

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

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	
	Mr. Bianchini	Mr. Busa, Public Works
		Mr. Lechner, Comm. Dev.-sick
		Mrs. Varrell, Comm. Services-abs
		Deputy Chief Earle, Police

Mayor Rau-Hatton read the following statement:

The Mayor's Statement
Fiscal Year 2009

Tonight I present to Council the introduction of the FY >09 Budget. This is the **first** step in the budgetary process and ultimately leads to Council voting and approving the final budget and final tax rate. The Business Administrator and I met individually with each Department Head to review their proposed budgets. Each was requested to have an efficient and lean budget, but not to adversely impact services to the residents. I have reviewed the budget numerous times for more costs savings, leading to an additional 5 cents decrease. Line items reflect State mandates and what is needed to provide services to the community. Appropriations are cut to the bottom line.

Throughout the year, Trenton has warned Municipalities of new cap and tax levy regulations which would effect fiscal year towns first, and a reduction in State extraordinary aid which resulted in a \$1.7 million dollar cut overall. With this knowledge and no consultation with the administration, the Council set the preliminary tax rate at zero. Since the year 2000, the Council has **never** set a preliminary tax rate of zero; until I became Mayor.

We were faced with two major problems in preparing this budget; loss of revenue and contractual and mandated costs that have escalated. This year the surplus is down \$1,647,604. A major contributing factor in the decrease in surplus was the **failure** of the Township to sell the Nike Phase I site. Last year the Council was told by Mr. Carlamere **not** to anticipate the \$1.2 million dollar sale of the Nike site, but despite this legal recommendation the Council approved it's inclusion as a revenue line item. We were required to receive these monies prior to June 30, 2008. That did not happen! As a result, we suffered a decrease in available year-end surplus of \$1,200,000.00. In addition, I have only been able to anticipate this year \$240,000.00 from the sale of this property leaving a fall off in anticipated revenues for this property of \$960,000.00. I am optimistic that these monies will be received prior to the adoption of the FY2009 budget and request Council to appropriate these monies to further reduce the tax increase. This situation combined with other decreases in revenues including \$581,000.00 in State Aid cuts has resulted in the loss between last year's and this year's available revenue of a combined amount of \$4,411,009.00. **This amount alone contributes to a tax increase of 18.04 cents; with a penny equal to \$244,531.60.**

Another potential source of revenue is the use of unrestricted surplus of the GTMUA. This amount is **\$207,598.00**. Since there has been two rate increases by the MUA in the last few years and the Township buys their recycling trucks and has a contingency fund for their truck repairs; the surplus should be transferred to the Township

for tax relief. This is voluntary and has recently been done in Deptford and last year in Washington Township.

Some of the state mandates include Police & Fireman Pension Fund, \$161,138 increase up 8.6%, PERS (Public employees' retirement system) \$126,471.00 increase, up 32%, and utility expenses have increased by \$220,296.00 up 13.0%; to name a few.

Although I am distressed by the 24 cent tax rate increase in this proposal; caused mainly by the Nike Base and cuts in State aid, I believe that this budget provides for the safety, health and welfare of the community, and is fiscally sound. Last year we received State Extraordinary Aid of \$500,000.00 and the prior year \$700,000.00. Although we were informed by the State that aid is drastically cut, I ask Council to join me in meeting with our State legislators and request them to strongly advocate for Gloucester Township to receive aid for our growing community.

To obtain the goal of a zero rate increase, the Council will need additional revenues or cuts of \$5,868,558.40. I am anxious to see your plan to obtain this goal without cutting services. The Department Heads and I are available to meet with you as soon as possible. I request these meetings be at a time convenient for the public. The Mayor's Task Force on Property Tax Reform will also review the budget.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the employees, especially Mr. Cardis, for their efforts. With reduced staffing, they strive to be efficient and provide quality services for our residents.

I request Council tonight to indicate to Mr. Cardis the exact amount to apply for in the Extraordinary Aid application that is due in Trenton by September 26. The administration recommends \$1.5 million. In addition, I would ask that Council approve a resolution to apply for a CAP waiver, which will be prepared by Mr. Cardis.

The Township, as in many communities throughout New Jersey, is faced with unprecedented financial pressures due to the state of the economy and the State of New Jersey balancing its budget on the backs of municipalities. The Nike fiasco and State aid cuts is devastating to our tax rate. However, I will not cut services that are essential to the residents of our community. I look forward to working together with Council for the community.

Public Portion:

Mr. Bianchini opened the public portion.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

Proclamation: The Township Clerk read the following proclamation: "Put The Brakes On Fatalities Day".

