoppes at Cross Keys
Block 18501 Lot 12 & 13
Stanberry Development
2807 A Delmar Drive
Bexley, OH 43209
Balance from unexpended escrow: \$43,113.68

#3164-061139INSP
The Shoppes at Cross Keys
Block 18501 Lot 12 & 13
Stanberry Development
2807 A Delmar Drive
Bexley, OH 43209
Balance from unexpended escrow: \$3,288.65

Adopted: July 25, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-224

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following refunds be and are hereby authorized:

#2913-061139CPF
The Shoppes @ Cross Keys
Stanberry Acquisitions, LLC
2807A Delmar Drive
Bexley, OH 43209

Balance from unexpended escrow: \$900.00

Adopted: July 25, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-225

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING THE MAY 2016 BLACK HORSE PIKE CORRIDOR WAYFINDING –STREETSCAPE-DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has requested that Remington & Vernick Engineers prepare a Black Horse Pike Corridor Wayfinding-Streetscape-Development Plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has reviewed and adopted the findings and recommendations of the “May 2016 Black Horse Pike Corridor Wayfinding- Streetscape Development Plan as prepared by Remington & Vernick Engineers with funding from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Adopted: July 25, 2016

ATTEST:

President of Council

Township Clerk

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

R-16:07-226

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the following has made application for renewal of a Retail Distribution Liquor License in the Township of Gloucester:

NAME	TRADING AS	LICENSE NO.
Glendora Liquors Inc.	Glendora Liquors Inc.	0415-44-016-004

WHEREAS, application for renewal has been properly advertised by Alcoholic Beverage Control, and

WHEREAS, no written objections have been filed, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has no objections and furthermore is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local ordinance which would prohibit the renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License in the Township of Gloucester,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden that the application for renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License is hereby granted and that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents and certificates effective July 26, 2016.

Adopted: July 25, 2016

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0

R-16:07-227 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER RESCINDING RESOLUTION R-16:06-188 ENTITLED, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER”

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester adopted Resolution R-16:06-188 entitled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER”, and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control requires a 12:39 Special ruling for inactive “in-pocket” licenses, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden is hereby rescinding resolution R-16:06-188 which authorized renewal of the following license:

NAME	TRADING AS	LICENSE NO.
Apple NewJersey, LLC	“In-pocket”	0415-33-027-010

until a special ruling has been granted by the State.

Adopted: July 25, 2016

ATTEST:

President of Council

Township Clerk

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion carried. 6-0

R-16:07-228 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER RESCINDING RESOLUTION R-16:06-182 ENTITLED, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER”

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester adopted Resolution R-16:06-182 entitled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER”, and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control requires a 12:39 Special ruling for inactive “in-pocket” licenses, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden is hereby rescinding resolution R-16:06-182 which authorized renewal of the following license:

NAME	TRADING AS	LICENSE NO.
Ruby Tuesday, Inc.	“In-pocket”	0415-33-039-001

until a special ruling has been granted by the State.

Adopted: July 25, 2016

ATTEST:

President of Council

Township Clerk

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor.
Motion carried. 6-0

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado stated that he assumed most people were at the meeting to discuss the tax increase. He explained that budget process and the 2 per cent cap. He stated that there are many things in the budget that are outside the CAP, and gave some examples. He stated that in the years 11-12- and 13 there was no increase in the municipal budget. He also explained where our tax money is spent and the breakdown. Mr. Mercado stated that in the last 7 years we have had two increases. Mr. Mercado introduced Mr. Cardis, the Business Administrator and Mrs. Ehret, the CFO to the audience. Mr. Mercado explained the services that that the township offers. He stated that the crime rate has been reduced 35% and he explained what the Department of Public Works does. He also talked about last year’s storm and the cost to the township. He also spoke about foreclosed homes and the program the township has introduced known as the community enhancement program. Mr. Mercado also touched on the recreation that the township offers including improved hockey rinks, baseball fields, the township pool, movies and music in the

