

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2009  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Rev. Michael Atzert of the First Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation at the Council meeting.

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	
	Mr. Garbowski	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Hutchison	Mrs. DiJosie, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mr. Mercado	Mayor Rau-Hatton
	Mr. Schmidt-abs.	
	Mr. Bianchini	Mr. Busa, Public Works
		Mr. Lechner, Comm. Dev.-abs
		Mrs. Varrell, Comm. Services
		Deputy Chief Earle, Police

Presentation: The Mayor presented Curtis Jinks, son of Ptl Sherry Jinks a Proclamation from the Mayor and Council, as he has just come home from being stationed in Guantanamo Bay. Al O'Neil, Commander of Stetser Lamartine, Post 281 also presented Curtis Jinks with a citation and presented his parents with the Blue Star Flag.

At this time Council took a five minute recess.

All Council was present.

Public Portion: Mr. Bianchini opened the meeting to the public. Sarah Bass Young spoke about a lake in her neighborhood that was dirty. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

Minutes: Mr. Mercado made a motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes of Regular Minutes June 8, 2009, Executive Session minutes, June 8, 2009 seconded by Mrs. Lovett. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Bid Report:

**BID REPORT  
SELF FUNDED EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
JUNE 18, 2009 10:00 AM**

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>BASE BID</b>	<b>BID BOND</b>
CONNOR STRONG	SEE ATTACHED	NA

RFP Response for  
Township of Gloucester

**Section A-Scope of Services**  
**SPECIFIC EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION & EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY**  
Policy Term: 07/01/2009 to 07/01/2010

<b>I. Limits of Insurance:</b>	
Midwest Employers Casualty Company	Insurance Company
A-9 XIV (Superior)	A.M. Best Rating (Please refer to Page 3 for an explanation of A.M. Best Rating methodology)
Statutory Benefits	Workers' Compensation Connecticut State, New Jersey
\$1,000,000	Employers Liability
\$1,000,000	Bodily Injury by Accident-Each Accident
Statutory Benefits	Other States Insurance All other states are included under "Covered States"
Per Policy	Volunteers
\$18,351,491	Total Payroll, as Outlined on the Attached Page and Subject to Axiom
None	Intentional Operator Available

**References:**  
See attached Quote Sheet 1 for alternative retention options at \$400,000, \$450,000, \$550,000, & \$600,000  
See attached Quote Sheet 2 for alternative retention options at \$400,000, \$450,000, \$550,000, & \$600,000 that includes aggregate coverage.

**Named Insured:**  
The Township of Gloucester, its Officials, Agents and Employees

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**Payroll Summary**

Loc	Code	Classification	Estimated Payroll
NJ	7720	Police, Sheriff, Officers or Correctional Institutional Guards Paid - Public & Drivers	\$9,133,528
NJ	9410	Municipal, Township, County or State Employees NOC	\$197,236
NJ	8810	Clerical Office Employees - NOC	\$3,790,460
NJ	5509	Street or Road Maintenance Municipal or State Departments & Drivers	\$1,267,163
NJ	7580	Sewage Disposal	\$2,275,750
NJ	9015	Buildings NOC	\$400,054
NJ	9102	Parks	\$1,181,564
NJ	8742	Salesmen	\$165,754
NJ	8920	Attorney	\$139,902
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$18,351,491</b>

**Midwest Employers Casualty Company**  
QUOTATION SHEET

Insured: The Township of Gloucester  
Policy #: 090207024

Policy Effective Date: 07/01/2009  
Quote Date: 06/12/2009  
Quote Expiration Date: 60 Days

POLICY TERMS	QUOTE OPTIONS				
	#18863	#18864	#18865	#18866	#18867
	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
<b>GENERAL:</b>					
Specific Limit	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY
Specific Retention	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>EMPLOYERS LIABILITY:</b>					
Employers Liability Limit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Employers Liability Retention	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>AGGREGATE:</b>					
Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Rate as a % of Normal Premium	177.24%	189.07%	178.02%	177.24%	177.24%
Estimated Aggregate Retention	\$1,430,493	\$1,395,390	\$1,400,000	\$1,430,493	\$1,430,493
Minimum Aggregate Retention	\$1,491,679	\$1,323,181	\$1,380,420	\$1,491,679	\$1,491,679
Aggregate Loss Limit	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>RATINGS BASE:</b>					
Est. Annual Payroll	\$18,351,491	\$18,351,491	\$18,351,491	\$18,351,491	\$18,351,491
Est. Annual Renewal Premium	\$304,821	\$304,821	\$304,821	\$304,821	\$304,821
Length of Policy Period (Years)	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
Est. Policy Pro Normal Premium	\$304,821	\$304,821	\$304,821	\$304,821	\$304,821
Rate as a % of Normal Premium	7.77%	8.89%	7.77%	7.77%	7.77%
<b>PREMIUM:</b>					
Total Est Policy Pro Premium (Including Flat Charges)	\$62,535	\$79,279	\$79,180	\$62,535	\$64,738
Policy Pro Minimum Premium	\$62,535	\$71,347	\$63,080	\$62,535	\$64,738
Deposit Premium	\$62,535	\$79,279	\$79,180	\$62,535	\$64,738
Deposit Flat Charges	\$64	\$64	\$64	\$64	\$64
Total Deposit Due	\$62,535	\$79,279	\$79,180	\$62,535	\$64,738
Transaction Risk Fee Act of 2002 (Not in Total Deposit Due above)	\$1,678.00	\$2,378.00	\$2,303.00	\$1,751.00	\$1,842.00

**COMMENTS / COMMENTS:**  
\* AGCC must be notified of any annual changes occurring during the policy period.  
\* A signed application must be received prior to policy issuance.

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Est. Policy Pro Normal Premium	\$304,821	\$304,821	\$304,821	\$304,821	\$304,821
Rate per \$1K of Payroll	2.13%	2.67%	2.64%	2.13%	2.13%
<b>PREMIUM:</b>					
Total Est Policy Pro Premium (Including Flat Charges)	\$62,535	\$79,279	\$79,180	\$62,535	\$64,738
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**COMMENTS / COMMENTS:**  
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Mr. Mercado made a motion to accept the bid report, seconded by Mrs. Lovett. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolutions:  
Consent Agenda

**R-09:06-177**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of Gloucester Township that the following refunds be and are hereby authorized:

Refund for Building Permit number 20090483 in the amount of \$50.00.

