

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

All Council members present.

Public Portion: Robbie Traylor of Deer Park Circle asked about the light at the corner of Blackwood-Clementon Road and College Drive. He asked when the new signal would be installed. It was stated that this is a County project and someone will contact them for a date. He gave his name and number to the Township Clerk.

1. **DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE E-BAY AUCTION** - Chief Smith stated that he would like permission to sell confiscated cars on e-bay. He stated that the statute allows this. A resolution will be on the next meeting for this.
2. **DISCUSSION OF NEW POLICE CAR EQUIPMENT** - Chief Smith stated that he is asking for equipment for the 11 new police vehicles that will be purchased upon approval of the current budget. He stated that the equipment for one car that was totaled will be recycled and the other equipment will be new. He stated that he is asking for 10 replacement mobile radios for the new vehicles and is also beginning the mobile computer replacement program. He stated that he has requested and has been given permission to use \$75,000.00 of confiscated drug money to begin this project. He stated that he would also like to see In Car Video Cameras and has requested 10 of these. Chief Smith has permission to go out for bid for this.
3. **DISCUSSION OF A LOWER SPEED LIMIT ON SOMERDALE ROAD**- Chief Smith stated that a traffic study will have to be done on this road. He stated that his Traffic Division will begin to get the data as soon as the weather permits. He stated that he will speak to Mr. Cantwell who will determine if it warrants a certificate based on the speed data. Mr. Cantwell has requested \$3,960.00 to do this survey. It was stated that this could take anywhere from a couple of weeks to a couple of months. To complete. It was stated that Lampost Lane was the most critical area.
4. **DISCUSSION OF INTER-LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION - GPS TRACKING SYSTEM** - Chief Smith explained through this interlocal, there will now be GPS in school buses. He stated that this will not cost the township anything, as the Gloucester Township Police Department already have the existing accounts for GPS set up, the schools will pay the township directly. Gloucester Township will maintain the server, all accounts will be treated individually.
5. **DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FROM A HOMEOWNER FOR FENCE OVER STORM SEWER EASEMENT** - Mrs. Macrillo of 51 Mullen Drive explained her situation. She stated that she would like to have a fence erected around her property because she will soon be getting a pool, and needs a fence to meet the township requirements. Mr. Carlamere stated that in the past, an easement agreement has been drawn up for this type of request. It was stated that the fence contractor will contact Mr. Lechner and they will discuss where this fence can be erected. Mr. Carlamere and Mr. Lechner will get back to Mrs. Macrillo.

Mr. Lechner also discussed the triangle piece of property by Skeeter's Pub. He stated that they are willing to donate the rest of this triangle to the township. There was a question as to if we need a resolution of acceptance.
6. **DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FOR GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK AND VALLEY BROOK**

CONSULTING FEES - Len Moffa of Public Works stated that VJ's landscaping has presented a quote for one year. It was stated that he must have at least 2 quotes for this project. He stated that having a consultant has worked out, as the fields are doing better and the sports organizations are happy with the results.

GRASS CUTTING

Len Moffa stated that last year Valleybrook was added into the grass cuttings. He stated that he would like to see us go out for bid separately for athletic field cutting, as it is entirely different from retention basin cutting. He stated that he would like to see an athletic contractor mow the fields. We will go out separately for this.

FERTILIZATION

Len Moffa stated that he is asking permission to go out for the fertilization of Gloucester Township Community Park. It was stated that this will need to be bid, as the park has doubled in size. The clerk will check if this has been authorized at a previous meeting.

Len Moffa requested permission to purchase two sheds. One for Gloucester Township Community Park and one for the football complex. He stated that the sheds would cost approximately \$6,000.00 each. He stated that he would like to use Open Space funds to purchase these sheds. Mr. Mercado asked about the security of the sheds, since they will not be put on footings. Mrs. Lovett asked how much we have in open space and she stated that she would like to see us keep track of the money in this account. Council was polled, all agreed to buy the sheds.