park, and the turf fields. He stated that what is put into place now, will last for years to come. He stated that we also support the Township Mainstage Center for the Arts endeavors, such as the Pumpkin festival by providing Police. He stated that the Township has an A+ bond rating and have had clean audits. He also stated that the township has implemented single stream recycling and in August will begin the Energy Aggregation Program. He also spoke about the Township's Economic Development which includes the Gloucester Premium Outlets which are celebrating their one year anniversary as well as the NIKE base, for which the township has an agreement of sale for a portion with a German retailer. Mr. Mercado stated that the township has rebuffed the building of homes in this area years ago. He stated that the Council would rather have a commercial area there.

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Kelley Dorsett, a resident of the Sicklerville section of the township spoke about Villari's Tiki Bar and the noise that emanates from it. She requested that the township provide her a process to begin the change of the noise ordinance. She stated that she would like to proactively find out how they could change the noise ordinance. Mr. Carlamere is looking into surrounding communities and their noise ordinance.

Mr. Haag of Blackwood talked about the electrical aggregation program. He stated that when the energy was calculated the price was a lot higher. He stated that this is a bad deal for some people. He stated that the overall tax rate went up 8.2 percent and the properties are going down. Mr. Mercado talked about the reassessment the township had a few years ago.

Carol Morrell, a resident of Stonebridge Run stated that she is also working to get the noise ordinance changed in the township.

Jasper Lucas spoke in support of Ms. Kelly, concerning the noise ordinance as well. He stated that they are going to mediation with Villari's, and they need to change noise ordinance.

Judy Murphy of Erial wanted to know why letters were not sent out to the residents indicating the tax increase. She asked why a letter was not inserted into the bill. Mr. Mercado stated that the budget is introduced every spring and is advertised on the website. Ms. Murphy stated that a lot of people don't come to the meetings and don't know about the website. She stated that the township used to send a letter to the homeowners when the rates went up. She stated that she called the Mayor's office and his staff was very gracious in explaining to her as to why the taxes went up. She also asked that when the township gets reimbursed from the FEMA, will the taxes go down. Mr. Cardis stated that he could not answer how that money will be applied as he can't tell what surplus at this time. Ms. Murphy also commented that the pool has always been self-sufficient. She asked if there have been any major issues with the pool and is it a consideration of Council to get a pool at the southern end of the township. Mr. Mercado stated that it has not been a consideration getting a pool in the southern end of town.

Dave Gentile stated that he has entered his retirement years. He stated the Gloucester Township is a great place to live work and play but he can empathize with the people who want to stay in the township. He stated that at the age of 65, there should be a property tax rebate. He stated that he understands the issue of putting together a budget, but he hopes, and would ask that council consider some sort of tax reduction for the seniors. He stated that the Township is not affordable to the seniors that want to stay in their home. He stated that he is thinking of the seniors. He stated that he has to decide whether to stay in the township or relocate, but his preference is to stay in the township.

A resident stated that she is a senior and has lived in the township for 37 years. She stated that things are tough, but she could still lose her house because of taxes. She stated that she received a tax relief check and the new tax bill on the same day. She said that she needs the tax freeze to be true.

Mr. Joe Williams of Ridge Avenue spoke about the condition of some of the homes on the Black Horse Pike. He stated that the homes are boarded up. Mr. Williams stated that it is not the residents job to pay for the empty houses.

Sadie Brooks stated that she has lived in the township for 17 years and this year's tax increase was the highest increase. She stated that the township has to tighten their belts. She does not understand why the township is still doing things such as Gloucester Township Day, when other towns have stopped these special "days". She stated that people can't afford to pay their property taxes.

A resident of Old Forge Road in the Millbridge development stated that he got 33 % off his taxes after he told the township that he was going to appeal to Trenton. He spoke about the Millbridge Apartments and asked if they pay taxes in the township. He also asked how they are being charged. It was stated that the Millbridge Apartments are the 2nd highest taxpayer in the township.