Payable to: Sun Roofing  
79 Shultz Ave  
Erial, NJ 08081

ADOPTED: June 22, 2009

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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 6-0.

**R-09:06-178**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE FY 2009 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND ENTERING INTO AN INTER-LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CAMDEN, OTHER CAMDEN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice has made available grant funds in the form of the 2009 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the purpose of carrying out activities to prevent and control crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester has been invited to apply for these funds in conjunction with six other municipalities including, Camden, Cherry Hill, Lindenwold, Pennsauken and Winslow Twp. for a grant in the amount of \$392,767.00, the Townships Allocation being \$28,653.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester *is* required to enter into an Inter-Local Services Agreement with the Camden City Police Department, designating them as the lead agency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, Camden County New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Township of Gloucester, an Inter-Local Services Agreement with the City of Camden, other Camden County Municipalities and the County of Camden as required by the U.S. Department of Justice for the application seeking funding from the 2009 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

A copy of said Agreement shall be attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference and copies shall be maintained available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk of the Township of Gloucester.

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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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 6-0.

**R-09:06-179**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR NEWMAN GLOUCESTER ASSOCIATES, LLC IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the developer of Town Square Plaza - Phase II 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 maintenance securities in the amount of \$ 332,466.35 in the name of Newman Gloucester Associates, LLC be released.

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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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 6-0.

**R-09:06-180**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES**

**WHEREAS**, Certificate of Sale #830957 was issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 5601, Lot 11.01, assessed to Steven Fini, at a tax sale held on June 25, 2008 and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

**WHEREAS**, Certificates of Sale #831203 was issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 11705, Lot 2, assessed to Vincent D Lazzaro, at a tax sale held on June 25, 2008 and was redeemed by the prior lien holder paying the full amount of the delinquency and,

**WHEREAS**, Certificate of Sale #831227 was issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 12404, Lot 13, assessed to World Savings Bank, FSB, at a tax sale held on June 25, 2008 and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

**WHEREAS**, Certificate of Sale #831262 was issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 13102, Lot 13, assessed to G C Partners-1, LLC, at a tax sale held on June 25, 2008 and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Township of Gloucester are hereby authorized to endorse the above Certificates of Sale for cancellation.

**ADOPTED:** June 22, 2009

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President

Council

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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 6-0.

**R-09:06-181**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL SMALL OVERPAYMENTS ON PROPERTY TAXES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Gloucester has certified to the Mayor and Township Council that certain persons have small overpayments on real estate taxes by an amount less than \$10.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Gloucester has certified to the Mayor and Township Council that such small overpayments may be cancelled by resolution, and **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector of the municipality is hereby authorized to cancel small overpayments on real estate taxes as set forth in Exhibit "A"

annexed hereto, and that the files of said Tax Collector be adjusted to reflect the cancellation.

**ADOPTED:** June 22, 2009

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President

Council

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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 6-0.

**R-09:06-182**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following refunds be and are hereby authorized:

#2636GRADING  
Douglas & Linda Maclakin  
29 Brantley Way  
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

**Balance from unexpended escrow: \$195.00**

#2649GRADING  
Daniel & Denise Riff  
17 Cedar Grove Drive  
Erial, NJ 08081

**Balance from unexpended escrow: \$242.50**

#2676GRADING  
Rene Jimenez  
17 Ray Smith Road  
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

**Balance from unexpended escrow: \$500.00**

#062060INSP  
#2697  
T-Mobile North East, LLC  
12920 S. E. 38th Street  
Bellevue, Wa 98006

**Balance from unexpended escrow: \$1,495.50**

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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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 6-0.

**R-09:06-183**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, that the following bills are approved by the Township Council in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 0-82-16 and certified by the Chief Financial Officer that the claims are proper obligation of the township, that adequate funds are available to honor these claims in the account indicated and the claim should be paid:

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$2,421,080.40

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 37,258.77

**TRUST ACCOUNT ENGINEERING ESCROW**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 158,094.85

**DOG FUND**

G065681 Veterinary Public Health  
Manual Check 1218 165.00

**CAPITAL**

G065798 Twp. Payroll  
Wire Transfer Conf. 1540316 1,306.10

**DISABILITY**

G065786 Twp. Payroll  
Wire Transfer 1,270.73

G065798 Twp. Payroll  
Wire Transfer Conf. 1540320 1,412.99

**TRUST**

G065786 Twp. Payroll  
Wire Transfer Conf. 1400651 4,040.61

G065798 Twp. Payroll  
Wire Transfer Conf. 1540310 4,159.94

**TRUST AGENCY**

Manual Check 5989 - 5994 8,362.50

Manual Check 5995 - 6000 26,920.22

Manual Check 6001 - 6003 76,471.10

**CURRENT**

No071931 Connor Strong  
Manual Check 47425 1,490.29

G057869 Aetna  
Manual Check 47436 22,658.70

G057871 Delta Dental of NJ  
Manual Check 47438 14,071.02

G057871 Delta Dental of NJ  
Manual Check 47438 13,818.32

G057870 IDA  
Manual Check 47439 76,219.22

No071879 Sam's Club  
Manual Check 47442 944.30

No071934 GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP Mainstage Ctr for the Arts  
Manual Check 47427 5,000.00

No071949 TD Wealth Management  
Manual Check 47431 109,018.75

No071948 Treasurer State of NJ

	Manual Check 47432	4,609.35
No0904284	Candy Prince Manual Check 47399	200.00

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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 6-0.

