

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
DECEMBER WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 3, 2018**

Mr. Hutchison was absent.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Manny Halprin of Pasedena Drive discussed his issues with unlicensed solicitor, peddler, vendors and his unhappiness with the police department and council not addressing this problem. Mr. Halprin wishes to make an amendment to the ordinance, changing the wording from unlawful to illegal, so that the police department can issue a summons. Mr. Halprin wants the fine to be higher. Mr. Halprin cited other municipalities' ordinances and procedures. Mr. Carlamere stated that he would compare the ordinances of Magnolia, Somerdale, Stratford, and Voorhees.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

1. **DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF 120 E. CHURCH STREET** – Mr. Lechner described the property. Mr. Lechner stated that the Mayor wishes to purchase this property through Green Acres Funds to use this parcel as a parking lot. Mr. Lechner stated that he would have to prepare a narrative explaining how this parking lot would service various park features in the immediate area. Mr. Lechner stated that Green Acres requested a resolution of endorsement from Council. Mr. Mercado asked what the cost is. Mr. Lechner stated that parcel is listed at \$85,000, the township would be required to pay 75% and is being appraised as vacant land. Mr. Lechner suggested that the resolution be listed separately and not on the consent agenda so that it has its own vote. Mr. Mercado voiced his concerns regarding overnight parking.

2. **DISCUSSION OF WILLIAMSTOWN ROAD, BLOCK 18301, LOTS 16, 17 & 18** – Mr. Carlamere stated that Papparone and Shatz came before the redevelopment entity a few weeks ago and will be submitting a plan for this property. Mr. Carlamere stated that Council could then name them as redeveloper. Mr. Lechner stated that the use being proposed is not permitted for that redevelopment zone. Mr. Carlamere stated that the redevelopment plan has to be amended by going before the planning board for approval first and then before Council as an ordinance. Mr. Carlamere stated that the contract has to be signed in December in order to use the purchase money in next year's budget. Mrs. Ehret, CFO, stated the state has become stricter and a contract may not be sufficient enough. Mr. Carlamere stated that first reading of the ordinance can be placed on the next Council agenda.

3. **DISCUSSION OF BEST PRACTICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER 2018** – Mrs. Ehret stated this form is something the state requires every year and the township's responses to the questions directly affects the amount of state aid received. Mrs. Ehret stated there are 61 questions this year and the township is at 93% and will be receiving our full state aid. Mrs. Ehret stated that Council just has to review it.

* Mr. Mercado wished to update Council on Jehovah's Witnesses wishing to absolve their entire payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT). Mr. Carlamere stated originally, the Jehovah's Witnesses wanted that specific property, zoned commercial, so the trade-off was a PILOT for removing a commercial ratable from purchase.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Mr. Mercado stated that the MUA is in the process of developing their budget.