Minutes: Mr. Mercado made a motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes of Executive Session: July 28, 2008 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm
Regular Minutes : September 8, 2008
seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

0-08-23 ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Bianchini opened the public hearing. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Hutchison asked Mr. Carlamere when the monies will be due from the cable company. Mr. Carlamere stated that they have given the township no commitment date. He stated it must be within 12 months of the certificate of renewal. He stated that it could be well in 2009 before we get the money. Mrs. Lovett asked Mr. Cardis if this is anticipated as a revenue line item. Mr. Cardis stated that he thinks that they will get the money in on time. Mr. Mercado made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

0-08-24 ORDINANCE AMENDING IN TOTAL ORDINANCE NO. 0-97-32 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 69A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, "SEASONAL SALES"

Mr. Bianchini opened the public hearing.

Robert Del Sordo commended council on this ordinance. He stated that it accomplishes what it needs to. He stated that he hopes Council will pass the ordinance this evening.

Connie Spriggs of Hilltop Gardens stated that she is a small business owner and she already sells Christmas trees so that there is no way for her to make extra money. She stated that she would like to see stronger fees and have the person's application go to the Planning Board, to the Chief of Police and to also make sure that the original owner of the property has no liens on the property and that all their taxes are paid. She stated that this is what is done in Deptford. She stated that there should be a limit n signage. She stated that having these people be allowed to sell chips away at the mom and pop stores.

Mr. Carlamere stated that the design of the ordinance was not to interfere with free and open market, and allow this license to be a secondary license to the primary license. He feels the ordinance addresses Mrs. Spriggs concerns.

Dennis Palmer 10 Braemer Avenue asked what about the boy scouts, if they sell flowers. Mr. Carlamere stated that it has been addressed in the ordinance.

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

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote:

Mrs. Lovett stated that although the ordinance helps, it does not go far enough. Mrs. Lovett therefor voted no. Mrs. Evans voted no. Mr. Hutchison stated that when he first discussed this at the workshop, he set the fee at \$750.00, he then stated that Mrs. Lovett thought it was too much. He stated that he thought about it and changed the amount to \$350.00, and now she doesn't think that it went far enough and he wanted a response from Mrs. Lovett. Mrs. Lovett stated that she discussed this ordinance with various people who own businesses that can't make ends meet.

All others voted yes. Motion carried. 5-2.

0-08-25 ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7 OF BOND ORDINANCE 03-36 THE
 TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER WHICH AUTHORIZES GENERAL
 IMPROVEMENTS SET FORTH IN THE 2002/2003 CAPITAL BUDGET

Mr. Bianchini opened the public hearing.

Mr. Kibelstis of 81 Shelly Street spoke about the solar project. He stated that it will bring additional revenue to the township.

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

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mercado. Roll call vote: Mrs. Lovett voted no, Mrs. Evans voted no, all others voted yes. Motion carried 5-2.

0-08-26 ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7 OF BOND ORDINANCE 0-07-24 FOR
 THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER WHICH AUTHORIZES VARIOUS
 GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS SET FORTH IN THE 2006/2007 CAPITAL
 BUDGET

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

R-08:09-269

**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:

#082037D

#3212

Antoinette Conville

11 Chelsea Court

Sewell, NJ 08080

Balance from unexpended escrow: \$351.65

Adopted: September 22, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-08:09-270

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TO SKEETER'S PUB - REGGIE'S CAFÉ**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to Article IX, Section 3D of the Gloucester Township Land Development Ordinance that a Temporary Use Permit shall be issued to permit the erection and use of a tent upon the premises known as Skeeter's Pub - Reggie's Café for the limited purpose of a pig roast on September 27th, subject however to the following conditions:

1. Council reserves the right to revoke the permit and to order the removal of the tent for good cause or reasons of health, safety, and welfare upon 24 hours notice.
2. The tent shall be removed immediately by the applicant upon expiration of the Temporary Use Permit for any order of removal by Council under condition one.
3. Any damages created to the property by virtue of the erection and use of the tent shall be immediately repaired by applicant.
4. Location of the tent shall be located so as not to cause any health, safety, or traffic hazards.
5. This Temporary Use Permit is granted with the consent and approval of the owner of the property.
6. The applicant and owner or owners of the subject premises shall assume all responsibilities and liability for any damage or injuries occurring on the subject premises as a result of the activities to be conducted pursuant to the Temporary Use Permit.

Adopted: September 22, 2008

President of Council

ATTEST:

Township Clerk, RMC

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

R-08:09-271

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATES
OF SALES**

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #629480 was issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 13004, Lot 14, assessed to Riker Properties, Inc., at a tax sale held on June 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #730529 was issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 16005, Lot 24, assessed to Alfred Taubenberger, at a tax sale held on June 18, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the homeowners have redeemed the Certificates #629480 & Certificate #730529 by paying the full amount of the delinquency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Township of Gloucester are hereby authorized to endorse Certificate #629480 & Certificate #730529 for cancellation.

