GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUGUST WORKSHOP AUGUST 1, 2016

Mr. Polidoro was asked to move his camera to the back of the room.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Harbison of Huntington Mews stated that the geese are driving him crazy since the new bridge has been installed with the fencing. Mr. Cardis will have Public Works look into this. He also stated that the grass is high at the abandoned Getty Station on Blackwood-Clementon Road. He also indicated that there are two trailers behind the Shop Rite that seem to be permanent. This will also be looked into. Mr. Polidoro of Erial spoke in response to being asked to move his camera to the back of the meeting room. He stated that because Council is sitting at the table, the video is obstructed. It was stated that Mr. Polidoro cannot obstruct the aisles. Mr. Polidoro will have to continue to video tape from the back of the council room.

- 1. **DISCUSSION OF FIRE SCENE BOARD UP ORDINANCE-** Mr. Carlamere circulated a copy of the Pennsauken ordinance. He stated that this discussion was initiated from a Director's meeting. He stated that Board Up companies show up immediately after a fire. Mr. Carlamere stated that the township was trying to control these companies by fashioning this ordinance like our towing ordinance, but he feels that this would be a trade restriction. He stated that he feels these businesses need to have a license issued by the township. He stated that the companies must register with the township and have a police background check, so the township will know who is approaching these people. Mr. Mercado stated that the township should reach out to the Fire Companies to let the township know which companies usually show up to the fire scenes.
- 2. DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 67A TO INCLUDE "NEW JERSEY ABANDONED PROPERTIES ACT" Mr. Carlamere stated that this ordinance would allow the municipalities to identify abandoned properties and actually take ownership of the properties. He stated that there is a certain criteria that the township must follow. Mr. Carlamere stated that this was initiated through the Housing Authority. It was stated that Somerdale has this program. Mr. Carlamere stated that Code Enforcement must identify these properties. The township would have to follow the proper procedures, as far as the tax sale, and then this would have to be approved by the court. There was a discussion as to how many more units the township needs to meet their quota through COAH. These houses would have be purchased with COAH funds and would have to sold to fulfill our COAH quota. Mr. Mercado stated that he would like more information on this program as well as information from Somerdale. This will be on the next workshop in September.
- 3. **DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF "AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM" UNDER CHAPTER 68B** – Mr. Carlamere explained the "Affordability Assistance Certificate Program". He stated that this sets forth the criteria of using COAH funds. It was stated that this program would use \$60,000.00 per year from the COAH funds. Mr. Hutchison asked where the funds came from. It was stated that this money comes from those developing in the township. Mr. Hutchison asked if this program would be sustainable. Mr. Carlamere stated that he would have a Housing Authority Official come in and speak with the council at the next workshop. Mr. Mercado asked how long this program will last and asked that a sunset clause be included in this ordinance. This program will have a sunset clause of three years.
- 4. **DISCUSSION OF TRANSFER OF SECTION OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY** Mr. Carlamere stated that the property owner has a rear yard encroachment into township property. He stated that they are trying to sell the property and have already lost one buyer because of this problem but they have another buyer ready to settle on August 10th. It was stated that this property was not open space, but a part of the drainage area. He stated that he discussed this with Ken Lechner and this will not interfere with the drainage. This encroachment on township property was done before the current owner bought the property and they were unaware of the problem. Mr. Carlamere stated that the homeowner would be responsible for contacting a lawyer and having a new legal survey done. This piece of property is of no use to the township.
- 5. **DISCUSSION OF BROKER OF RECORD HEALTH** Mr. Cardis stated that he will be putting a resolution on the next meeting to go out for bid for Broker of Record Health. He stated that the current contract expires in September or October.

Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Mercado stated that the GTMUA presented a clean audit at their last meeting Mr. Hutchison stated that the Republic Bank is going in where the Shell Station is on Blackwood-Clementon Road and that Bimbo Baking Company is expanding.