7. **DISCUSSION OF GYPSY MOTH RESOLUTION** - Mr. Cardis stated that a resolution declaring the gypsy moth a nuisance must be passed by the Township Council. He stated that there is a criteria that the township must follow. It was stated that this is a suppression program.
8. **DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL** - Mr. Busa stated that he talked to Council prior about moving some men around and promoting them as they have been working out of title for some time and getting paid the increased salary. He stated that the increase is minimal and that he was short on drivers. Mr. Cardis stated that these jobs may have to be advertised and posted in house. Mr. Mercado stated that this will be good for the men as they can see that there is somewhere to go.
9. **DISCUSSION OF SALT SHED DOOR** - Mr. Bianchini stated that at least two years ago the salt shed door was hit by a loader. He stated that the DEP has stated that the door needs to be replaced so that water does not get into where the salt is stored. The new door will cost approximately \$6,000.00. It was questioned whether this was submitted to insurance. Mr. Busa stated that it was at the time of the accident and they would only give the township \$1,500.00. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that there is nothing in the current budget for this. Council will consider this.
10. **DISCUSSION OF SURVEY RESULTS FOR WEST BLENHEIM AVENUE** - Mr. Cantwell stated that there was a survey done asking those affected whether they wanted curbs or not. 11 people were surveyed, two who did not want it and four requested that it be done, and 5 did not reply. Mr. Cantwell reminded everyone if it is curbed, the parking in that area will be restricted. Mr. Cantwell stated that there is already money in a former capital account. He stated that this should cost approximately \$25,000. A polling of Council was conducted. Mrs. Evans voted no and stated that she knows of other areas in the township that need curbing, all others voted yes. This project will be awarded.
11. **DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL EVALUATION FOR BERLIN-CROSS KEYS ROAD AND JOHNSON ROAD** - Mr. Cantwell stated that there were two problems with the light. He stated that one problem was that the cabinet had wiring that was mis-wired. He stated that he has spoken to Guido concerning the wiring. He stated minor adjustment could also be made that will give someone an extra four (4) minutes to make a turn. Mr. Cantwell stated that it would cost approximately \$1,200.00 to prepare the documents and assist. Mr. Bianchini asked Mr. Cantwell to talk with the County about the timing of all traffic signals and the possibility of sharing the costs with Camden County and Winslow. Mr. Cantwell also stated that he has attended a meeting with the SJ Transportation Authority concerning the Berlin-Cross Keys road Bridge. He stated that the bridge is slated to be closed for one week in April. He stated that the opening of the Shoppes of Cross Keys is also slated for April. Mr. Cantwell stated that he is trying to work with both parties so that this is not done at the same time.

12. **DISCUSSION OF LINDEN COURT REAR DRAINAGE ISSUE** Mr. Cantwell stated that the residents of this area have complained of drainage problems in their backyards. He stated that he recommended pipe installation in this area with inlets. He stated that the homeowners did not want inlets in their backyards. He stated that Mr. Satz asked if the residents could go out and get their own quote, get the work done and be reimbursed. It was stated that the easement area belongs to the township. Mr. Cantwell stated that the residents did not like his idea of piping and inlets. Mr. Bianchini stated that the township should not do something that is different than what our paid professional suggested. Mr. Cantwell stated that residents will never feel that it is perfect. Someone will contact the residents and let them know Councils decision.
13. **DISCUSSION OF ZERO PERCENT INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOANS FOR CHERRYWOOD AND LAKE RENEE** - Mr. Cantwell discussed this. He stated that he has sent this in to the state. He stated that the applications are due on March 7, 2009. Mr. Cantwell stated that he will be meeting with them shortly to see what has to be done, such as reports. He stated that this would cost approximately \$4,000.00 to the township at this point. He stated he will keep Council updated as he learns the extent of the application process. He stated that he will charge the township \$700.00 for the pre-application meeting. Council ok'd for Mr. Cantwell to start.
14. **DISCUSSION OF CHAMPION GENERATORS** - Mr. Cantwell stated that we are out of money for the grant. He stated that he would like to see if we could get more money to cover this. He stated that a resolution would have to be passed by the Council. Mr. Cantwell stated that he needs to get a figure to close out the old grant. Mr. Cardis will find money from old capital.
15. **DISCUSSION OF SOLAR PANELS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS** - Mr. Cantwell handed out reports to all of Council. He stated that 3 township buildings would be eligible for this, the library, the municipal building fronting Chews Landing Road and the office area of the new Public Works building. He reviewed the report with Council. He explained the costs and net profits summary if the township owned the solar panels. Mr. Cantwell also discussed the possibility of solar panels at the landfill site. Gene Lawrence stated that Gloucester Township can not sell energy. He stated that we would have to have an operator for the site. He also stated that if we do not own the solar panels, we would come under a different set of rules. He stated that he has three companies that rent out solar panels. Mr. Lawrence stated that he would forward the names of the companies to John Cantwell. Mr. Lawrence stated that these companies are more viable than those presented in the past. Mr. Bianchini stated that at the time this was first presented, we did not have the knowledge that we have now. Mrs. Lovett stated that this is similar to the previous situation. Mr. Hutchison stated that the report is a starting point, the right first step. Mrs. Evans asked if we have a liaison that can let us know if there are any new monies available from the Federal Government.
16. **DISCUSSION OF BID RESULTS FOR FY2008 NJDOT TRUST FUND - RESURFACING OF DAVISTOWN ROAD** - Mr. Cantwell explained the bid results. This will be on the next meeting and awarded to American Asphalt Company for \$121,507.44.
17. **DISCUSSION OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR TAXES** - Mr. Cardis and Mayor Rau-Hatton discussed the possibility of the Township taking credit card payments for taxes. It was stated that the company that would have the contract with the Township would bear all costs. The cost of using a credit card would be paid for by the taxpayer. The taxpayer would be told about the fee associated with charging their taxes before they used their charge. Council stated that they would like to see several companies interviewed. It was stated that Mr. Carlamere will check to see if we must go out for bid for this.

