

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
DECEMBER WORKSHOP  
DECEMBER 1, 2008**

Mr. Hutchison arrived late at 8:10 pm.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Joanne Carr of 50 Clement Drive stated that Sunday will be the Open House at the Gabriel Daveis Tavern from 1-4 pm. She also stated that the Historical Committee would also like a council liaison to their committee.

Gene Lawrence of Erial asked for an update on the Alternative Energy issue. Mr. Cantwell stated that he already has a draft of the buildings owned by the township. He stated that most of the buildings can not hold the weight of the solar panels. He stated that his report is almost completed. He stated that as far as the landfill area, he has had difficulty setting up meetings with the BPU and the utility companies. He stated that he would like to do this in two parts. Mr. Lawrence stated the he would like to see Council set up another meeting. He stated that he realizes this is moving along, but the price is getting higher as the time passes. He stated that he doesn't want to lose this opportunity.

1. **DISCUSSION OF REPLACING RETIRING DISPATCHERS AND SPECIAL OFFICERS** - Chief Smith stated that he is currently losing 2 dispatchers. He stated that he would like permission to move the part time dispatchers up to full time and to hire two more dispatchers. He stated that if these dispatchers are not replaced he will have to cover the shortage with overtime. Council agreed that the Chief could do this. Chief Smith also stated that he is losing 4 Special Officers that have been hired by other agencies. He stated that he would like to replace them. All of Council agreed to this.
2. **RESOLUTION FOR COUNCIL TO SPEND \$45,000.00 FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR A COAH PLANNER** - Mr. Lechner explained this resolution. He stated that this resolution allows us to draw the funds. This resolution will be approved this evening at the Special Meeting.
3. **RESOLUTION FOR COAH TO REVIEW AMENDED DEVELOPER FEE ORDINANCE** - Mr. Lechner explained this resolution. He stated that this ordinance allows COAH to review the amending developer fees. This resolution will be approved this evening at the Special Meeting.
4. **NEW DEVELOPER FEE ORDINANCE** - Mr. Lechner explained the increases in fees for this ordinance. He explained the percentages. This ordinance will be approved this evening at the Special Meeting.
5. **NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING (INCLUSIONARY) ORDINANCE** - This will not be discussed this evening.
6. **DISCUSSION OF CHAMPION GENERATORS** - Mr. Cantwell stated that the township received a grant years ago. He stated that there is no more money to do continued testing of the wells in the areas surrounding the land of the former Champion generators. It was stated that the state would still like the testing to be done. He stated that there must be a monitoring of the wells, and the delineation of the of the southwest plume. They would also like vapor intrusion testing. Mr. Cantwell stated that this could also be covered by a grant. He stated that a remedial work plan must be established and the state will pay for 75% of the costs. Mr. Cantwell stated that there is money for one more round of testing once the bond ordinance is approved on second reading at the next meeting. Mayor Rau-Hatton will meet with Aqua about any grants they may have so that the people in this area that still have wells could hook up to water.
7. **SAFETY EVALUATIONS - INTERSECTION OF NEW BROOKLYN ROAD AND WILLIAMSTOWN ROAD** - Mr. Cantwell stated that after speaking with the police department, it was stated that the problem at this intersection is that people are going through the stop sign. Chief Smith will be asking the county to repaint the channelization. This study is off the agenda.

