

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2017
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	Mr. Cantwell
	Mrs. Stubbs	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mrs. Winters	Mrs. DiJosie, Twp. Clerk, RMC
	Mr. Mignone	
	Mrs. Trotto	
	Mr. Mercado	Mr. Lechner, Comm. Dev. Deputy Chief Harkins, Police

PRESENTATION:

A presentation was made to the Gloucester Township Hockey Association by Council President Orlando Mercado and Councilwoman Michelle Winters. Beaver A, Cadet A and Penguin C teams were honored.

At this time, Council took a 5 minute recess. Roll call: All council members were present.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Polidoro of Erial questioned Resolution 288. Mr. Mercado stated that this resolution concerns the assessments for abandoned and distressed properties. He stated that the law firm named in the resolution has been successful in appealing this. Mr. Palumbo stated that we must appeal to the state. Mr. Polidoro asked if these amounts would be figured into comps. Mr. Carlamere stated that when people come into the township to appeal their taxes, they are using the abandoned and distressed properties. He stated that the Township is looking to get a better number.

Mr. Sam Sweet of Erial asked about the rejection of the bids and why they were being rejected.

Mr. Cardis stated that the township had a budget and the bids came in significantly over this amount. He stated that there was no immediate urgency to get started on this. Mr. Sweet also questioned resolution 288 and asked if this would have to go out for bid.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

R-17:10-280

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 \$ 824,172.50

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 374,035.52

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 38,685.31

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 3,848.75

ANIMAL TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 8,266.50

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of

\$ 272,111.22

Adopted: October 23, 2017

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-17:10-281

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – FINAL FOR
CHERRYWOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PHASE 6 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, it was necessary to make changes in the scope of work to be done in completing the Cherrywood Improvement Program – Phase 6 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 – Final is hereby authorized and approval is hereby granted to revise the contract cost from \$237,800.00 to \$206,463.85.

Adopted: October 23, 2017

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-17:10-282

**RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING REHABILITATION AND AUTHORIZING THE RE-ADVERTISEMENT
OF BIDS**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has authorized and received bids for, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, that all bids received for the Gloucester Township Public Works Building Rehabilitation be and are hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials be and is hereby authorized to re-advertise for bids for the Gloucester Township Public Works Building Rehabilitation.

Adopted: October 23, 2107

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-17:10-283

RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY TO CONDUCT ITS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

WHEREAS, the Blackwood Fire Company requests permission from the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to hold its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Law, the governing body of the Township of Gloucester must grant permission by Resolution authorizing such a parade, before a permit is issued by the State of New Jersey; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREIN RESOLVED, that the Blackwood Fire Company is hereby granted permission by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to conduct its annual Christmas Parade on the Black Horse Pike between Davistown Road and Church Street
Adopted: October 23, 2107

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-17:10-284

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR CELLCO PARTNERSHIP IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the developer of Verizon Wireless (Glendora Fire Co.) has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this development, within the Township of Gloucester, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the securities in the amount of \$24,781.00 (bond) and \$2,753.00 (cash guarantee) in the name of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless be released upon the posting of an approved maintenance bond in the amount of \$7,031.44.

Adopted: October 23, 2017

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-17:10-285 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF SODIUM CHLORIDE AND DE-ICING LIQUID BY INTERNATIONAL SALT COMPANY PURSUANT TO CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #57-CCCPS – BID B-23/2016 (2ND YEAR OPTION)

WHEREAS, the County of Camden, as the Lead Agency for the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier #57-CCCPS (Cooperative), received and opened bids through its Division of Purchasing for Bid B-23(2nd Year Option), Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Chloride, Pre-treated Liquid Enhanced Sodium Chloride and Corrosion Inhibited De-icing Liquid to various locations in Camden County, as needed, under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System #57-CCCPS, the receipt of which bids were duly advertised in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, International Salt Co., LLC, was the lowest responsible bidder who complied with the specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester has previously determined to participate with Camden County as the Lead Agency for the purchase and delivery of Sodium Chloride and Corrosion Inhibited De-icing Liquid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the proper Township officials be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Township the Contract between the Township of Gloucester and International Salt Co., LLC for the purchase and delivery of Sodium Chloride, and Pre-treated Liquid Enhanced Sodium Chloride and Corrosion Inhibited De-icing Liquid.

A copy of said Contract is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference and copies shall be maintained available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk of the Township of Gloucester.

Adopted: October 23, 2017

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-17:10-286

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN OR OTHER EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 2017/2018 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CREDIT 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.

WHEREAS, there are also additional property owners that are exempt, or other credits are needed for the reasons stated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is authorized to grant said exemption, credit property taxes as stated for 2017 and first half 2018 and refund any resulting credit balances.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount to be Credited
3004	20	Santo Valerio	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$1926.75 – 2017 3 mons. \$4,146.74 – 2018 1 st Half
8701	5.09	Marlene Argentina	Add Disabled Veteran Widow Tax Exemption	\$4,614.10 – 2017 5 mons \$5,536.93– 2018 1 st Half
9110	8	Andrew Chester	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$2,520.26 – 2017 4 mons \$3,780.39 – 2018 1 st Half
12606	14	John Bauer	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$1764.97 – 2017 3 mons \$3,529.96 – 2018 1 st Half
12803	12	Charles Brown	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$2,538.10 – 2017 4 mons \$4,145.78 – 2018 1 st Half
13504	3	Curtis Williams	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$2,213.93 – 2017 3 mons \$4,629.31– 2018 1 st Half
17404	22	Ronald Dade	Add Disabled Veteran	\$3675.25– 2017 5 mons