**R-09:06-184**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CLUB LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the following have made application for renewal of Club Liquor Licenses in the Township of Gloucester:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LICENSE NO.</b>
Blackwood VFW Post 7927	0415-31-024-001
Blenheim Athletic Association	0415-31-018-001
Choimer Trace VFW 8714	0415-31-025-001
Gloucester Township Democrat Club	0415-31-022-001
Holy Child Club	0415-31-023-001
Stetser-LaMartine American Legion Post 281	0415-31-017-001

**WHEREAS**, applications for renewal have been properly advertised by Alcoholic Beverage Control, and

**WHEREAS**, no written objections have been filed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has no objections and furthermore is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local ordinance which would prohibit the renewal of Club Licenses in the Township of Gloucester,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden that the applications for renewal of Club Liquor Licenses is hereby granted and that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents and certificates effective July 1, 2009.

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

**R-09:06-185**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the following have made application for renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses in the Township of Gloucester:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TRADING AS</b>	<b>LICENSE NO.</b>
Annucha Liquor Inc.	Colombo Liquors	0415-44-037-004
BiJal & Natic, Inc.	Blackwood Liquor Store	0415-44-004-003
Deptford Beverage	Richard's Liquors	0415-44-012-002

DNA Liquors, Inc.	Roger Wilco	0415-44-036-004
High Spirits, Inc.	Joe Canal's Discount Liquor	0415-44-026-010
KKLiquors, LLC	Timber Creek Liquors	0415-44-032-007
Surmukh Singh & Sons, LLC	Glen Oaks Liquors	0415-44-005-009

**WHEREAS**, applications for renewal have been properly advertised by Alcoholic Beverage Control and

**WHEREAS**, no written objections have been filed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has no objections and furthermore is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local ordinance which would prohibit the renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that the applications for renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses is hereby granted and that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents and certificates effective July 1, 2009.

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

**R-09:06-186**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the following have made application for renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses in the Township of Gloucester:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TRADING AS</b>	<b>LICENSE NO.</b>
Apple New Jersey, LLC	Applebee's Bar & Grill	0415-33-031-009
Bertucci's Restaurant Corp.	Bertucci's Italian Restaurant	0415-33-040-002
Celtic Crossings, Inc.	Riley's Pub	0415-33-035-002
Charlie Brown's of Blackwood	Charlie Brown's of Blackwood	0415-33-027-007
Cherrywood Liquor & Lounge	Cherrywood Liquor & Lounge	0415-32-014-005
DHK Enterprises	Stone Grille	0415-33-006-009
Glendora Grill, Inc.	Bruno's Glendora Grill	0415-33-003-002
GLR Enterprises	Filomena's	0415-33-001-009
Greater Phila. Golf & Country Freeway Golf Course		0415-33-034-001
JALC Company LLC	The Palace The Keep	0415-33-015-007
Lavigna Inc.	Villari's Lakeside	0415-33-010-008
Reggie's Inc.	Skeeter's Pub	0415-32-013-002
Ruby Tuesday	Ruby Tuesday [In-Pocket]	0415-33-039-001
Sarin Enterprises, Inc.	Sam's Bar & Grille	0415-33-007-004
Texas Roadhouse	Texas Roadhouse	0415-33-041-001
Tuscan Tavern, LLC	Tuscan Tavern	0415-33-011-002

**WHEREAS**, the applications for renewal have been properly advertised by Alcoholic Beverage Control, and

**WHEREAS**, no written objections have been filed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester has no objections, and furthermore, is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local ordinance which would prohibit the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, that the applications of renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses for the above is hereby granted and that the Township Clerk is authorized to execute the necessary documents and certificates effective July 1, 2009.

Adopted: June 22, 2009



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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

**R-09:06-187**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR REMOVAL OF EXISTING FENCING AND THE POSTS IN THEIR ENTIRETY. SUPPLY AND INSTALL NEW FOUR FOOT HIGH WHITE VINYL FENCING. WORK TO BE DONE AT PT. ARIEL PARK**

**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:

REMOVAL OF EXISTING FENCING AND THE POSTS IN THEIR ENTIRETY. SUPPLY AND INSTALL NEW FOUR FOOT HIGH WHITE VINYL FENCING. WORK TO BE DONE AT PT. ARIEL PARK

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

**R-09:06-188**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT (SCHEDULE NO. 8564902) EXTENDING THE MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT (8564900) FOR A PERIOD OF 48 MONTHS FOR THE LEASE PURCHASE OF ELEVEN (11) 2009 POLICE VEHICLES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester entered into Master Lease - Purchase Agreement - Lease No. 8564900 dated February 9, 2007 for 10 police vehicles, and

**WHEREAS**, The Township Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to extend the agreement for an addition 48 months and the acquisition of 11 new police vehicles, and

**WHEREAS**, the lease agreement is pursuant to a State Contract

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the appropriate Township Official is hereby authorized to execute the extension of the Master Lease Agreement.

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk, RMC

Mrs. Lovett made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

**R-09:06-189**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF**

**2008/2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET  
 APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

**WHEREAS**, it is provided by Law that Appropriation transfers may be made during the last two months of the Fiscal Year and before the third month of the subsequent year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, two thirds (2/3) of the members of Council affirmatively voting therefore that the following 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Appropriations be transferred:

<u>DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM</u> <u>TO</u>	<u>TRANSFER FROM</u>	<u>TRANSFER</u>
Administrative Support S & W 9-01-20-100-001-101		\$ 45,048.68
Administrative Support OE 9-01-20-100-001-203		1,000.00
Personnel OE 9-01-20-105-000-599		6,220.37
Mayor's Office S&W 9-01-20-110-000-101		3,135.93
Director of Community Services S&W 9-01-20-110-002-101		3,370.54
SC & Vet S&W 9-01-20-110-003-101		126.54
Pub. Information OE 9-01-20-110-004-599		10,000.00
Comm. Dev. S&W 9-01-20-110-005-101		6,681.94
Twp. Clerk S&W 9-01-20-120-000-101		14,707.75
Treasury S&W 9-01-20-130-000-101		8,816.65
Treasury OE 9-01-20-130-000-914		12,000.00
Treasury Audit 9-01-20-135-000-305		2,000.00
Tax Collection S&W 9-01-20-145-000-101		16,533.85
Tax Assessment S&W 9-01-20-150-000-101		3,108.69
Engineering OE 9-01-20-165-000-301		8,500.00
Planning Bd. OE 9-01-21-180-000-301		28,583.20
Zoning Bd. Of Adj. S&W 9-01-21-185-000-101		7,144.96
Zoning Bd. Of Adj. OE 9-01-21-185-000-301		2,000.00
Const. Code Enf. Agency S&W 9-01-22-195-000-101		1,543.60
Rent Stab. Bd. OE 9-01-22-195-000-301		450.00
Group Insurance OE 9-01-23-220-000-320		150,000.00
Police S&W 9-01-25-240-000-101		158,400.11
Police OE 9-01-25-240-000-210		1,500.00
Police Admin. S&W		

