

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

Mr. Mercado was absent from the meeting.

Mrs. Evans was late.

All others in attendance.

Public Portion:

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

1. **PT. ARIEL PLAYGROUND** - Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that the original playground equipment at this park is 19 years old and is unsafe. She stated that she would like to see the equipment replaced and have a poured rubber surface put down. Council agreed to move on this.

**OWENS CORNING** - Mayor Rau-Hatton discussed the status of this property. She stated that Owens Corning is ready to make the transfer of property. She stated that there is a maintenance issue and once we accept the property it will be our responsibility. She stated that we have the No Further Action on the property. Mr. Bianchini asked if we utilize the property, would we need a certification from DEP. It was stated that the cap could not be breached/pierced. It was stated that Owens Corning is in bankruptcy and has been ordered to offer it to the township. If we do not accept the property, then Owens Corning must maintain the property. It was stated that they pay approximately \$25,000 a year in taxes. It was stated that the outer buffer has been encroached by some of the residents. It was stated that we must look into all or nothing in terms of the property, what will be losing in taxes, and could we certify that we will not damage the cap. Mr. Bianchini asked what the townships responsibility would be.

**PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE** - Mr. Busa sated that he is now down to 13 men. He stated that 2 guys have just retired and he would like to replace those two men with 2 laborers. Mr. Busa stated that it would lower the payroll. He stated that he has 20 now and will then have 22. He stated that leaf season begins on October 26, 2009. He stated that he will take the new employees from the clean communities. Mr. Bianchini stated that Public Works has done a very good job of holding down the costs in their department. All council members agreed to let Mr. Busa hire. 6-0.

**VJ LANDSCAPING BILL** - Mayor Rau-Hatton stated there was a bill from VJ Landscaping for the sprinkler system at the Gloucester Township Community Park. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that she does not want to get caught going over the threshold. Mr. Cardis stated that this was an emergency situation. Len Moffa stated that this was an emergency situation, as the fields were starting to burn up and he did not want to lose the fields. A resolution confirming the situation will be on the next meeting.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION - ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION** - Mayor Rau-Hatton explained this resolution. It was ok to put this on the meeting.

**LIQUOR LICENSE STATUS** - There was a discussion whether to put the last liquor license the township owns out to bid. It was stated that there are presently approximately 4 liquor licenses up for private sale in the township. The Council decided to put the liquor license owned by the Township out to bid at the same amount as we received for the last one which was \$526,000.00.

2. **JARVIS COURT BASIN AND KAY AVENUE BASIN** - Mr. Cantwell explained the problem with the basin in Jarvis Court. He stated that it was built in 1976 as a small basin. He stated that these basins are not effective stormwater management. He stated that he would like to see the basin filled in and then have piping extended into the woods. He stated that there was 50 feet of access. This will be included in the bond ordinance. Mr. Cantwell stated that the Kay basin was added in 1977 across the street. Mr. Cantwell explained that there is no outfall near the basin as well as no access near the basin. He stated that the only access to this basin is through the storm drainage easement going through residents back yards. He stated that there is a private lot behind Rhode Island Road that we could ask permission to use. He stated that when we have a big storm now the water overflows to this lot. Mrs. Evans also discussed the oil that was dumped on the property. It was stated that Joe Hoguet, Code Enforcement Officer was contacted and is writing a letter to the home owner. Mrs. Evans also brought up the manhole cover problem on Jarvis Road. The MUA will be talking to the County about this.
3. **BID RESULTS AND AWARD - HIGH STREET HEADWALL** - Mr. Cantwell explained this project. He stated that he felt comfortable with the bid and there is plenty in the budget to cover this. Award will be on this meeting to R. Maslowski Excavating for the sum of \$34,424.00
4. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES 200 & 300 BLOCKS CENTRAL AVENUE - CURB REPLACEMENT AND PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT** - Mr. Cantwell stated that this will be for engineering and inspection services. The amount is \$11,025.00. Mr. Cantwell stated that this will come out of the \$70,000.00. Council was polled. All agreed to authorize Mr. Cantwell to do this 6-0.
5. **DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR CHAIN LINK FENCES** - Mr. Lechner and Frank Simiriglia of the Zoning Board discussed this amendment. They stated at the present time there is an ordinance limiting chain link fences. He asked the Council if they would like to keep this in the ordinance. Mr. Simiriglia stated that at this time people have to get a variance for chain link fences. Mr. Lechner suggested that the chain link fence section be removed from the ordinance so that residents would no longer need a variance. He stated that after removing the fence section it could be relocated in the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Hutchison asked Mr. Lechner to rewrite the ordinance as he see fit and present it to council at a future workshop.
6. **DISCUSSION OF EQUIPMENT** - Mr. Busa and Bob Tulino spoke to Council. They stated that at this time they have 8 leaf machines with only 6 trucks to pull them. They stated that they would like to rent two trucks to be able to pull the extra leaf machines. It was stated that this will cost approximately \$4,357.00 and will be for approximately 175 days. It was stated that Council will be ok with the rental and it will be added to the current budget.
7. **DISCUSSION OF RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT** - Mr. Carlamere stated that this ordinance was recommended by Mr. Palumbo the Assessor. Mr. Carlamere has drafted the ordinance. This will be on the next meeting.
8. **DISCUSSION OF LOVELACE PROPERTY AT 1212 SICKLERVILLE ROAD/APPRaisal** - Mr. Carlamere explained this request that previously came before Council at a workshop. It was stated that our appraisal came in at \$75,000.00, their appraisal came in at \$85,000.00. Mr. Carlamere to prepare an ordinance. It will be on the next meeting.
9. **RESOURCE OFFICER - COPS IN SCHOOL PROGRAM** - Mr. Cardis explained the contract with the Black Horse Pike Regional School Board for the COPS IN SCHOOL Program. It was stated that Mr. Cardis, Chief Smith and Mr. Carlamere reviewed the contract. This will be on the next meeting as a shared services resolution, formerly an interlocal.

10. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING AND SURVEY WORK FOR THE KIWANIS BUILDING** - Mr. Cardis stated that he has attached two quotes for the Council's review. He stated that the contract should be awarded to TRC for \$11,600.00. It will be a professional service contract.
11. **DISCUSSION OF AUTHORIZATION TO GO OUT FOR BID FOR 2008 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** - Mr. Cardis stated that this was awarded to T & M some time ago. He stated that T & M would like to go out for bid and he is just making Council aware.
12. **DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010.** There was a discussion that this resolution must be adopted in order to apply for the grant. This will be on the next meeting.
13. **DISCUSSION OF LETTER FROM MUA** - It was stated that the Township owes the MUA half of the money for the Emergency Repair of the Glen Oaks Culvert Failure and Gravity Sewer Main Collapse in the amount of \$14,624.05. The MUA owes the Township for bills associated with the Glen Oaks Ballfield Improvement Project. The MUA proposes to the Township that they deduct the Emergency Repair dollar from the ballfield balance. If acceptable, the MUA would then owe the Township \$371.41. This would be done administratively.

Mr. Cardis also stated that a new roof must be put on the gun range. This will be part of the bond ordinance. He also stated that he would like a resolution on the next meeting selling a car to the GTMUA for \$1.00. This will be on the next meeting.

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**DISCUSSION OF MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES** - Mr. Hutchison stated that each committee must have an attendance policy. He stated that before he would increase the number of appointments on a committee, he stated that the person who wants to be appointed to that committee should attend the meetings first. He stated that they would need a certain amount of meeting attendances to qualify for appointment. He stated that he would defer to the people already on the committee for their input. Mrs. Lovett stated that some of the committees need more people because they have a tough time having a quorum at the meetings. This will be further discussed at a future date. Mrs. Evans stated that the Environmental Committee would like more people appointed to the committee.

**PARKING OVERNIGHT OF TRAILERS** - Mr. Carlamere stated that this is being enforced, and falls under the Land Use Law as well as Code Enforcement.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE BLACKWOOD LAKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - This will be on the next meeting. Stephanie Roberts will be appointed.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN** - Mrs. Evans stated that this is moving forward and will be done seasonally.

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**LIAISON REPORTS**

Mr. Garbowski stated that Blackwood Lake Advisory Committee will be involved with the Pumpkin Festival on October 4, 2009.

Mrs. Evans stated that she visited the bike path in Haddonfield.

Mr. Schmidt stated that there will be a YAC meeting on October 7, 2009