

required if the quote is under \$6,000. Mr. Chavralotti asked if there is an individual price for the blowers. Mr. Cardis stated he believed the blowers were quoted under the state contract. Mr. Chavralotti stated that he deals with every manufacturer of this type of equipment and he can say the township is over budget. Mr. Chavralotti, resident since 1963, expressed his concerns with the abandoned houses, increased taxes, and the spending in the township. Mr. Mercado listed services the township provides. Mr. Chavralotti suggested the township should get three quotes going forward. Mr. Hutchison asked what specific items the township is being overcharged on. Mr. Chavralotti could not recall.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates asked Council to vote no regarding the bond ordinance this evening and described the differences between wants and needs.

Sam Sweet of Erial stated he texted an example to Mr. Hutchison of the prices of the Lexmark printers included in the bond ordinance. Mr. Sweet asked Council if they have looked at these prices in depth. Mr. Mercado stated that he reviews the budget that is prepared by the administration and contacts Mr. Cardis if there is a question. Mr. Sweet asked if funds in the bond ordinance can be moved to other areas of the bond ordinance. Mr. Cardis stated funds can only be moved within the same category, without amending the bond ordinance and having a public reading. Mr. Sweet asked Council to table this ordinance due to his concerns of the prices of some items.

There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

O-19-04: CALENDAR YEAR 2019 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**RESOLUTIONS:
CONSENT AGENDA**

R-19:03-095

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 \$ 2,338,765.32

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 128,631.41

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 6,085.00

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 38,834.30

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 780.00

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 42,548.80

Adopted: March 25, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: Mr. Owens abstained from 1901379 invoice number 146195 and 1901440 invoice number 494414. All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-19:03-096

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF RETIRED K-9 POLICE DOG "ARROW" TO GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER GERACE

WHEREAS, The Gloucester Township Police Department has determined that K-9 police dog "Arrow" is no longer capable of performing the duties of a K-9 officer, and

WHEREAS, It is recognized retired K-9 police dogs fair better through the adoption to the police officer assigned to the K-9 police dog, and

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement to authorize the Gloucester Township Police Department to facilitate the adoption of the retired K-9 police dog "Arrow" to police officer Christopher Gerace, and

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement with police officer Christopher Gerace that K-9 police dog "Arrow" will not be used in any capacity relating to any activities associated with the Gloucester Township Police Department, and

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester is in agreement that the Gloucester Township Police Department will be held harmless for all responsibilities associated with the former K-9 police dog "Arrow".

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that retired K-9 police dog "Arrow" will be adopted by police officer Christopher Gerace and will not be used in any activities associated with Gloucester Township Police Department, be and is hereby approved.

Adopted: March 25, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-19:03-097

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY OF SUPPORT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A "WELCOME TO GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP" SIGN ON NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 42 OVERPASS

WHEREAS, the Township Administration desires to install a "Welcome to Gloucester Township" sign at an overpass location along New Jersey State Highway 42, and;

WHEREAS, Township Administration believes that this signage will attract new business to the Township of Gloucester which will be beneficial to both the Township and the residents of Gloucester Township, and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has requested a resolution from the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester in support of the Township's request for a "Welcome to Gloucester Township" sign to be installed on New Jersey State Highway Route

42 overpass, and authorization for expenditure of cost for installation and maintenance of the sign, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Council is in agreement with Administration that this signage will attract new business to the Township of Gloucester which will be beneficial to both the Township and the residents of Gloucester Township.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby support the Township Administration's request for the installation of a "Welcome to Gloucester Township" sign on New Jersey State Highway Route 42 overpass and does authorize the expenditure of funds for the cost, installation and maintenance of the signage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Adopted: March 25, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-19:03-098

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-18-11-300 TO CORRECT AN ERRONEOUS PROPERTY ADDRESS, BLOCK AND LOT INFORMATION FOR 1501 CHEWS LANDING-CLEMENTON ROAD (BLOCK 8401, LOT 12) KNOWN AS "THE HILL FARM" FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

WHEREAS, Township Council previously adopted Resolution No. R-18:11-300 to preserve "The Hill Farm" as Open Space Preservation, and;

WHEREAS, The Township Council has determined that Resolution No. R-18:11-300 had incorrect address, block and lot information, and;

WHEREAS, The Township Council desires to amend Resolution No. R:18-11-300 to include the corrected address, block and lot information as 1501 Chews Landing-Clementon Road, Block 8401 and Lot 12.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby amend Resolution No. R-18:11-300 to reflect the corrected address, block lot information as 1501 Chews Landing-Clementon Road, Block 8401 and Lot 12 known as "The Hill Farm" for open space preservation.

Adopted: March 25, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-19:03-099

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 AND ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
18204	3.01	Green Tree c/o CoreLogic 3001 Hackberry Rd. Irving, TX 75063-0156	2019	\$718.76	Overpayment

ADOPTED: March 25, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-19:03-100

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR A GRANT FOR RECREATION FACILITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FOR WOODSHIRE - STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Camden County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund has made available to the municipalities of Camden County, a grant for Recreation Facility Enhancement Project for Woodshire Park – Structure in the amount of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester is desirous of making improvements to the Wye Oak Park - structure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an application to the Camden County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 for Recreation Facility Enhancement Project for Woodshire Park – Structure.