Maria Gonzalez of the Four Seasons Senior Development talked about the gun club that is adjacent to her development. She stated that the berm that they were required to build has helped somewhat to reduce the noise but not eliminate it. She stated that the shooting starts after 10 am on Sundays. She stated that she has called the Mayor and has not heard back from him. She stated that she hears the bullets going off all the time. Mr. Mercado stated that the Township offered to buy the gun club but the offer was declined by the owner of the property. She also stated that she cannot afford to live there much longer.

Rich Cinaglia who previously worked for the City of Camden stated that Camden gets a lot of money per year from the State and the municipalities get absolutely nothing. He stated that they get massive amounts of state aid and they are bringing in companies and giving them rebates. Mr. Mercado stated that the extra-ordinary aid has been cut out. He also spoke about the township's debt service. He asked about aid to municipalities and why suburban communities don't get this. He stated that Camden has 50% rateables that are tax exempt and they have not had a tax increases in many years. He stated that the township needs to go to our local representatives and get something done about this inequity. He said it is not fair to the municipalities.

Joanne Carr of Timberbirch talked about the turf fields and their financing. Mr. Cardis stated that some of the money came through the Open Space Fund. She asked if it would be feasible to have the voters repeal that referendum for Open Space. She also spoke again about having a liaison with the schools. She spoke about the school ratings. She stated that when the home values go down the assessment stays up. She asked why the school taxes have to increase so much.

Bill Coyle of Valleybrook stated that he retired to Gloucester Township because the taxes were too high in New York. He stated that he is paying so much more now than when he moved here. He asked about the senior freeze and was told that he would have to wait two years. It was stated that this program is a state program and they are the ones that are behind, not the township.

Victoria Gould questioned why the Lilley School is such a disgrace. She stated that their parking lot is a pond and that there are no painted lines for parking. She also stated that there is no air conditioning in the school and the school is a disgrace. Mr. Mercado stated that the taxes that they pay to Gloucester Township are then forwarded to the Gloucester Township Board of Education. Mr. Mercado stated that he will pass this onto the school board.

Carolyn Grace of Brittany Woods stated that she has owned her house in Brittany Woods for 29 years and asked what the township is doing about the community of Brittany Woods. She stated that no signs were posted in the development for a recent street cleaning. She said that the neighborhood is a problem and the police are in the neighborhood often. She stated that debris and branches are there throughout the neighborhood. She asked who she contacts about the community enhancement program. She stated that it is a dirty neighborhood and there are a lot of renters. She wants the development to come back. Mr. Mercado thanked Ms. Grace for bringing this to the township's attention.

Ken Green of Timber Glen asked about the tax increase and how much money was budgeted for snow removal. He talked about the amount of snow that the township received in the last few years. He asked what the township did with the money budgeted when it didn't snow that year. It was stated that the money not spent is transferred into other accounts by state statute. Mr. Hutchison asked if the township has been utilizing the tax levy cap and it was stated that we have not used it. Mr. Green talked about the common level range. Mr. Palumbo, Tax Assessor stated that the state monitors every sale that comes through the township. He stated that vacant homes and foreclosures are not included in this.

Robert Piegaro of 10 Sumter Ct. asked why the township doesn't have the recycling picked up every week. Mr. Piegaro asked to have the assessment on the tax bill explained. He also stated that the State is putting a lot of tax increases on the people of the State of New Jersey.

Jessica Marchese of 36 Roberts Drive stated that she is a 28 year old who is a product of Gloucester Township. She stated that she is a teacher and her husband is a police officer and they bought a house in Broadmoor, which they have had to refinance. She stated that she is not sure how long she can stay in the township. She stated that the playground at the Chews school is falling apart and is not safe.

Frank Albano of Glendora stated that he previously appealed his assessment and it was lowered. He stated that the lower payment lasted for three quarters and now he is paying over what he was paying originally. He stated that the increase was ridiculous.