			Tax Exemption	\$4,815.86– 2018 1 st Half
18304	49	Raymundo Agramonte	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption	\$3,466.73– 2017 4 mons \$5,200.10– 2018 1 st Half
15805	46	Black Horse Pike Schools	Exempt New Owner Tax Exemption	\$82.15– 2017 4 th qtr \$80.35– 2018 1 st Half
17101	13	Gloucester Township	Exempt Owner F/C Tax Exemption	\$1,127.29– 2017 3&4 qtr \$746.17– 2018 1 st Half
19202	22	Gloucester Township	Exempt Owner F/C Tax Exemption	\$217.74– 2017 4 th qtr \$425.92– 2018 1 st Half
19202	22.01	Gloucester Township	Exempt Owner F/C Tax Exemption	\$217.74 - 2017 4 th qtr \$425.92– 2018 1 st Half
20201	2	Gloucester Township	Exempt Owner F/C Tax Exemption	\$2,555.43– 2017 4t qtr \$5,003.25– 2018 1 st Half
18501	20	NVR T/A Ryan Homes	Duplicate Property	\$1,703.68– 2017 2 nd half \$851.84– 2018 1 st Half
18501	21	NVR T/A Ryan Homes	Duplicate Property	\$1,703.68– 2017 2 nd half \$851.84– 2018 1 st Half
5501	8	Erma Mauz	Demo of Shed Credit 2015-2017	\$154.13
5804	33	Jeremiah Cabot	Tax Court Settlement Credit 2017	\$2,041.14
8202	19	Theresa Colaizzo	Tax Court Settlement Credit 2017	\$1,334.20

ADOPTED: October 23, 2017

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-17:10-287

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GRANT SENIOR CITIZEN, DISABLED, OR VETERAN DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2017 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 2017,

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 2017 and refund any balances for the amounts indicated.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount of Deduction
1301	43	Emily Heberlig Deduction 2017	Add Sen Cit	250.00
1309	13	Frank Giacobbe A-15	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2017	250.00
2201	5	Robert Wilson	Add Disability Deduction 2017	250.00
3309	8	Susan McKeever	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2017	250.00
9106	14	Clare Mueller Deduction 2017	Add Sen Cit	250.00
13005	1.17	Socheat Sann	Add Veteran Deduction 2017	250.00
17907	24	William Fox	Add Veteran Deduction 2017	250.00
20901	66	Darla Dwornick	Add Widow Deduction 2017	250.00
21002	21	Robert Howe	Add Sen Cit Deduction 2017	250.00

ADOPTED: October 23, 2017

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-17:10-288

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE WADE, LONG WOOD & LONG, LLC TO FILE A TAX APPEAL FOR THE 2018 DIRECTOR'S RATIOS

WHEREAS. The State of New Jersey has issued the 2018 Director's Ratios for the entire State of New Jersey as of October 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS. The Gloucester Township Tax Assessor has reviewed the 2018 Director's Ratios and has determined that it is the best interest of the residents of Gloucester Township to file an appeal to dispute the State's findings; and

WHEREAS. The Township of Gloucester desires to appoint Wade, Long, Wood and Long, LLC to file the tax appeal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is hereby authorized to appoint Wade, Long, Wood & Long, LLC to file the tax appeal for the Township of Gloucester.

Adopted: October 23, 2017

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Sweet spoke about the Sunday hours of liquor stores in the township. It was explained to him that those hours were set many years ago and could only be changed by a referendum.

Mrs. Joanne Carr of Timberbirch thanked the Clerk for sending her the legislation concerning the bond question on the ballot. She questioned the letter she received from PSE&G in the mail, and wanted to know what that meant. Mr. Mercado stated that the original aggregation sunsets soon and will revert back to PSE & G as the rates are not good at this time. She also talked about the tonnage commercials featuring the Mayor and asked if these numbers were the same numbers from 4 years ago.

Mr. Brown of Mulberry Station spoke about him trying to find out numbers on how much the streets cost when his development was built, and how much it cost to resurface the streets and then what it cost to fix that. Mr. Brown asked if the township had a surplus this year. He also stated that in everything we do, we should go to God first.

Margaret Harrison stated that she has lived in Gloucester Township since 1992 and has had no time to come to the Council meeting's prior to this meeting. She asked where the Mayor was this evening. Mr. Mercado stated that the Mayor is not required to be at the Council meetings. She stated that she agrees with Mr. Brown about people struggling. She spoke about the taxes in the township. She stated that the residents depend on Council.

Mr. Sweet – spoke about the aggregation and clarified that the township is not going with the third party for PSE & G customers.

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

POLLING OF COUNCIL

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming to the Council meeting.

Mr. Schmidt thanked everyone for coming to the Council meeting and for their comments.

Mrs. Stubbs thanked everyone for coming to the Council meeting. She stated that it was great to see the parents here this evening. She stated that Council earnestly tries to take care of everyone in the township.

Mrs. Winters congratulated all the players honored at the meeting.

Mr. Mignone congratulated all the players honored this evening.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and congratulated the players and thanked their parents.

Mr. Mercado congratulated all the members of the Gloucester Township Hockey Association. He reminded everyone that Friday, the Township will be hosting a Trunk or Treat in the Veterans Park from 7- 9. He thanked all those people who took a part in the Citizens Appreciation Park ceremony. Mr. Mercado also reminded everyone that there will be a community dinner on November 12 at Highland High School sponsored by the Bethel Church. He stated that they provide food for the entire community. Mr. Mercado also reminded everyone to vote on November 7th.

Mr. Hutchison 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