Adopted: March 25, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-19:03-101

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR A GRANT FOR RECREATION FACILITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FOR CLEMENTONA (ERIAL LITTLE LEAGUE BALL FIELD) PARK - STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Camden County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund has made available to the municipalities of Camden County, a grant for Recreation Facility Enhancement Project for Clementona (Erial Little League Ball Field) Park – Structure in the amount of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester is desirous of making improvements to the Clementona (Erial Little League Ball Field) Park - structure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an application to the Camden County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 for Recreation Facility Enhancement Project for Clementona (Erial Little League Ball Field)– Structure.

Adopted: March 25, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

R-19:03-102

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following persons be and are hereby appointed to the Gloucester Township Housing Authority

Steven Orner - Filling the unexpired term of Kelly Matthews to 12-31-2021

Adopted: March 25, 2019

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

R-19:03-103

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$258,983, in the form of a matching grant of \$194,237 and if available a \$64,746 loan, from the State to fund the following projects: the Erial Ball Field and Woodshire Mews Park Playground projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that David Mayer or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

1. That the Mayor of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as the Erial Ball Field and Woodshire Mews Park Playground projects;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required;
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: March 25, 2019

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

GT E-GOV ACCESS

David Haag of Fraser Road made the following statements:

1. *FYI, your "Events" section of your web site is in error. When you click on the "Council Meeting" and then look for the Agenda you are directed "To download the agenda visit: <https://glotwp.com/departments/clerk/clerk.html>!" Maybe at one time it was a correct web site, but it is currently invalid! The correct web site is "<https://glotwp.com/departments/municipal-clerk/>." And then scroll down to the correct agenda page. Please correct this error. Additionally, a few meetings ago I requested in person to Notify those that are signed up for "Nixle" alerts of the Council Meetings. This only happened once and it was for the remaining meetings for the year. Notice should be given for every meeting on let's say Fridays for Monday Night Meetings and Mondays for the occasional Wednesday Night Meetings. Unless of course the Council Members do not want any more of the Taxpaying Public Showing up to the meetings. Thank you.*

Mr. Mercado stated that he does not believe himself or his colleagues on council are in fear of anyone showing up for council meetings. Mr. Mercado stated that Nixle is operated by the Police Department and is used for emergency alerts, severe weather, active shooters, and traffic or road closures. Mr. Mercado stated that council meetings are the first, second, and fourth Mondays of every month and have not changed.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial thanked public works and Mr. Bucceroni for work completed at Lake Renee. Mr. Polidoro feels that the Township should seek grants first and then borrow, not borrow ahead of time. Mr. Polidoro asked if the budget comes out next month. Mr. Cardis stated yes. Mr. Polidoro asked if council sees a surplus in the budget. Mr. Cardis stated there is always surplus money and that is applied to the 2019 budget. Mr. Cardis stated the budget will be introduced at the end of April.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates asked if the developer of The Shoppes at Gloucester Township has responded to Mr. Lechner. Mr. Lechner stated he has not heard back. Mr. Krugg asked if Mr. Lechner was able to discuss the community's unhappiness with this developer. Mr. Lechner stated if the community is upset, that should be taken up with either Council or the Mayor. Mr. Lechner stated it is personal property. Mr. Krugg stated the property has been in a degraded state for several years. Mr. Hutchison asked Mr. Lechner if it is a blighted property and would the township be overstepping by intervening. Mr. Lechner stated this is not new construction, it is an existing site with issued certificates of occupancy. Mr. Hutchison asked if there are any open citations or violations on this property. Mr. Lechner stated not that he is aware of, but the site has been cleaned up with new sidewalks and landscaping. Mr. Hutchison asked Mr. Krugg what he suggests council do. Mr. Krugg asked for a letter asking for a detailed timeline and strategy for the property. Mr. Krugg also suggested having the Economic Development Committee assist in finding tenants. Mr. Krugg stated that he had a meeting with Brian Hamel to discuss the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Mercado stated that he would work with Mr. Carlamere and Mr. Lechner in authoring a letter to the developer.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked what property Mr. Krugg referring to. Mr. Mercado described the property. Mr. Sweet asked if the township could seize the property being referred to. Mr. Carlamere stated this is a large commercial property and there is not much a government can do in New Jersey other than cite the property owner for code or health violations. Mr. Sweet asked if he could have the introduced budget emailed to him after the April meeting because he will not be able to attend. Mr. Cardis stated that it will be posted to the website.

Paul Krugg of Blackwood Estates stated that he conducted an analysis of the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan and continues to feel that there has not been much progress on this redevelopment. Mr. Krugg stated parking is a major concern for developers along with dilapidated buildings and the interference of the historical society.

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

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for coming this evening.

Mr. Owens congratulated the honorees, thanked Sgt. Grannon and the first responders, thanked public works, and informed every one of the upcoming shredding event.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming out and congratulated the women honorees tonight.

Mrs. Trotto congratulated all of the honorees from this evening and thanked Frank Testa and Mainstage for performing tonight.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out this evening, congratulated the honorees, and thanked Frank Testa for performing tonight. Mr. Mercado stated there is a hearing for the application to the Green Acres Program at 6:30 pm on March 30th.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC

Council President
Orlando Mercado