9-01-25-240-004-101	43,671.86
Police Communication S&W	
9-01-25-250-000-101	34,811.25
Streets OE	
9-01-26-290-000-219	23,577.82
Public Works S&W	
9-01-26-300-000-101	8,700.00
Public Works OE	
9-01-26-300-000-315	10,700.00
Public Buildings S&W	
9-01-26-310-000-110	11,841.78
Public Buildings OE	
9-01-236-310-000-503	27,000.00
Public Buildings BW OE	
9-01-26-310-001-401	900.00
Health & Welfare Excess Dog/Cat	
9-01-27-340-000-34A	97,000.00
Recreation S&W	
9-01-28-370-000-101	16,863.49
Recreation Qtr. Programs S&W	
9-01-28-370-000-101	4,577.42
Recreation Summer Programs S&W	
9-01-28-370-002-101	7,769.45
Recreation Pool S&W	
9-01-28-370-004-101	4,191.58
Electricity OE	
9-01-31-430-000-31A	31,000.00
Heating OE	
9-01-31-446-000-352	15,000.00
Social Security	
9-01-36-472-000-200	15,553.01
Municipal Court S&W	
9-01-43-490-000-101	23,642.29
Debt Service Bond Interest	
9-01-45-930-000-924	4,750.41
Business Adm. S&W	
9-01-20-100-000-101	\$ 1,833.13
Personnel S&W	
9-01-20-105-000-101	6,338.20
Twp. Council S&W	
9-01-20-110-001-101	6,597.34
Data Processing S&W	
9-01-20-140-000-101	1,712.41
Twp. Attorney S&W	
9-01-20-155-000-101	636.98
Planning Bd. S&W	
9-01-21-180-000-101	869.94
Zoning S&W	
9-01-21-185-001-101	5,219.54
Rent Stab Bd. S&W	
9-01-22-195-001-112	784.74
Insurance OE WC	
9-01-23-215-000-321	170,000.00
Police Special Officers S&W	
9-01-25-240-005-101	1,150.06
Police Crossing Guard S&W	
9-01-25-240-006-101	6,560.17
Police Special Park Patrol S&W	
9-01-25-240-008-101	4,434.19
Police Retired Sick Pay	
9-01-25-260-000-103	\$164,498.00

Prosecutor S&W	
9-01-25-275-000-101	738.02
Streets S&W	
9-01-26-290-000-11A	19,000.00
9-01-26-290-000-11C	9,000.00
9-01-26-290-000-101	25,000.00
9-01-26-290-000-107	19,000.00
9-01-26-290-000-110	2,000.00
9-01-26-290-000-11B	1,186.58
Vehicle Maint. S&W	
9-01-26-315-000-101	752.36
Health & Welfare S&W	
9-01-27-330-000-101	105.40
Rec. Indoor Center Supervisor S&W	
9-01-28-370-003-101	2,484.30
Parks & Playgrounds S&W	
9-01-28-375-000-101	78,000.00
9-01-28-375-000-107	14,000.00
Gasoline	
9-01-31-460-000-21A	95,000.00
St. Lighting OE	
9-01-31-435-000-342	110,000.00
Telephone OE	
9-01-31-440-000-317	8,000.00
Water OE	
9-01-31-445-000-31A	10,000.00
Municipal Court OE	
9-01-43-490-000-302	7,000.00
Data Processing OE	
9-01-20-140-000-301	18,000.00
Zoning OE	
9-01-21-185-001-501	1,500.00
Insurance OE-Deductibles	
9-01-23-210-000-32A	20,000.00
Vehicle Maint. OE	
9-01-26-315-000-41A	12,000.00
9-01-26-315-000-401	11,000.00
9-01-26-315-000-40A	6,000.00
Recreation OE	
9-01-28-370-000-260	1,000.00
Recreation-Pool OE	
9-01-28-370-004-401	1,200.00
Parks & Play. OE	
9-01-28-375-000-401	1,000.00
Business Adm. OE	
9-01-20-100-000-514	370.00
9-01-20-100-000-201	130.00
Twp. Council OE	
9-01-20-110-001-599	135.00
Comm. Dev. OE	
9-01-20-110-005-310	4,000.00
9-01-20-110-005-201	1,500.00
9-01-20-110-005-203	1,500.00
Tax Collection OE	
9-01-20-145-000-338	1,000.00
9-01-20-145-000-205	8,000.00
9-01-20-145-000-203	1,000.00
Tax Assessment OE	
9-01-20-150-000-314	300.00
9-01-20-150-000-23A	250.00
9-01-20-150-000-310	500.00

Twp. Attorney OE		
9-01-20-155-000-302	1,000.00	
Police Spec. Off. OE		
9-01-25-240-005-30A	1,500.00	
Police Communications OE		
9-01-25-250-000-312	1,500.00	
Public Building Library OE		
9-01-26-310-002-201	800.00	
Community Affairs OE		
9-01-30-420-000-518	100.00	
9-01-30-420-000-51A	60.00	
9-01-30-420-000-51B	150.00	
9-01-30-420-000-516	150.00	
SC & Vet OE		
9-01-20-110-003-303	126.40	
Munic. Ct. Group Ins.		
9-01-43-490-002-200	4,750.41	
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	\$872,423.17	\$872,423.17

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote: All in favor.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**R-09:06-190**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND CONNOR STRONG - MIDWEST  
EMPLOYERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for Worker's Compensation - Excess Insurance

**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

Conner Strong - Midwest Employers for Worker's Compensation - Excess Insurance in the amount of \$57,495.00 with SIR of \$500,000.00.

