

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2008  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Statement: Mr. Bianchini read a statement setting forth the time, date and place of this meeting, that it was properly advertised, posted and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Lovett	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
	Mrs. Evans-late	
	Mr. Garbowski	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Hutchison-late	Mrs. DiJosie, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mr. Mercado	Mayor Rau-Hatton
	Mr. Schmidt	
	Mr. Bianchini	Mr. Busa, Public Works-abs.
		Mr. Lechner, Comm. Dev.
		Mrs. Varrell, Comm. Services
		Chief Smith, Police

Presentation: A presentation of bagpipes was made to the Gloucester Township Police Department from the Blackwood Kiwanis Organization. These bagpipes were given to the township in the memory of Fred Stavley who was a member of Kiwanis for over 50 years.

Public Portion:

Mr. Bianchini opened the public portion.

Warren Strumpfer of 705 Estelle Avenue thanked all those on his committee who helped make their National Night Out a success this year. He thanked the Becker's as well as the Walden's for all their hard work as members of the committee. He stated that it takes at least 50 or 60 people to make the event successful. He stated that he appreciates all the township has done to help them.

Bob Garves of Trinity Avenue in Blackwood asked if the Council asked about the CYO in Blackwood. He also asked if the township had contacted any major corporations that may give grants to the township for recreation.

Tonya Brown of Erial stated that things need to be done for the children of the township. She stated that they have no sense of direction.

A resident of 1109 Eleana Avenue spoke about the problem they are having with the MUA. She asked Council how the people are put on this board and who appoints them. She also asked who they are accountable to. Mr. Bianchini stated that the Council appoints the Board and that the board is an independent authority. He stated that they should take their concerns to the MUA and if they are not satisfied they should come back to the Council. She stated that the people of Terrestria were told that they were never serviced by the MUA, and she asked where they would find documentation the MUA has made calls to their development. The residents feel they are between a rock and a hard place, as no one wants to fix the problems they are having. Mr. Bianchini stated that it is a question of ownership with the sewer lines. She asked that Council continue to look into the matter. Mr. Bianchini stated that he is working with the MUA on this.

Patricia Kline a resident of Terrestria stated that half of the development is dedicated and is taken care of by the MUA and the other half is not.

A resident of 225 Keats Drive stated that the MUA have serviced their homes in the past. He stated that he feels a precedent has been set and that all of a sudden the MUA has stopped taking their calls.

Bob Garves of Blackwood asked the Council again if they have contacted the CYO about the property. Mr. Bianchini stated that they have and the diocese is hoping to make the area a cemetery.



declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of the ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: August 11, 2008

Adopted:

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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MAYOR

Mr. Bianchini stated that this ordinance is to change the fees for the Pre-School Program and to add non-residents. He stated that residents will be given a priority. Mr. Carlamere stated that the ordinance does not distinguish between resident and non resident. He stated that Council should make a motion to direct the administration through the Administrator or the Mayor to direct the recreation department to have a standby list for non-residents and give priority to residents.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have second reading and public hearing on August 25, 2008 and to advertise in full, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote:

Mrs. Lovett stated that she is in favor of saving the program, but no other ordinances includes non-residents, she stated that she therefore would be voting no. All others voted yes. Motion carried 6-1.

**0-08-21**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, "MASSAGE PARLORS, MASSAGE THERAPY& RELATED SERVICES"**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that Ordinance O-98-38 and known as Chapter 62 of the Code of the Township of Gloucester, entitled, "Massage Parlors" be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 62.20. be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§62.20. Exclusion:

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed so as to affect the practice of medicine, physical therapy, chiropractic, "massage and bodywork therapist license" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-53, or any other similarly recognized profession or occupation by a person duly licensed by the State of New Jersey to engage in such practice with hours at the location in such practice, profession or occupation and whose license would lawfully authorize any massage.”

SECTION 2. All ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection or part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of the ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: August 11, 2008

Adopted:

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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MAYOR

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have second reading and public hearing on August 25, 2008 and to advertise in full, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0. ‘

0-08-22

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 0-08-04 FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR 2008**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester in the County of Camden, New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1. (ONE).** That the following named officers and employees of the Township of Gloucester, Camden County, New Jersey, shall be paid and receive for their services during the calendar year 2008 the salary or wages hereinafter set opposite the respective officer or employee title.

