

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OCTOBER WORKSHOP**

OCTOBER 5, 2009

Public Portion:

Mr. Bianchini opened the public portion. There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

1. **DISCUSSION OF COOL CITIES INITIATIVE PROGRAM** -This was taken off the meeting. Mayor Rau-Hatton was sick. This will be on the November workshop.
2. **DISCUSSION OF HARTFORD ROAD** - Mr. Cantwell discussed the roads in Gloucester Township. He stated that they were rated on a scale of 1-100. He stated that Hartford Road has a 68 rating and is 9th on the list. There was a discussion concerning the finances for the work. Mr. Cantwell stated that the best option for the road is mill and overlay. He stated that he has been getting good prices lately. Mr. Cardis stated that he needs to reach out to bond council and see what the rates are. Mr. Bianchini asked Mr. Cantwell to review the top ten roads again. Mrs. Evans asked about stimulus money for these roads or was that money only for major highways. Mr. Cantwell stated that the State is usually looking for major thoroughfares with grant money. Mr. Cantwell will work on the list and report back to Council at the next workshop.
3. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL FOR CDBG FUNDS FOR ADA RAMPS ON CHURCH STREET** - Mr. Cantwell stated that Church Street has a lot of pedestrian traffic and is in an area where CDBG funds can be used. It was stated that it will cost approximately \$60,697.00 to put these ramps in. Joan Eller would be able to provide approximately \$50,000.00 which would be \$10,000.00 short. There was a discussion as to whether the Council approves all the ramps being done or whether alternates could be named on the specification. There was some discussion as to whether Joan Eller could move some money around in the grant. It was decided by a straw vote of Council that Joan Eller will work on amending the money and Mr. Cantwell will provide the specs.
4. **DISCUSSION OF FOREST MEADOWS** - Mr. Cantwell stated that all items on the punch list have been completed. He stated that they will be planting more this fall. It was stated that the issue is still the erosion around the basin. He stated that the bonding company has said that it is not their responsibility for the basin. It was stated that the HOA has taken over maintenance of the basin. It was stated that the bonding company has agreed to give \$5,000.00 to HOA if they use the bonding companies landscaper. Mr. Kibelstis is waiting for a response from the bonding company as to if they will work on the basin. Mr. Carlamere stated that the bonding company will not change their mind on the basin issue. Mr. Kibelstis will contact the trustees of the HOA and Mr. Carlamere will contact the bonding companies attorneys to see if the \$5,000.00 offer is still on the table. There was further discussion on the erosion of the basin.
5. **DISCUSSION OF MARGE MARTIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS** - Mr. Cantwell stated that he is getting ready to advertise this project. He stated that they have worked on the design all summer after meeting with the Hockey Association. He reviewed the plans for the project with everyone. Mr. Cantwell stated that he would like to advertise in November, Council could award in December, sign the contracts in January and start construction in the spring. He stated that the approximate cost of the project is \$1,939,400.00 Mr. Cantwell stated that he would like the Hockey Association to review the plans and then he would like to talk to Public Works. Green Acres funding for this project was discussed. There was a discussion as to whether solar panels could be an alternate on the bid specs. Mr. Cantwell stated that they will cost an additional \$70,000.00. Mike of the Hockey Association stated that their organization has approximately 673 different members, with ages ranging from 3 and 4 year olds to 17 and 18 year olds. He stated that they begin their games at the end of October and play into January. He stated that if they had an outdoor place to play, it would free up the Rec center which they are presently using on the weekends. A straw vote was taken whether to move forward on the bid process. Council all voted in favor of this.