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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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 6-0.

**R-09:06-191**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY MUNICIPAL  
TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-3RD AND 4<sup>th</sup>  
INSTALLMENT 2009**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services has determined the method of calculating the Local Municipal Tax Rate for Municipalities operating on a fiscal year ending June 30, 2010; and,

**WHEREAS**, the procedure provides for the calculation of a Preliminary Municipal Tax Levy on the basis of a calendar year requirement as per form attached hereto:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the attached Certification of Preliminary Fiscal Year Tax Levies is hereby approved reflecting a Preliminary Tax Levy of \$33,319,335.00 with certified ratables of 2,452,313,140 resulting in a rate of 1.428 per \$100 of assessed value of the fiscal year 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution be filed with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services and with Camden County Board of Taxation.

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mr. Cardis explained this resolution.

Mr. Bianchini asked what the recommendation of the Administration is. Mr. Cardis stated that as Council was well aware, there was a meeting prior to the regular meeting, and he stated that his conclusion is that the administration is recommending 7½ cents on the levy. Mr. Bianchini asked Council what their pleasure was. He asked if the Council had a motion for 7½ cents or did Council want to change this? Mr. Bianchini asked if any additional discussion was needed. Mr. Hutchison stated that Administration's position is that they want 7½ cents. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that is what the Administration is recommending because of the additional expenditures that they listed for Council. She stated that they should be put on the record, so that the public knows what they are. Mr. Hutchison stated that Mr. Cardis stated that he would need 10 cents. Mr. Cardis stated that he demonstrated that the Township has four items that the Administration is concerned about with specific dollar amounts that equate right now, with one cent equal being to \$244,000.00 rounding, that would equate to 8½ cents. He stated that the 10 cents that he mentioned was from a discussion that he held with the Auditor, Bob Stewart, who indicated that it could be that high if not more. He emphasized that the budget is a process, it is in its infancy, and we will know better where we stand once the annual financial statement unaudited is completed. Mr. Cardis said that the document must statutorily be submitted to the State by the CFO by August 10<sup>th</sup> of 2009. He stated that right now they are working with limited information in terms of the revenues. Mr. Hutchison stated that he has a hard time understanding how the Administrator and the Mayor could be \$600,000.00 apart, on what they are giving the Council the advice to do. He stated that if anyone has a question as to why there is silence from the Council, he stated that the Administration is coming at them with a \$600,000.00 difference. He stated that clearly everyone can understand the problem. Mrs. Lovett answered Mr. Hutchison by saying that she has sat here in the past when Mr. Cardis recommended 7 cents and Council set the tax levy at zero, and she stated that no one had a problem with that and that this is a much larger difference. She stated that Mr. Hutchison did not take Mr. Cardis's advice then, and she stated that she does not see what the big deal is now, that all of a sudden Mr. Hutchison is making a statement that there is a difference of opinion. She stated that as long as she has been on Council, 1996-2000 and this time, there has always been a difference of opinion and usually somewhere along the line people come to a consensus, and they agree on a consensus. She stated that what she sees and hears now is that Mr. Hutchison is looking to push the coin, that the Mayor wants one thing and Mr. Cardis wants another. She stated that Mr. Hutchison should pass the tax rate at what he thinks the township should have with the information provided. Mr. Hutchison stated that the point is lost, and that the Administration admittedly has worked on this, the Mayor, Mr. Cardis and the Auditor. Mr. Hutchison stated that this is the first time, since he has been a councilperson, that there has not been a unified position from the administration as to what the levy should be set at. He stated that the Mayor is at 7½ cents, Mr. Cardis is at 10-10½ cents. He stated that it is a \$600,000.00 difference. Mr. Hutchison stated that his point is, it is not that the administration is coming at Council with 7½ cents and Council unilaterally decide to go to zero, the problem here is that the Business Administrator and the Mayor and the Auditor seem to be way apart. Mrs. Lovett stated that her point is that in the past, when the Administrator has been together on what the rate should be, some of Council disregarded it and set it where they wanted it. She stated that her point is that Council should just set it where they want it. Mr. Bianchini stated that Mr. Cardis has stated that he is ok with 7½ cents, and he asked Mrs. Lovett if she wanted to recommend that Council, do the 7½ cents. Mrs. Lovett stated that just as Mr. Bianchini states at the meetings, it is Council's pleasure, whatever. She stated she would like to hear everyone else. She said that this is the first time that they sat at the table to discuss the tax levy, and she said that Council never had

a straw poll. Mr. Bianchini asked what Mrs. Lovett's pleasure was. Mr. Bianchini did a straw poll of Council. Mrs. Lovett stated that she feels that if the Mayor feels that she needs 7½ cents then that is what Council should settle on. Mr. Garbowski stated that he is not very happy with a tax increase, but if 7½ cents is what we need to do, then he is for it. Mr. Mercado stated that 7½ cents is better than 10. He stated that he does not want us to be caught in the same bind that we were caught up in December of last year, where we were unable to pay our bills or we had a cash flow problem. He stated that he is ok with 7½ cents. Mr. Bianchini stated that the cash flow problem may not have had anything to do with the tax levy, he stated that it has a lot to do with the taxes being paid on time, etc, etc. He stated that he does not want that to be misconstrued. Mrs. Evans stated that people have been having a tough time, and that Council has been revisiting this constantly. She stated she is still trying to figure out for herself why the Township did not get the money from extra-ordinary aid down here in Southern New Jersey. She stated that the Township did not receive one cent, not one brown cent. She stated that the taxes are just going up-up-up, poor decisions in the past decade or so have been made and it has cost our township quite a bit of money. She stated that she would like to see some better decisions being made now as we move forward. She stated that nobody wants to increase taxes, and personally nobody wants to play games anymore either, the politics. She stated that Council definitely need to start changing the way we do things here in this township. She stated that we must start working together and find ways to be able to help the residents. Mrs. Evans stated that is what its all about. She stated that it is time now to start looking at how we can try to do that, by looking at our relationship with the State, so we can try to get the kind of money we should have been getting from the State, just like Lawnside. She stated that of course she would like to see the tax rate at zero, but she does not see that happening. She said that if Council has to vote for a 7½ cent increase, unfortunately that is where they have to go. She said that she hopes that Council could make some better decisions and come together and work together for the people so that they don't have to revisit this problem ever again. Mr. Hutchison stated no, that he does not believe that we should go to a 7½ cent tax levy. Mrs. Lovett asked Mr. Hutchison what he thought it should be? Mr. Hutchison stated that he thinks that we should be at zero. Mrs. Lovett asked the question that "the township could not reach zero the last two years that she was on Council and she asked why he thinks he could reach it this time".