<u>DIRECTORS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>2008 MAXIMUM SALARY</u>
Municipal Tax Collector	21,040.00	59,883.00
Municipal Court Administrator [eff.7/1/08]	21,040.00	70,000.00

Introduced: August 11, 2008

Adopted:

ATTEST:

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President of Council

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Township Clerk, RMC

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Mayor

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have second reading and public hearing on August 25, 2008 and to advertise in full, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

**R-08:08-229**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR WAWA FOOD MARKET STORE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the developer of WaWa Food Market Store has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this development, within the Township of Gloucester, and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the securities in the amount of \$ 1,467,363.60 in the name of WaWa Food Market Store be released upon the posting of an approved maintenance bond in the amount of \$183,420.45.

Adopted: August 11, 2008

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mr. Mercado made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**R-08:08-230**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SECURITIES OF CHEWS LANDING LLC FOR CHEWS LANDING COMMONS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Developer of Chews Landing Commons has supplied the Township of Gloucester with Securities for Subdivision Improvements, and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of securities for Chews Landing Commons as follows:

From \$800,707.50 to \$240, 212.25

Adopted: August 11, 2008

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mr. Mercado made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**R-08:08-231**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester is the owner of the vehicles and equipment which are no longer needed for public use and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester desires to authorize the sale of the surplus vehicles and equipment at public sale pursuant to NJSA 40A:12-2 to the highest bidder, a copy of the list of surplus vehicles and equipment is on file in the office of the Township Clerk

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester hereby declares the described surplus equipment is no longer needed for public use.

2. The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester authorizes and directs to take any and all steps necessary to proceed with a public sale of said surplus equipment.

3. The notice of the date, time and place of the public sale and the conditions of sale, shall be published in the Record Breeze Newspaper, the official newspaper of the Township of Gloucester, stating that the sale will be held on August 23, 2008, Saturday, at 10:00 am at the Public Works Building on Erial Road.

4. No limit shall be placed on the number of surplus vehicles that can be purchased by any one bidder.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: August 11, 2008

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mr. Cardis stated that three of the vehicles on this list will be given to the GTMUA. They included a 1987 Chevy S-10 P/U, a 1998 Ford Crown Vic, and a 1994 Case Backhoe.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt as amended, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote: Mrs. Lovett stated that these items should not be removed, she therefore voted no. All others voted yes. Motion carried 6-1.

**R-08:08-232**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for FY2007 Road Program, and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds have been provided, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council received bids or quotes

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the proper Township Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. for FY2007 Road Program in the amount of \$1,623,766.15 which was the lowest bid or quote received.

Adopted: August 11, 2008

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

Mr. Mercado made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**R-08:08-233**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR TREATED SODIUM CHLORIDE**

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 Budget provides funds for the purchase of certain materials and supplies and equipment whose aggregate value will exceed \$29,000.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the State Statutes require that items exceeding \$29,000.00 be properly advertised and bids received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Advertising of Bids is hereby authorized, in accordance with the respective specifications for the following items:

TREATED SODIUM CHLORIDE

Adopted: August 11, 2008

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mr. Mercado made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**R-08:08-234**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND MAGELLAN HILL TECHNOLOGIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for Telecommunication Services, and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds have been provided, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council received bids or quotes

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the proper Township Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Magellan Hill Technologies for Telecommunication Services based on the submitted fee structure in the bid received.

Adopted: August 11, 2008

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

Mr. Mercado made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**R-08:08-235**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEDICATION BY RIDER  
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER FOR  
A NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANT PURSUANT TO PL1997,  
C.24.**

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance, and

**WHEREAS**, PL1997, C.24 allows municipalities to receive amounts for costs incurred for Neighborhood Preservation Program Grants, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of monies by dedication by rider,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for a Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant as per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of Gloucester is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**ADOPTED:** August 11, 2008

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Council President

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Township Clerk, RMC

Mr. Mercado made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**R-08:08-236**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-08:01-20 ENTITLED  
“RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES FOR  
THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER”**

**WHEREAS**, it was necessary that legal depositories for the funds of Gloucester Township be designated for the year 2008;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that the following banking institution be and is hereby added to the list of depositories designated by resolution R-08:01-20 for the year 2008

New Jersey Cash Management Fund

ADOPTED: August 11, 2008

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President of Council

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Township Clerk, RMC

Mr. Mercado made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**R-08:08-237**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,  
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AND  
APPROVING AN AMENDMENT OF TAX ABATEMENT  
FOR SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING AT FRANKLIN SQUARE  
VILLAGE**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin Square Associates, L.P. (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant") is the owner of the senior housing project known as Franklin Square Village, located on Hildebrand Avenue in the Township of Gloucester (hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality"); and