Ray Polidoro of Erial stated that he is one of the 5 people that come to the meetings regularly. He spoke about the 2010 increase and the Premium Outlets. He spoke about their assessment and also spoke about the money the township received when we changed from a fiscal year to a

calendar year. He spoke about the township's debt service also. Mr. Polidoro also reminded Council that he has been asking for the meeting to be televised for the last 9 years. He asked that Council put the meetings on television so these people would have an opportunity to watch the meetings.

Eileen Juzinky of the Millbridge homes stated that this is a done deal. She stated that she feels that Council is not interested in helping the residents in saving their community.

Fran Shula stated that he has lived in the township for 45 years in the Glen Oaks section. He asked that the Council tighten their belts. He also stated that when a person hits 65 years of age, they should not have to pay school taxes.

Donna Fortune of the Countryside Development stated that her taxes went up taxes went up \$1,100.00. She stated that there are many houses in her development that are empty. She stated that Council has to go after the banks for the taxes that they are not paying. She also stated that her streets are being paved for the first time ever this year. She stated that people are going to continue to move out of state. Mr. Mercado talked about the mortgage identification program.

Ken Albertson of Broadmoor stated that he appreciates the services listed in the beginning of the meeting. He stated that they are costing a lot more than last year. Mr. Cardis stated that there was an increase in appropriations for various items and a fall off from revenues, and a reduction in the surplus.

Vince Keller, a resident of the township stated he is trying to start a life in the township and he feels that the township does not care about the residents.

Ms. Burley, a resident stated that the taxes are getting to be a burden to the people in the township and the Council needs to find some way to reduce the burden for the taxpayers. She stated that the people need the township to fight the school districts

Martin Zepp of 44 Glen Burnie Drive talked about the 4 day work week and asked the Council to do something for the people of the township.

Ken Hehl stated that he listened to everyone this evening. It is council who they trust to take care of the problems. He stated that Council is holding the checkbook and they have to stop spending the resident's money. Mr. Hehl spoke about the armored car. Mr. Hutchison asked if the vehicle saved one person is it worth it. Mr. Hehl replied no it was not.

Fred Hill of Glendora spoke about the armored car and the drug problem in the township.

Joanne Piegaro of 10 Sumter Court asked if speaking at the meeting helped them at all. It was stated that nothing could be done this budget cycle. Ms. Piegaro asked what the township is doing for her.

Cliff Lash of Cypress Court in Valleybrook stated that Council has handled themselves very well this evening. He stated that kids used to play on crabgrass, and the township didn't need these fields. He stated that residents need a break in their taxes. He asked where the township can cut services and the township does not need artificial turf.

Tom Crone of Erial stated that he listened to the frustrated people this evening. He stated that no one on council spoke this evening and that council was elected to represent the people. He stated that Council should have had suggestions on what to cut and not ask the residents. He stated that there are many empty houses in his development. Mr. Crone stated that the schools need to be better also.

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0

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Mr. Hutchison stated this is a challenge for Council to do better and he is sincere in what he said. He stated that Council will have to challenge themselves.

Mr. Schmidt stated that he agreed with Mr. Hutchison's comments. He also thanked the people for coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Stubbs stated that she appreciates the sentiment of the people. She stated that she appreciates that the people who are asking for help are sincere. She stated that the people are heard.

Mrs. Winters appreciates everyone's comments. She stated that Council has listened to what was said.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that as far as the comment that the council showed no emotion, he stated that where he works he has 110 people below him and he always stresses customer service. He stated that he cares about the township.

Mrs. Trotto stated that she agrees with the other councilmembers sentiments. She stated that the people's voices are heard. She stated that Council has work to do.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that before the meeting, he told his son that he was going to level with the residents concerning the tax increase. He stated that some of the comments from the audience were uncalled for. He stated that the tax increase is a tough pill to swallow for everyone. He stated that the services need to be given to the residents. He stated that out of each tax dollar, .49 is given to the school district. He stated that he has taken names and notes all evening. He said that this year's budget has already been passed and going forward the council will take a closer look and there may have to be a cut in services. He thanked the residents for their comments. Mr. Mercado reminded everyone that Nation Night Out is on August 2, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,

President of Council

Rosemary DiJosie
Township Clerk