Mr. Hutchison stated that he could never run a four minute mile, but every time he stepped on the track, he tried to run a four minute mile. He stated that he does not have a problem going for zero. Mrs. Lovett asked him if he had a problem putting senior citizens in jeopardy of not getting their property tax freeze, like they did the last time. Mr. Hutchison stated that he believes that Gloucester Township senior citizens are best served by the Council trying to reach a zero tax levy. Mrs. Lovett stated that they have a difference of opinion. Mrs. Lovett stated that they always had a difference of opinion. Mrs. Lovett stated that if Mr. Hutchison had an idea, and if he could sit there and say, we should try, and she stated that she is all for trying, but please show her a plan, that says, you know what, I think that if we do this and this and this, we can get down to zero. She stated that she doesn't care if he is a Republican, a Democrat, I don't care if you are running for office or not running for office in November, what happens in the town, and to the senior citizens to everyone is more important than playing political games. She stated that she doesn't hear that from Mr. Hutchison. She stated that she hears, "I have the liberty of zero and that is what I'll do, because I want to". She said that she wants a lot of things too, but the reality is, they just can't be.

She stated that it doesn't mean that she won't try, it doesn't mean she won't strive, but there is such a thing as being realistic, too. Mr. Hutchison stated that he respects her opinion and Mrs. Lovett respects his opinion. Mr. Bianchini stated that he thinks he has made it clear year in and year out where he wants the levy to be and that is zero. He stated that you could sit there and say, how do you get there? He stated that he hasn't heard any plan from Mrs. Lovett on how to get down to anything. He has been saying to Council to raise the bar and he will continue to say that and he will continue to say that all the way through. Mrs. Lovett asked Mr. Bianchini if he was saying we should have a zero cent tax increase, she asked if that was what Mr. Bianchini was going to set it at? Mr. Bianchini stated that he was going to set it at whatever recommendation he got from everyone else. She stated that he was going to say he would like zero. Mrs. Evans stated that she would like a zero too, and that she thinks the township could have had a zero had they brought that solar into the township for the 3 million dollars. She thinks that would have brought us a little extra cash. She stated that we didn't do it. Mrs. Evans went on to say that she could think of a couple of things that we could have done to make money and we didn't do them. Mr. Bianchini stated that again, that there was no understanding of the solar project, and she did not have any understanding as well as everyone on Council did not have an understanding. He stated that you could put that out there but he stated that it was his goal to make the maximum amount of money on it. Mrs. Evans stated that now we are stuck with taxes, high taxes, more taxes. Mr.

Bianchini said to her that if you want to leave it on the table, she can, but he does not feel that we should have done that. Mrs. Evans said that we are a day late and a dollar short. Mr. Bianchini asked if we have a motion for the 7½ cents.

Mr. Garbowski made a motion for 7½ cents, seconded by Mr. Mercado.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Lovett stated she was going to abstain from this vote and let the rest of the people on Council speak. She stated that if they think that they could get to zero, so be it. She said she would like to see them get to zero. Mr. Bianchini asked how Mrs. Lovett could abstain on a vote. Mrs. Lovett wanted to know, that on the straw polling of Council, did Mr. Bianchini not, say that we should have zero. She stated that she did not hear anything from him that said that is where he thinks they should be. She stated that she did not hear anything from Mr. Hutchison either. Mr. Bianchini stated that she is hearing it from him and she heard it from Mr. Hutchison, but he stated that they now have to vote on the 7½ cent estimated tax levy. Mr. Bianchini stated it is a simple yes or no. Mrs. Lovett abstained. Mrs. Evans stated that she was going to abstain also and that she was at a zero before and she is tired of hearing zero and we never get there. Mr. Garbowski voted yes. Mr. Hutchison voted no. Mr. Mercado, stated that before he votes, he wanted to preface his vote with some remarks. He stated that an abstention to him, when he was in student government in high school and college or in government at the township, is if you are uninformed, or you don't have all the information in front of you. He stated that this vote shocks him. He stated that there is talk about playing, he said that he is a person that calls it as he sees it. He stated that he has been on Council for 3½ years and he calls it as he sees it. He said that there is game playing taking place today and that those who pointed the fingers are playing the games now. He voted yes. Mr. Bianchini voted no. 2-2-2.

Mr. Carlamere stated that there are two yes votes, two no votes and two abstentions. He stated that the motion does not pass. Mrs. Lovett asked Mr. Cardis what that means. Mr. Cardis stated that the township will not be able to get their bills out on time. Mr. Mercado thanked Mrs. Lovett for this.

Mr. Carlamere stated that there would need to be another motion made, whatever it might be, and Mrs. Lovett just can't say that she is changing her vote, she would need to make a motion. Mrs. Lovett asked if she could make a motion to change her vote. Mr. Carlamere stated that the motion would be to set the rate at whatever number she wanted to set it at. Mr. Hutchison stated that the Council all cast a vote, it is what it is. Mrs. Lovett stated ok.

Mr. Carlamere stated that another motion can be made but it has to be a motion to set a number, that Mrs. Lovett just can't say I move to change my vote, a motion has to be made. Mrs. Lovett stated that when Mr. Hutchison was on Council the first time, the exact same thing happened, and he moved to change his vote.

Mrs. Lovett made a motion to put it back on the table.

Mr. Carlamere reiterated to Mrs. Lovett that her motion is to approve the administrations 7½ cents.