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto entered into a tax abatement agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:14J-30 on November 17, 1975 - now N.J.S.A. 55:14K-37 and subsequently amended that agreement October 14, 1977 by Resolution R-77:10-248; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid tax abatement agreement was anticipated to extend as much as 40 years from the date of the original agreement or at such earlier time if the mortgage financing the project was repaid; and

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of the original agreement, the applicant has made an annual payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to the municipality at 6.28% of gross rental income which sum is solely for the benefit of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant proposes to renew its contract with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Section 8 subsidy assistance to benefit the senior citizen, low-income tenants of Franklin Square Village for a term of up to twenty (20) years and has offered to retain the aforesaid payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) at 6.28% of gross rental income, which would provide for an automatic annual increase of the payment in lieu of taxes measured by the increase in annual gross revenues between the date of payment and the preceding year; and

**WHEREAS**, both the applicant and the municipality believe that the further amendment of the initial tax abatement agreement will benefit the citizens of the Township of Gloucester as well as, the tenants of Franklin Square Senior Citizen Housing facility.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, as follows:

- (a) The Franklin Square facility is a development which meets an existing affordable housing need within the Township of Gloucester.
- (b) The Franklin Square Senior Citizen Housing facility provides a benefit to the residents in the Township of Gloucester.
- (C) The continued operation of the Franklin Square Senior Citizen Housing facility with in the Township of Gloucester is in the best interest of all of the citizens of the Township of Gloucester.
- (d) The amending of the agreement providing for a tax abatement with a payment in lieu of taxes at 6.28% of gross rental income, per year subject to increase in direct



proportion to the percentage of increase in annual gross revenue of the said facility for up to a twenty (20) year term or until the termination of the HUD Section 8 project assistance contract or at such time the loan is paid in full, whichever occurs first, commencing with payment in the first quarter 2009 is in the best interest of the Township of Gloucester.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in light of the foregoing, the Township Council does hereby adopt these determinations and findings and do authorize the entry into an agreement with the applicant in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Adopted: August 11, 2008

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mr. Mercado made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made requesting the Administration to administer the non-resident element of the registration for the pre-school program. He stated that priority will be given to the residents in the following manner: Any non-resident registrant should be put on standby and there should be a reasonable cut-off date to allow that non resident to get into the program if it is not filled to capacity by Gloucester Township residents.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote: Mrs. Lovett stated that she was voting no because of the non-resident clause. All others voted yes. Motion carried 6-1.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Rau-Hatton thanked the Police Department for all they did for National Night Out. She thanked the residents for participating and reminded everyone that there will be a concert at the Timber Creek High School on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. She thanked the Public Works Department for all the work that they did at the Hider Lane Senior Center. She also stated that she would be honoring the children that helped clean up the Brittany Woods Development on Saturday. Three children were present for the presentation.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Bianchini opened the public portion.

Clara Donnell of Erial stated that people walk in the streets because some of the sidewalks in the developments are broken up. She asked who is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks.

Judy Cruz-Murphy of 18 Aberdeen Drive spoke about the Pre-School. She stated that she was surprised when she read that the township was keeping this program. She stated that she could not understand why, if this is a losing program the township is keeping it. She stated that this program is not for working parents as it is only for two hours, but for parents who are home. She stated that she was upset that the meeting was being kept open. She stated that no surrounding communities have a pre-school program and the state will be mandating a pre-school program beginning in 2009. She asked the Council several questions regarding the program. Mr. Bianchini stated that he believes in the education of the students and he is looking for the program to break even. She stated that she does not understand when other programs are being cut why this one is being kept.

Mr. Mercado stated that the reason he is in favor of this is that he has a hard time with the parents only having one weeks time to find a suitable program for their children. He stated that the parents were not notified in time to find a suitable program. He stated that the teachers still must be paid, as it is in their contract. Mr. Hutchison stated that he is a budget hawk. He stated that many people have told the council how valuable this program is. He stated that one person made the decision to cancel this program. He stated that Council believes that this program deserves a second chance. He stated that increasing the fees tonight will help offset the program. Mr. Bianchini stated that by September they will know if they need to make adjustments.

Bob Garves of Blackwood stated that many of the programs are involving children and asked

if we could look over what programs we offer.