8. **DISCUSSION OF WEST BLENHEIM CURBING** - Mr. Cantwell stated that the road has been paved. He stated that the residents want curbing on the side where the houses are. He stated that they could be put in, in the spring. He stated that the estimated cost would be \$30,000.00. It was asked if anyone has spoken to the residents in this area. It was stated that because the street is so narrow, having curbs will make it hard to have on street parking. A letter will be sent out to the residents and then discussed by Council at the next meeting.
9. **DISCUSSION OF DAVISTOWN ROAD -PHASE II - STATE AID** - Mr. Cantwell stated that we received \$190,907.00 for this road. He said that we previously received \$120,000 for Phase I. Mr. Cantwell stated that they are going to advertise for spring construction. Mr. Cantwell stated that this award does not cover the \$19,400.00 for Remington & Vernick. He stated that the State does not cover design and construction management, prep work. We will look to see if there is any money in an old bond ordinance.
10. **DISCUSSION OF RENTAL INSPECTIONS** - This was taken off the meeting at the Mayor's request.
11. **DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY ON OLD BLACK HORSE PIKE** - Mr. Carlamere stated that both residents want this property. Mr. Carlamere will continue the process. He will let the neighbors know that they must share the cost of the minor subdivision.
12. **DISCUSSION OF RFQ'S FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** - Mr. Carlamere will review the RFQ's and put them on the web site.
13. **DISCUSSION OF ANIMAL SHELTER NUMBERS AND FUTURE LOCATION FOR SPAYING CLINIC** - It was stated that Patrick Shuttleworth is looking for a place within Camden County to hold the spaying clinic. The Public Works Building will not be used to house the property appraisers for the re-val. Mayor Rau-Hatton will speak with Mr. Shuttleworth to see how he is making out.
14. **DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENTS** - Mr. Bianchini asked that all council members review the appointments and get back to him if they have any changes.
15. **DISCUSSION OF TERRESTRIA INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT** - Mr. Bianchini stated that the MUA along with the HOA worked towards this conclusion. He stated that the system needs to be evaluated. He stated that the systems is owned by the Homeowners Association. He stated that CES has agreed to do a full system evaluation. The township will need to pay for this. Mr. Bianchini stated that he has spoken to the Chairman of the MUA concerning the funding of this. Mr. Bianchini stated that something needs to be done as soon as possible. Mrs. Lovett asked why the MUA couldn't pay for at least part of this. Mr. Bianchini stated that there are 50 such pumping areas in the township and if they pay for one of these studies then they would be obligated to pay for studies for each area. Mr. Carlamere stated that the MUA does not have the funds for the study or repair. It was stated that we do not know where the lines are. Mr. Bianchini stated that some of the problems stem from the fact that the manhole covers are under parking areas and if there is a problem in the lines, they have to be able to move the cars. He stated that the MUA has been helping them unclog these areas when possible. It was also stated that the Police Department can not do anything until an ordinance is passed for no parking since this is private property. Mr. Mercado asked where the money would come from for this. Mr. Hutchison stated that it would set a bad precedent if the MUA steps up at this time and pays this. Council has to be able to protect their residents from catastrophic problems, it is their responsibility. This needs to be done as soon as possible. Council was polled concerning the authorization to sign an agreement. Mrs. Lovett stated that under the township responsibility she will vote yes, but she also thinks it is the MUA's responsibility to give the township the \$240,000.00 they have in unrestricted surplus. Mrs. Evans voted yes and stated that anyway we could help would be great. All others votes yes. Mr. Bianchini stated that there are two separate issues, and we can not take money from one place and put it some place else. He stated that you must look at the whole picture. Mrs. Lovett stated that taking the MUA surplus has been done in other towns. Mr. Bianchini stated that we are two separate authorities. Mrs. Evans asked if the DEP or EPA will help. Mr. Bianchini stated that no they will not help and it is

ultimately the townships responsibility.

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**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Mr. Garbowski stated that the Blackwood Lake Committee had their meeting at the library.

Mrs. Evans stated that the Environmental Committee is trying to start a community garden. She also stated that she has viewed the Stay Out-Stay Alive videos and she thinks that they will benefit the children of our township as far as the quarry situation.

Mrs. Lovett stated that the Human Relations Committee has had no major issues. She stated that she was unable to make the last meeting and asked Mr. Lawrence what was going on. He stated that there was an issue of gang activity and the issue has been resolved. She also stated that the committee is trying to get involved with Martin Luther Kings activities. He also spoke about the Bosnian people of the township which number about 400 who would like to have a special event on Christmas Day.

Mr. Bianchini stated that the MUA has been working along with him on the Terrestria issue.

Mr. Mercado stated that the Planning Board had the meeting where they discussed the COAH regulations. He stated that they will be having a Special meeting on December 15, 2008.

Mr. Schmidt stated that there is nothing going on with the Recreation Committee at this time and he commended the MUA for being in the black.