Mrs. Lovett stated that yes, that was her motion, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote:

Mrs. Lovett stated that because she does not want the bills to be delayed in getting out, she will agree to the 7½ cents. She voted yes. Mrs. Evans stated that she doesn't know how we got here in the first place and she is still abstaining. Mr. Garbowski voted yes. Mr. Hutchison voted no. Mr. Mercado voted yes. Mr. Bianchini voted no. 3-2-1. Mr. Carlamere stated that the motion now carries.

**R-09:06-192                    RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010-3RD AND 4<sup>TH</sup> INSTALLMENT 2009**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services has determined the method of calculating the Local Municipal Open Space Tax Rate for Municipalities operating on a fiscal year ending June 30, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the procedure provides for the calculation of a Preliminary Municipal Tax Open Space Levy on the basis of an Open Space Trust fund as approved by the voters of the Township of Gloucester via referendum on November 6, 2001, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester via resolution R-02:02-070 has authorized a Trust Account entitled "Open Space Trust Fund" and said account is to be dedicated by rider to the Budget of the Township of Gloucester in accordance with P.L. 1997, Chapter 24, N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7 et seq.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Municipal Open Space Preliminary Fiscal Year Tax Levy is hereby approved reflecting a separate Municipal Open Space Preliminary Tax Levy of \$490,463.00 with certified



ratables of 2,452,313,140 resulting in a rate of .02 per \$100 of assessed value of the fiscal year 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution be filed with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services and with Camden County Board of Taxation.

Adopted: June 22, 2009

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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. Garbowski. Roll call vote: All in favor. Mr. Hutchison voted no, all others voted yes. Motion carried 5-1.

**MOTIONS:**

RA1230 ST. AGNES CHURCH NOVEMBER 14, 2009  
RA1231 MAINSTAGE CENTER  
FOR THE ARTS, INC. OCT. 3-31, NOV. 1-30, DEC. 1-31, 2009  
EVERY SUNDAY

Mr. Mercado made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Garbowski. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that the Township will be sponsoring movie night this Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be showing Madagascar 2. She also stated that the Neighborhood Preservation Program will now be holding a Farmers Market every Saturday for 10 weeks beginning July 11<sup>th</sup>, in the lot next to Academy Hall. She also spoke about the Preliminary Tax Levy. She stated that it is called an estimated Tax Levy. She stated that a lot of our numbers will not be concrete until the end of the summer, when the books are closed out. She stated that she wants to make Council aware, and that is why she wanted to get the information to Council before tonight's meeting, which she stated that they got via e-mail, were things that are going on now. She stated that there are certain additional expenditures that the township did not have last year, that are new this year. She stated that everyone is aware that the re-val is going on in Gloucester Township, which we were mandated to do. She stated that the township did not have a choice in that. She stated that the tax assessor stated that this is a good time to do the re-val. But she stated that the re-val comes with a cost, which is \$383,000.00 in additional costs for the next 5 years. She stated that we have been notified that our COMPTRA aid will be cut an additional \$128,579.00. She stated that she informed Council at the April or May workshop of this. She stated that as far as pension deferral, which the state forced Gloucester Township to do last year, this year the township has to go back to the full amount of our pension. She stated that all of the township departments have streamlined and have cut their budgets. She stated that she will not cut services. She said that the Police Department is 27% of the budget. She stated that public safety is paramount. She stated that the Police Department is very, very efficient and that other departments are too. She stated that the Administration is guesstimating. She stated that everyone including herself wants to get down to zero. She stated that because Council set the amount at zero for the last two years, she said that they never set it at zero when they were getting state aid. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that we are in dire need from the State. She stated that even the schools are getting more aid, but they are drastically cutting the municipal aid. She stated that all the towns are complaining. She said that 85% of the municipalities had tax increases last year. She stated that by giving the schools more aid and less to the township, they are shifting it from one to the other.

She read for the public's information a memo from Chuck Palumbo, Tax Assessor stating that we did have a cash flow problem last year because of under billing the preliminary municipal amount for the August and November tax quarters. She stated that the memo also said that we are not collecting money on a steady flow. She stated that people were confused when they got their quarters thinking this is what it was going to be for the next two quarters, when actually it was going to go down. She stated that is why she gets nervous about zero because it is not making it even on our quarters and it is just because we are a fiscal year. She stated that it makes it much more difficult. She stated that the final issue is about the senior property tax reimbursement freeze. She stated that the way the billing was done for 2008, it shows that for the calendar year 2008 taxes were less than 2007. She stated that therefore no new applications for the senior freeze were able to be filed even though we saw an approximately \$240.00 increase. She stated those

eligible for the freeze would not lose out but they were going to be delayed a year. She stated that these are all the concerns that come into our tax window and she stated that what the Administration is trying to show Council is the reality of when Council sets things and then the actual numbers. She stated that she will work with Council as she always has offered, she stated that they all have her home, cell and office phone number and e-mail. She stated that the Administration is here and they could work on achieving a lower number. She stated that she thought it was responsible for the Administration to show the Council these numbers before the Council set the estimated tax levy. She stated that was what they were trying to accomplish.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Bianchini opened the public portion.

Mr. Kleinberg 123 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Glendora asked why have taxes gone continually up.

Clara Donnell of New Brooklyn Road stated that her neighbors need to mow their lawn. She stated that the bank now owns the property and it is taking a long time for her to see any progress made concerning the lawn. Deputy Chief Earle stated that they are working on it and when a property is bank owned it could take up to 2 months to get the work done.

Bob Garves asked what formula was used for the awards of the JAG grant for the various townships.

Amy Tarves of 928 Cummings Avenue stated that the last increase from the township was .21 cents, and combining it with this evenings 7½ cents and 2 cents. She stated that it is more than a .30 cent increase. She would like to know how other towns are in comparison to ours.

Mr. Kibelstis of 81 Shelly Street said that many senior citizens are on social security and they will be getting no C.O.L.A increase next year. He stated that the township should begin looking at services and that sports organizations should contribute to the maintenance of the facilities.