Ray Polidoro of Erial stated that he would like to see more people come to the meetings. He asked about the Comcast proposal which would be for 25 years and would include a \$160,000.00 grant. He asked if any of this money would go into the taping of the Council meetings. He commended Council for taking action on the pre-school which he may or may not agree with. He stated it is nice to see that people came out to the meeting. He also questioned the revaluation and asked what formula will be using for the re-val. Mr. Bianchini stated that this will all be laid out in community meetings. Mr. Polidoro reiterated that the televising of meetings is not a dead issue.

Joanne Carr of Clement Drive stated that the concert at Timber Creek is going to be on Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 pm and not on August 18<sup>th</sup> as the Mayor had previously indicated. Ms. Carr also questioned the Pre-School program. She asked how the township will finally come to a decision about the program without having to pay the teachers and to give parents enough time. Mr. Bianchini stated that we can't get away from the notice to the teachers, but it will probably be after the spring session. At that time we will know if the program is viable. Mr. Bianchini stated that we will need a profit and loss statement after each session.

Jordon Carley, a resident of Cobblestone and her friend, who was a resident of Revere Run stated that it was their friend who died in the quarry. She stated that the kids went there because they were bored. There was a question if the township could ask the developer to fence the property in or put no trespassing signs around the quarry. Chief Smith stated that this is private property and no township land surrounds the quarry. Mr. Carlamere will speak to the owner of the property. He stated that the fire department spoke about a boat dock in this area and it could not hurt if we speak to the owner. Chief Smith stated that the police are called out to this area periodically, but reiterated that it is Private Property.. He stated that the Lakeside Business Park owns the quarry. Mr. Lechner will ask for additional signage. Mr. Carlamere stated that there are no violations on the property at this time. Mrs. Evans stated that because of the problem with the illegal swimming at the quarry, could the township ask the owner to fence in the quarry, and if not what other precautions could they make. The girls speaking to council also stated that they would like to see a Recreation Center in the southern end of town. Mrs. Evans stated that she has been contacting sponsors to see if they would be willing to invest in a pool in the southern end of town.

Gene Lawrence stated that the trail in Cherrywood will be dedicated as the Unity Trail on Saturday, August 23. He stated that Dunkin Donuts has sponsored the sign.

Dawn Leery of Orchard Avenue stated that the pre-school is not a free program. She stated that she wants to make this work and that the parents are willing to bring in supplies. She questions Mayor Rau-Hatton as to why she thought of this as a luxury program. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that she has to choose, to have priorities. She stated that our road program had to be eliminated out of this years budget. Mayor Rau-Hatton went on to say that she is under pressure from Council as far as the budget goes and this program has lost \$135,000.00 in the last 5 years. She stated that she would rather hire police officers. She stated that this program started out in 1980 as a Tot Arts Camp. Ms. Leery also questioned the Senior bus, and what the costs were associated with it. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that they have changed where the bus is going to save gasoline. Ms. Leery also questioned the fireworks and stated that the \$10,000.00 spent on fireworks could be used elsewhere. She also asked Mayor Rau-Hatton how she could have made a decision so quickly. Ms. Leery stated that Mayor Rau-Hatton did not give the parents a choice.

Eric Teel of 35 Blue Jay Drive asked how much this is going to cost to keep the program open. Mr. Bianchini stated that we have raised the tuition to \$200.00 and they would need approximately 30 more students per session. Mr. Cardis stated that he sat down with the union representative and stated that the goal is to break even or make a profit. Mr. Cardis stated that he will work to bridge the gap in funding. Mr. Bianchini stated that this needs to be run like a business with a profit and loss statement for the program.

Linda Musser of 50 Cameron Circle spoke about the fact that the township is opening up the program to other towns. It was asked the maximum number each session and location could take. The Rec Center could have 49 students, both morning and afternoon, and Pt. Ariel could handle 47.

She asked how the program is going to be paid and where the money was coming from. She stated that the residents should know if a program is profitable. Mr. Hutchison stated that this program has been in existence for 25 years and people have benefitted from it. Mr.

Hutchison stated that he previously asked Mr. Carlamere how the Council could block the Mayor's decision and that is when they decided to increase the fees. Mr. Bianchini stated that the parents are willing to have an increase in the fees. He stated that the council has the ability to make this a budget neutral program.

John Barrett of the Youth Lacrosse League stated that his group finished their first season. He also stated that he will become a pre school sponsor, if needed.

