

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH WORKSHOP
MARCH 4, 2019**

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Manny Halprin of Somerdale asked for an update on the Solicitor/Peddler/Vendor Ordinance. Mr. Carlamere stated that he reviewed several local municipalities' ordinances. Mr. Halprin stated that he has been to court twice a month and is upset that Council is not addressing this issue. Mr. Halprin stated that unlicensed solicitors are bypassing the ordinance by using third party vendors and there is no financial deterrent for unlicensed solicitors because the court fees are cheaper than the license fee. Mr. Mercado stated that Council will take into consideration some of Mr. Halprin's recommendations, but do not agree with all of his recommendations. Mr. Halprin stated that he is upset that nothing has been done in a year and stated he is going to start an internal investigation with the Camden County Prosecutor's Office. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

1. **DISCUSSION TO AUTHORIZE REMINGTON & VERNICK TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN NJDOT LOCAL AID INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (LAIF) GRANT FOR JOHNSON ROAD-** Mr. Chadwell, Township Engineer, stated Remington & Vernick would require authorization to apply for a grant for Johnson Road improvements. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.

2. **DISCUSSION OF AMENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS NEW STATUTES FOR PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES-** Mr. Lechner stated the legislature amended the municipal land use law to change how municipalities handle performance guarantees for site improvements. Mr. Lechner stated the township must amend the land development ordinance to account for these changes. Mr. Lechner stated that Remington & Vernick have developed a draft of the amendment. Mr. Mercado stated that he would like the ordinance draft brought to the April 1st workshop.

3. **DISCUSSION OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD-** Mr. Carlamere stated Lexon is going to offer the township their numbers to complete this project that has gone into default of approximately \$1 million at Lakeside Business Park. Mr. Carlamere stated that the township is going to declare a default on a second bond of \$175,000 that is attached to Lakeside Business Park and part of Independence Boulevard.

** Mr. Cardis added a discussion on the Capital Budget. Mr. Cardis stated that \$100,000.00 must be added to the budget for four redevelopment studies that must take place. Mr. Cardis stated that there are two bond ordinances to be presented, one is a normal bond ordinance the second is for Drainage projects. The total of these bond ordinances is approximately \$6.6 million.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Mrs. Winters stated the Caboose opening will be linked with the opening of Gabriel Davies Tavern.

Mrs. Stubbs stated the historical society is trying to create a county wide event.

Mr. Mercado stated the group that came before council to rezone The Little Pond Golf Course will be notified by Mr. Carlamere to make their application to the zoning board.