6. **OWENS CORNING DEED NOTICE** - Mr. Carlamere explained what Council has to do to take over this property. Mr. Cantwell reviewed the map of the property with council. He stated that Mr. Busa would have to go out to the site to review the size and how much it would cost to mow this property. He stated that it would probably have to be mowed twice a year. Mr. Cantwell stated that he doesn't think having solar on this property would be a problem but the DEP would have to be notified in advance concerning any change to the property. He stated that the maintenance would include monitoring the site periodically and keeping records. Mr. Hutchison asked if we will have approval to do this before we take the property over. Mr. Carlamere suggested that we discuss what we want to do with the property with DEP and they may give the township an indication if they are in agreement. Mr. Hutchison stated that the Council should not make a decision until they speak with the DEP. Mr. Carlamere will write a letter asking for permission for solar at this location. Mr. Bianchini asked Mr. Cantwell what the annual fees would be for inspecting this property. Mr. Cantwell stated that it would cost approximately \$5,000.00. It was stated that this property is approximately 22 acres. Mr. Hutchison also discussed what the capital outlay would be to create the solar field and what is the break even point. Mr. Cantwell stated that any electricity generated at this site could only be provided to the adjacent properties. He stated that it could service the school. Mr. Cantwell stated that it is a good spot for solar and the first step would be to contact the DEP and see if this is permissible.
7. **DISCUSSION OF GOING OUT FOR BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS UNIFORMS** - Mr. Busa stated that there is a need to go out for a new bidder for Public Works uniforms. He stated that the new owners of Best Uniform do not have a State Contract and they can no longer get them there. Council agreed to let him go out for bid. This will be on the next meeting.
8. **DISCUSSION OF EXTENSION OF A.P. CONSTRUCTION REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT** - Mr. Lechner stated that A.P. Construction bought the Desco property. He stated that they are behind schedule. He stated that they should have been finished by 2008. It was stated that A.P. Construction's lawyer stated that they will be finished by the end of 2009. They have already had one extension. Mr. Lechner stated that the Planning Board would need a formal extension from Council. This will be on the next meeting. Mr. Hutchison stated that the township has to help the property owner to move this forward. Mr. Carlamere stated that this just involves an extension of the agreement. It was decided to give him the extension and to state that it is good for 60 days after Planning Board's approval. This should take them to the end of the year.
9. **DISCUSSION OF LOVELACE PROPERTY** - Mr. Carlamere stated that this is the property that the Lovelace's are giving to the township for open space. He stated that the value of the property was already discussed by Council. Mr. Carlamere stated that he has questions on the title report at this time. Mr. Lechner suggested that the township do a site assessment of the property. Mr. Cantwell stated that this would cost approximately \$2,500.00. Mr. Lechner was told to talk to Mr. Cantwell about this.
10. **DISCUSSION OF SNOW PLOWING OF COUNTY ROADS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER** - Mr. Cardis stated that the township does not have the equipment to do the County road and the township roads. Mr. Hutchison stated that before he says no to this he would like a little more information. Mr. Hutchison stated that he would like to look into this with an open mind. Mr. Cardis stated that he has spoken with Mr. Busa who has stated that he may not have enough snow plow contractors this year. Mr. Hutchison stated that in the future he would like to see a thorough analysis of the cost concerning this. Mr. Cardis stated that Gloucester Township has too many miles of county roads. He stated that we salt more than we plow. This will be thoroughly evaluated in the future.
11. **DISCUSSION OF INTERLOCAL WITH THE GTMUA** - Mr. Cardis stated that he has looked over the agreement. He stated that the prices are slightly higher, and the GTMUA is taking on more towns and there are no abnormalities with expenses. He stated that having this agreement with the GTMUA is great for Gloucester Township. He stated that the GTMUA has one of the only DEP approved composting sites in New Jersey. This will be on the next meeting.

12. **DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION R-09:09-260 CONFIRMING EMERGENCY SITUATION AT THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK FOR THE REPAIRS OF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM AND CONFIRMING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO V.J. LANDSCAPING** - Len Moffa explained the situation that happened at the Gloucester Township Community Park. He stated that there were breaks in the mains and the grass was cracking. He stated that when the problem with the sprinkler system became apparent, he realized it was going to be a very hot weekend and the irrigation must be fixed. He stated that if it wasn't fixed the field may be lost and they township has already invested \$40,000.00 into the fields. He stated that by having someone outside the township doing this would actually be a cost saving to the township because the township would be billing at a higher rate. He stated that the landscaper did a professional job and when finished restored the area. Mr. Hutchison asked if Mr. Busa was in agreement with this. Mr. Busa stated that it was important to do this. He stated that Mr. Moffa made a decision to do this and the decision was based on the history of the field. Mr. Carlamere stated that this situation qualified as an emergent situation and the analysis of cost between doing it in house or having someone from outside doing this. It was stated that in the future we should have some sort of guesstimate before making a decision. Mr. Cardis stated that he asked Mr. Moffa if it was a fair price and he stated that it was. Mr. Busa stated that the township may have saved money if it was done in house but the question is whether Guido would have gotten there in time. Len Moffa stated that this year has been the nicest the park has looked in 5 years and everyone has put a lot of time and effort into this. Mr. Hutchison thanked Public Works for their fast action. There was a straw pole whether to move on this resolution at the next meeting. Mrs. Lovett stated that since the work was done, she would be voting yes, Mrs. Evans voted no, all others voted yes. This will be on the next meeting.

Mr. Schmidt stated that there will be a YAC meeting on Wednesday meeting at the Senior Center
Mr. Mercado stated that the Valleybrook lawsuit has been settled.