Mr. Weber of Aberdeen Lane apologized for not making the block party in Brittany Woods. He thanked Mr. Cardis for taking care of the concrete dividers on Blackwood-Clementon road. He stated that there are various places in the township that are not wheelchair friendly. He also stated that the township does not offer anything for the disabled but the bus. He also stated that on our website, it should say Senior/Disabled Bus. He asked that the township form a sub-committee for this. Mrs. Evans stated that she is aware of ADA programs administered by the State and is also aware of grants. She stated if a committee is formed, she would like to be part of the committee. Mr. Weber also asked what the Pre-School Program does for children. He stated that they should be learning their ABC's at home.

Judy Cruz-Murphy asked if anyone on Council has been to the Lakeside Business Park. She stated that kids may get confused about swimming in the quarry because there is a diving school there that uses the quarry. She also stated that there is only one sign at the quarry for "No Swimming".

Ray Polidoro of Erial stated that he is having trouble hearing what the Council is saying and asked them to speak louder. He also stated that many of the problems the township is having are due to lack of funding from the State. He asked if we would be eligible to become an Urban Enterprise Zone. Mr. Mercado explained the Urban Enterprise Zone and stated that it was a program based on economics and that Gloucester Township would probably not be eligible.

Mrs. Leery stated that she teaches her kids at home and has chosen to work nights so that she is home with her children during the day. She stated that she does not need day-care, she needs pre-school.

Joanne Carr of Clement Drive stated that the pre-school is not just about learning ABC's and 123's. She stated that the children learn how to sit still, learn how to take direction, learn how to socialize. She stated that they just don't learn their ABC's, but this will help them to be prepared for school.

Frank Mellace of Hillcrest Avenue asked how much more this program will cost the taxpayers. He stated that if the schools took over this program, the costs would certainly be much higher, due to the teachers contracts. He stated that it was a wise decision to keep the program going.

#### POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Ms. Varrell on behalf of the seniors, thanked the Public Works Department for the work that they did at the new Senior Building. She also stated that she has put in an application for a grant for programs that target children, so that they will have something to do after school.

#### POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Mrs. Lovett thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. She thanked the Blackwood Kiwanis for the donation of the bagpipes to the police department. She thanked everyone responsible for making National Night Out a success. She thanked the residents of Brittany Woods, especially the Loves for their part in the cleanup. She stated that it has made a difference. She reminded everyone again of the free concert at Timber Creek High School on August 14, 2008. She thanked Ms. Varrell for her work on the grants.

Mrs. Evans thanked the residents of Brittany Woods. She stated that they had a good event. She stated that she believes in change. She thanked Mr. Weber for looking after the serious needs of the disabled. She thanked the Pre-School parents who fought for this program. She thanked Jordan Carley who witnessed one of her friends drowning. She stated that she hopes the owner of the property will work with the township in order to prevent another tragedy. She stated that as far as recreation, the township could make things happen and she stated she would like to see a center in the southern end of the township.

Mr. Garbowski thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He thanked the Blackwood Kiwanis for their donation to the Police Department. He congratulated those children who got a citation from the township for the cleanup of Brittany Woods. He also thanked

all those involved with National Night Out.

Mr. Hutchison thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He stated that he was unable to attend National Night Out, but heard it was a great success.

Mr. Mercado thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He thanked the Kiwanis Organization for their donation to the Police Department. He thanked the Police Department and the Administration for National Night Out .

Mr. Schmidt thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He thanked everyone involved with National Night Out and said that he was sure we will be a winner again this year. He also thanked the Chief of Police for all his help. He spoke about the Pre-School Program and stated that the program should be maintained and that a concentrated effort should be towards the many children who don't live in Gloucester Township but go to school here. He stated that the local school district has no policy concerning this. He asked that the people go to the school board meetings and make their sentiments known. He asked that everyone come out to the township's Movie Night, featuring "Ratatouille".

Mr. Bianchini thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He thanked the Kiwanis for their donation and also thanked those involved with National Night Out and the Police Department. He also thanked those who helped at the Brittany Woods cleanup. He congratulated the two girls who spoke about the quarry and stated that he was impressed with them. He stated that as far as the Pre-School program, Council has to make decisions. He stated that the Mayor made a decision to stop the program for financial reasons, and he stated that she did not think through the entire process. He stated that Council found out about it on that Monday. Mr. Bianchini stated that he believes in education and stated that it starts at home and in these programs. He stated that socialization is a large part of the program. He stated that opening this program to outside residents, when needed will increase the revenues. He stated that Council will continue to look at the programs.

Mr. Mercado made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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President of Council

Rosemary DiJosie  
Township Clerk, RMC