

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
JANUARY WORKSHOP**

JANUARY 5, 2009

Mr. Hutchison arrived at 8:00 pm. All other council members present.

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

1. **DISCUSSION OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLE** - Chief Smith explained to Council that one of the patrol cars had been totaled in a collision. He stated that he has contacted the insurance carrier, and the cash value of the vehicle is \$11,005.00 and we still owe \$11,090.00 on this vehicle. He stated that we should get a check for \$10,000.00, and our lease payment will be lowered by \$3,500.00. He stated that once the budget is finalized and he is able to get the next 10 vehicles, he would like to get 11 instead of 10. Council agreed to this.
2. **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT** - Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that she asked the Police Department to give a report of Code Enforcement. She stated that she is very pleased with the effectiveness of the department since it went under the Police Department. Deputy Chief Earle reviewed the report with Council giving the highlights and suggestions for the future.
3. **DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING** - Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that she has had numerous requests from various State representatives for potential capital projects that could be submitted for federal funding. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that the League has asked all towns to pass a resolution in support of this. The Council agreed to this. Mr. Cantwell presented Council with a list of projects that are almost ready to go and some that may take a little longer to prepare. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that she was concerned with one of the projects on the list, the Brush Recycling Facility. She stated that she needs a letter to present to Mr. Hansen, of the DEP so the Township is not fined. Mr. Bianchini suggested that the entire list be handed into the State representatives. Mr. Hutchison questioned the solar panels. Mr. Cantwell stated that only 3 of the Township buildings have roofs strong enough to hold these panels. He stated that as far as the landfill, he has not been able to meet with the BPU. There was some discussion asking if we could support our own utility. Mr. Carlamere stated that there are statutes that outline this. He stated that there are statute specifics on how to become a producing utility that produces energy. Mr. Cantwell also stated that he has not heard from Owens Corning, but will contact them.
4. **DISCUSSION OF THE EXPANSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION** - Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that she would like to see the Environmental Commission expanded from the present 5 members to 9 members. She stated that at this time, one member has to be from the Zoning Board and one from the Planning Board, which only leaves 3 open positions. She stated that she presently has requests from a few residents to be on this commission. Mr. Carlamere reminded everyone this is strictly an advisory board. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that this board was not previously an active board and she stated she would like to see it become more active. Mrs. Evans stated that they need to have active people on the committee. It was stated that the commission has open meetings, so the people interested could still attend the meetings. Mr. Carlamere will check the state statute and see if there is anything controlling the number of people on this board. Mr. Bianchini would like to see more information on this. Mrs. Lovett asked if the board could have a minimum and a maximum, like the Human Relations commission. Mr. Hutchison asked that the people interested in the commission, attend the meetings for six months and then the Council will reconsider.

5. **DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL** - Mr. Busa stated that two weeks ago, one of his truck drivers retired and he may have another one that will be leaving. He stated that he will then be down two employees. He stated that he will be losing possibly two more employees in July. His request to Council is to move one person up from Clean Communities and then hire a new Clean Communities person. He stated that this will not cost the township, as Clean Communities is a grant. Council agreed to this.

6. **MARGE MARTIN SPORTS COMPLEX PROPOSAL** - Mr. Cantwell explained his proposal and spoke about the wetlands problems in the area as well as the buffer. He stated that he does not suggest moving on with the design until there is some word, on the wetlands delineation from the State. He stated that his request is to do the survey as well as the soil testing, to see if this area is acidic. There was a discussion as to whether the money for this project could come out of Open Space. Mr. Carlamere stated that the ground is owned by Camden County and that is his concern. Mr. Carlamere stated that the question put to the voters was for open space. He stated that the problem is the property is county owned but Gloucester Township maintains the property. It was questioned if the township got a 99 year lease, would that qualify? Mr. Carlamere will have to check into this.

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Mrs. Evans stated she would like to see 9 people on the Environmental Commission.
Mr. Mercado stated that the Planning Board met in December to discuss COAH.