

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
APRIL WORKSHOP**

APRIL 6, 2019

Mrs. Stubbs is absent due to illness.
Mr. Mercado and Mr. Hutchison arrived late.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Peter Heignbaugh of Morningstar Court stated the township ended last year with a \$3.6 million surplus, and carried over \$3.1 million surplus. Mr. Heignbaugh asked where the difference went. Mr. Cardis stated that the township holds some surplus, similar to keeping cash in the bank. Mr. Cardis stated rating agencies like to see some surplus remaining in the account. Mr. Heignbaugh asked how capital surplus is revenue in the budget. Mr. Cardis stated there are several options such as transfer to other capital accounts, use it for a similar use, amend the ordinance to alter the use, or cancel it as cash. This offsets debt service. Mr. Heignbaugh stated he did not see line items for the township Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Cardis stated this is under the federal CDBG grant with approximately \$33 thousand available for permissible use. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

1. **DISCUSSION OF POLICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM-** Mr. Cardis stated Mrs. Geppi met with Chief Earle about this program. This vendor manages police force on construction and road work jobs, provides billing to the police department, collects funds, and allocates to the individuals who work the job. There is no charge to the municipality, only a percentage of the job is charged to the company requiring the police work. Chief Earle stated the vendor finds available officers for each job and fronts the money until the contractor pays the bill. Mrs. Winters asked if the job is in the township are only township officers used. Chief Earle stated yes. Mr. Owens asked if vendors can opt out of this program. Chief Earle stated no. Mr. Carlamere stated the procedural manual for the police may require amendments. Chief Earle stated the rules will be matched to the contract and policy.
2. **DISCUSSION OF 2019 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM-** Mr. Cardis stated the capital program for 2019 is in place. Mr. Chadwell of Remington & Vernick stated the 2019 Road Improvement Program will come from the capital budget. Mr. Chadwell stated this proposal is for the inspection and bidding of township streets that require reconstruction. Mr. Mercado asked Mr. Chadwell for a copy of the street grading that R & V completes. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.
3. **DISCUSSION OF FY2019 NJDOT TRUST FUND RECONSTRUCTION OF KELLY DRIVER ROAD-** Mr. Chadwell stated Gloucester Township received the 2nd highest allotment for state aid funds in 2019. This proposal is for reconstruction and to address drainage issues on Kelly Driver Road from North Gate Drive to Laurel Wood Court. Mr. Chadwell stated all work, but \$62,000 is not covered by the state aid. Mr. Mercado asked where the remaining funds will come from. Mr. Cardis stated from capital. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.
4. **DISCUSSION OF 2019 MICROSURFACING PROGRAM-** Mr. Chadwell stated this proposal is for the micro-surfacing of four roadways in the township. The intent is to use Asphalt Paving Systems through a state contract so a bidding process is not necessary. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.
5. **DISCUSSION OF CHERRYWOOD ROAD IMPROVEMENT PHASE 8-** Mr. Chadwell stated this proposal is the continuation of a multi-year project to improve the streets in Cherrywood. Mrs. Winters asked how many more phases remain. Mr. Chadwell stated approximately two more phases. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.

6. **DISCUSSION OF 2020 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**-Mr. Chadwell stated this proposal is to provide survey and design services. Remington & Vernick is ready to bid for next year's budget. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.

** Mr. Mercado stated he must provide a letter to Mr. Kilpatrick for the Turnersville Jehovah's Witness request for tax relief. Mr. Mercado confirmed with council that the township will not be providing relief and Mr. Mercado will send a draft to Mr. Carlamere for approval.

** Mr. Mercado stated that Mr. Krugg requested a letter penned to Mr. Grecco, regarding the Shoppes of Blackwood. Mr. Mercado stated that he will send a kind letter inquiring about the status of moving forward with tenants at his property.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Mr. Mignone stated the opening of Field of Dreams was fantastic. Mr. Mignone stated there was a fire in the Brittany Woods section of the township and it was the house of one of the players. A GoFundMe was started and the field hockey team had a bake sale that raised \$700 in one hour. Mr. Mercado asked if the family is being temporary housed in the township. Mr. Mignone stated the parents are living in Camden and their three children are staying with family in Cobblestone.

Mr. Owens stated the Boy Scouts cleaned up the garden.

Mrs. Trotto stated she had a meeting with Shenandoah residents regarding an unknown cemetery that the residents found while cleaning up the area. Mrs. Trotto stated she will speak to veterans about the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Mr. Mercado stated the Dave and Buster's ground breaking ceremony is May 16th at 11:30 in the morning. Mr. Mercado reminded council that this Thursday, May 9th, is the Business Breakfast.