

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
AUGUST WORKSHOP**

**AUGUST 5, 2019**

Mr. Owens and Mrs. Trotto were absent.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

1. **DISCUSSION OF INTERSECTION OF PETER CHEESEMAN ROAD AND COLLEGE DRIVE** - Mr. Chadwell from Remington & Vernick stated the original proposal did not include costs for construction administration and inspection services. Mr. Cardis stated funds were in the capital budget for this. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.
2. **DISCUSSION OF BRIDGE VISUAL CONDITION INSPECTION** - Mr. Chadwell stated this discussion is for a proposal to inspect, report, and provide recommendations for damage. Mr. Cardis stated the funds will come from the general engineering account. Mrs. Winters asked where this bridge is located. Mr. Mercado stated behind Timbercreek High School. Mr. Mercado asked if the damage is normal wear and tear. Mr. Chadwell stated the damage is under the culvert. Mr. Mignone asked if the steel plates in place are sufficient. Mr. Cardis stated he would rather repair the area and remove the plates. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.
3. **DISCUSSION OF PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE LAKELAND AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT** – Mr. Lechner described a triangle piece of land purchased from the county in Lakeland, across from the Knick Knack store which borders Washington Township. Mr. Lechner stated that currently, there is no redevelopment plan for this area and this discussion is to review T & M’s proposal to complete a redevelopment study. Mr. Hutchison asked if this project will fulfill COAH requirements. Mr. Lechner stated a plan has not been completed yet, but it can be put into the plan. Mr. Lechner stated half of this project will be in Washington Township and has already been approved. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.
4. **DISCUSSION OF AMENDING CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS”** – Mr. Carlamere stated an ordinance was just passed amending chapter 72. Administration met with Mr. Chadwell to review the impact of fees for residential openings. Mr. Carlamere read from the ordinance regarding the exclusion of sidewalks, aprons, and curb cuts. Mr. Carlamere stated administration has decided to amend the ordinance to include curb cuts, but lower the engineer inspection fee for resident applications from \$500 to \$300.
5. **IN-REM FORECLOSURE DISCUSSION** – Mr. Carlamere stated the Corsino property has an agreement of sale and should close in 60 to 70 days. Mr. Carlamere circulated information from the tax collector regarding several properties that are delinquent. Mr. Carlamere suggested contacting the owners to have them deed the properties to the township rather than begin a costly foreclosure process. Mr. Hutchison asked if there is a chance the properties have hazardous issues. Mr. Carlamere stated he was not aware of any at this time, but this would be looked into.
6. **DISCUSSION OF A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR SYNCHARPA** – Mr. Carlamere stated Syncharpa is in the process of getting approvals to install solar panels. The original agreement requires Syncharpa to begin paying rent to the township once the panels are installed. Syncharpa is looking to extend their current 18 month contract to 2 years.

7. **DISCUSSION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES** – Mr. Cardis received a proposal from Pettit to provide engineering services to redeck the hockey rink in Lakeland. Originally, GTHA was going to complete, but Mr. Cardis believes that given the nature of the project, an engineer should oversee. Mrs. Winters asked if GTHA is going to cover some of the costs. Mr. Cardis stated that he did not know, but funds were set aside in capital for this. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.

8. **DISCUSSION OF COMPLETION OF THE HEALTH & FITNESS BICYCLE PATH PROJECT – PHASE XII** – Mr. Cardis stated there was a miscommunication with CES who completed a design proposal when an inspection proposal was needed. Mr. Cardis stated Remington & Vernick will continue the design proposal and CES will complete an inspection proposal.

\*\* Mr. Cardis added a discussion regarding the annual stormwater drainage budget. Mr. Cardis explained the projects have been prioritized. Mr. Cardis explained the interest rates for financing were low and a resolution and introduction of bond ordinance would be needed. Mr. Mercado gave his approval.

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**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

Mr. Mercado reminded residents of movie night in the park and National Night Out tomorrow. Mrs. Power reminded council to meet at 5:15 pm in front of the municipal building.