18. **DISCUSSION OF WASH BAY** - Mr. Busa discussed the need for a wash bay at the Public Works garage. It was stated that DEP will soon be going town to town to see if they are following the law concerning wash bays. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that Guido of Public Works saw a demonstration of a wash bay system, and the cost would be approximately \$57,000.00. It was stated that other smaller towns may interested in coming to Gloucester Township to have their vehicles washed. It was stated that Cherry Hill, Camden, and Washington Township have not done anything about this requirement at this time. Some of these towns are getting receipts from truck washing depots and will submit them to DEP. Mr. Busa stated that the salt is having an ill effect on the trucks, and is causing rust problems. Mrs. Lovett stated that if we are the first to do this, we will have an advantage. Len Moffa cautioned that we will only be able to handle so many trucks. There was a question as to if we could ask the towns to give money towards the purchase of the wash bay system. Mr. Hutchison asked if we would be able to get any money from New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure for this. Mr. Bianchini stated that we need to have a commitment from the smaller towns. This will show the DEP that we are moving forward. Mr. Cardis and Mr. Carlamere will start the process. This will be on the next meeting.

19. **APPOINTMENT TO THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP MUA** - Mr. Bianchini discussed the resume of Joseph Pillo with Council. It was decided that this will go on the next meeting. Dick Edgar will be moved up to a regular member and Dolly Guevara will become first alternate.

20. **DISCUSSION OF PHASE II - OUTFALL MAPPING** - Mr. Cardis stated that we will be responsible for doing Phase II of this project soon. He stated that he has heard from the firm who did Phase I and they are willing to do Phase II for the same price. Mr. Carlamere stated that we must get another quote or two.

21. Mr. Bianchini stated that there has been a request to rename the Senior Center on Hider Lane after a long time township employee Anna Mae Redow. Anna Mae worked for many years with the seniors of Gloucester Township. This will be done at the last meeting in March, when Women Who Make A Difference” are honored.

COUNCIL LIAISON

Mr. Garbowski said the Blackwood Lake Advisory Committee is looking for a new member and they would like to advertise on Channel 19.

Mrs. Evans said that the Environmental Committee has been working on an Earth Day Grant. She stated that the Advisory Committee would also like to become a commission. Mrs. Evans also spoke about community gardens that she would like to see at the north and south ends of Gloucester Township. She stated that Mr. Lechner is looking for suitable properties.

Mrs. Lovett reminded everyone that February is Black History Month.

Mr. Bianchini stated that the MUA will re-organize this Friday. There will be no rate increases this year, and they are working on the problems in Terrestria.

Mr. Mercado stated that Larry Waetzman has come back to the Planning Board with recommendations. There was a discussion as to the Neuman Property and putting affordable housing there. Mr. Mercado also asked that a monthly financial statement be given to Council from the Administration, so that they may see were the township is financially.

Mr. Schmidt stated that at previous YAC meetings the organizations have looked to the township and asked for things, he stated that at the next meeting the theme will be “ Look Yourself In The Mirror” and the Township will look to the organizations to see in which ways they could help.