Joanne Carr of 51 Clement Drive again brought up a previously asked question, if the township could move from a fiscal to a calendar year. She stated that she feels that we are at a disadvantage this way. Mr. Cardis stated that the township was forced to go to a fiscal year budget cycle. He stated that we had to bond for this. He stated that there are some advantages and disadvantages. She also asked about appointments that were to be made to the various boards and asked why they weren't made. Mr. Bianchini stated that it will be put on the workshop in July again for review.

Ray Polidoro of Erial stated that he is a resident and a taxpayer. He stated that he doesn't want the Council's job but he pays their salary. He stated that he hasn't seen Council cut the budget. He stated that there are no opportunities to raise revenue, such as the solar project and the MUA surplus money. He stated that the township has missed opportunities. He stated he would like to see Council move on these items. He stated that things were brought up and not considered. He stated that Council should explore these items. He challenged the two council members who voted for a zero to show how they would do this. He stated that zero is easy to say, but they have never proven it. He wants Council to show how they are going to do zero. He stated that the residents are owed that.

Sarah Bass Young of 2306 Peter Cheeseman Road highly commended Mr. Bianchini and stated that no one can touch him as a Council President. She stated that Mrs. Lovett is an angel.

There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Mrs. Lovett thanked Curtis Jinks for his service to his country. She congratulated Dexter Smith on his Bar-B-Que on Fathers Day at the Autumn Ridge Apartments. She stated that he does a terrific job. She stated that a lot of people from the township donated their time and food. She sent her condolences to Joan Eller-Hinski on the passing of her mother. She stated that at tonight's meeting, she sat at a table and waited for someone to set the rate at the meeting. She stated that she would never put Mr. Cardis in the position of being late getting out the tax bills. She stated that Mayor Rau-Hatton will do everything physically and mentally possible to make sure that people get services. She stated that this Council could remove anything that is put in the Mayor's budget, all it takes is four votes. She stated that when the time comes she is curious to see where they are going to remove things to get to a zero tax increase, will they layoff police officers, will they change services, decrease services, will they have to start saying no to athletic organizations that come in. She stated that we all want to say yes to everybody and we all want to be everything to everybody. She stated that the reality of the situation is what it is. She stated that she would also like to see where everyone is going to make their cuts.

Mrs. Evans thanked Curtis Jinks for coming to the meeting. She stated that she has been on Council for a year and a half and in that time she has gotten to know the Mayor. She stated that the Mayor works hard and tries. Mrs. Evans stated that she is not into the political thing, the Democrat/Republican thing. She stated that she doesn't care what you are. She said that in the year and a half that she has been on Council, she is still trying to understand. Her question is why.

She stated that people are hurting and they need help. She stated that they need help and they don't have time for the drama and the games. She stated that we have had opportunities but we have let them go out the door. She stated that the people that are paying for them now are our taxpayers. She stated that people are getting fed up. She stating that she is giving everyone a little FYI, they are getting fed up. She stated that we need to find other ways to do things. She stated that no should not be sliding off of Councils tongue. She stated that we had an opportunity to have the Deptford Mall here 20 years ago and the sitting Council said no. She stated that we have an opportunity to have 3 million dollars brought into this township and Go Green. She stated that she is on the Environmental Board and she knows a lot about environmental. She stated that she thinks it is something that we should have done and she did not know why we didn't. She stated we would have been at a zero right now. She said that we must move forward and hope that we can work together. She said that President Obama did what he had to do and you see where he wound up. She stated that all that game playing did not get them anywhere. She stated that he moved forward and planted his ideas and you see where he wound up, becoming the President of the United States. She stated that we have to work together and move forward She stated that we must make this a better, more effective, more efficient Gloucester Township. She stated that we haven't done that. She thanked the Mayor, because she knew she tried. She stated that she doesn't care if anybody thinks she is a Democrat or Republican. She stated that she is a Democrat, and will remain a Democrat but she doesn't have time for all the drama. She stated that she doesn't care if it's a D, an R or an I, she is going to go with the people who make a difference in the township and help the people.

Mr. Garbowski thanked the residents for coming to the meeting and commended and thanked Curtis Jinks on his service to this county and this township. He stated that a decision was made tonight that wasn't very popular and it had to be made. He stated that with the information that he was given, he decided to make a stand and he voted yes.

Mr. Hutchison stated that he respects the decision of Mr. Garbowski, Mr. Mercado and Mrs. Lovett, as they believe that we need an increase in the tax levy. He stated that he thinks that it should be a zero. He stated that he is not going to ridicule them and say that their decision was political. He stated that it was their decision and he would appreciate it in the future that maybe they could look at it that way. He thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He also echoed the sentiments of the previous Council people who spoke. He thinks it is wonderful that Curtis Jinks has given us his time and put his life in danger for our country and he is going to echo the Mayor's sentiments that we appreciate the parents for all they do as well.

Mr. Mercado thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He stated that this past Monday, both he and Freeholder Greco rode the entire length of the bike path. He applauded Public Works for the maintenance of the bike path and also the work that is done by our engineers, Remington & Vernick.. He stated that he knows we are going to extend the bike path. He stated that it is a great time in Gloucester Township. He stated that it was a peaceful ride along the bike path. He also thanked the residents for coming out to the meeting.

Mr. Bianchini thanked the residents for attending the meeting. He gave a special thanks to Curtis Jinks for his contribution to our country. He stated that he could pick apart each and every statement that was given this evening, from the MUA money, from the challenge of Mr. Polidoro saying that we could get money for the solar project. He stated that he thinks it is everybody's challenge, everybody's challenge to get to zero. He stated that you could have an opinion on the levy, whether you want to start at seven or ten, it doesn't matter. He stated that his challenge has been that we should raise the bar to zero. He stated that he will continue to work toward that and it should be everybody's challenge. He stated that he is going to expect all of Council to make contributions towards that. He stated that the Council could sit there and say what was done and what wasn't done, but the people that are pointing the fingers, he hasn't heard anything about any cuts, about any suggestions, about any revenue increase from them. He stated that it can be thrown out, but it is a seven person council.

Mr. Mercado made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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President of Council

Rosemary DiJosie  
Township Clerk, RMC