ADOPTED: September 22, 2008

Council President

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

R-08:09-272

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF A MUNICIPAL TAX SALE
CERTIFICATE DUE TO AN ERROR AND REFUNDING CCMUA ON ANOTHER
MUNICIPAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATE**

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #831491 was issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent sewer on Block 16117, Lot 13, assessed to Rea, Cathy, at a tax sale held on June 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the lot no longer exists on the books and should not have been charged for sewer; and

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #831759 was issued to the Township of Gloucester for delinquent CCMUA charges on Block 19202, Lot 33,C-2, assessed to Sun Serray Briscoe, at a tax sale held on June 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Certificate was paid in full by the homeowner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Township of Gloucester are hereby authorized to endorse Certificates #831759 and #831491 for cancellation.

ADOPTED: September 22, 2008

Council President

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

R-08:09-273

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDING OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to authorize the refunding of the following credit balances:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME AND ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
20901	14	Joseph Lanzi	08/09	457.86	Overpayment
401033		23 Honeysuckle Ave. Sicklerville, NJ 08081			

ADOPTED: September 22, 2008

Council President

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

R-08:09-274

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO DISALLOW THE
FOLLOWING SENIOR CITIZEN OR DISABLED OR SURVIVING SPOUSE
DEDUCTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2007 & 2008**

WHEREAS, the following Senior Citizens or Disabled or Surviving Spouse persons did not file an annual Post Tax Year Statement(POLICE DEPARTMENT-5) or,

WHEREAS, the Post Tax Year Statement was filed declaring income that exceeded the \$10,000 income limit or,

WHEREAS, the applicants entitled to this deduction have moved from the property that they resided at the time of application,

WHEREAS, four separate notices were mailed to these people in an attempt to have the proper forms returned in a timely manner,

AND, WHEREAS, all of these Senior Citizen, Disabled, or Surviving Spouse persons were mailed a Notice of Disallowance Form(POLICE DEPARTMENT-5) as required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.44a,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to disallow the deduction indicated for the Tax Year 2007 and/or 2008 as indicated.

BLOCK ACCT.#	LOT	NAME DEDUCTION	2007	2008	REASON
701 8550	12	Fetters Senior Citizen	250.00		Income Over
1903 27322	1	Cramer Senior Citizen		250.00	Deceased
2001 25897	5	Regan Senior Citizen		250.00	Deceased
3002 64467	13	DiGiacobbe Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	Deceased
5404 80541	6	Mooney Disabled	250.00	250.00	No Form
7602 93290	9	Schultz Senior Citizen		250.00	Moved
7807 102866	3	Baldwin Senior Citizen	250.00		Income Over
7812 104633	2	Marchlowitz Senior Citizen		250.00	Deceased
8002 401343	1-C1705	McClellan Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	Income Over
8105 99408	17	Bauer Senior Citizen	250.00		Income Over
8704 68533	10	Stinger Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	Income Over
8709 69487	4	Antonelli Senior Citizen		250.00	Deceased
9001 60819	20	DiZio Senior Citizen		250.00	Income Over
9104 55670	19	Mentzer Senior Citizen		250.00	Deceased
9105 53428	27	Allesandro Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	No Form
9403 57912	3	Caimi Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	Income Over

10003 216144	20	Messina Disabled	250.00	250.00	No Form
10702 127452	1	Murphy Senior Citizen		250.00	Deceased
11101 120935	4	Marno Senior Citizen		250.00	Deceased
11201 116660	24	Maulo Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	Income Over
11401 221005	5	Giles Disabled	250.00	250.00	Moved
11401 221041	41	Graves Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	Deceased
11504 129675	13	Ellis Senior Citizen		250.00	Income Over
11605 134159	16	Trunell Senior Citizen		250.00	Deceased
12203 148295	41	Fascendo Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	Moved
12703 157035	3	Harasym Senior Citizen	250.00		Income Over
13102 147193	5	Miller Disabled	250.00	250.00	Moved
13201 168891	13	Fuchs Disabled		250.00	Income Over
15815 410095	13	Carr Senior Citizen	250.00	250.00	Income Over
17502 204402	14	Lewandowski Senior Citizen	250.00		Income Over
18903 404780	12	Trilivas Senior Citizen		250.00	No Form

ADOPTED: September 22, 2008

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-08:09-275

RESOLUTION TO DISALLOW EXEMPTIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND/OR DISABLED DEDUCTIONS FROM TITLE COMPANIES PER N.J. STATE STATUTE 54:4-3-31

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to disallow all or a portion of the allowance for senior citizen and/or disabled deductions for the Tax Year 2007 or 2008 per State Statute 54:4-3-31 as follows:

YEAR	BLOCK	LOT	NAME	AMOUNT
2007	9111	21	Thiel	250.00

2007	13002	10.02	Murray	250.00
2007	203	5	Felice	250.00
2007	12512	11	Vitetta	165.06
2007	11207	14	Kochon	78.77
2007	8003	1-C2005	Kostyal	62.50
2007	3004	31	Stephen Drive Trust	250.00
2008	3205	25	McDonald	189.97

ADOPTED: September 22, 2008

Council President

Township Clerk

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

R-08:09-276

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SECURITIES OF BROADACRES ASSOCIATES FOR BROAD ACRES ACTIVE ADULT VILLAGE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the Developer of Broad Acres Active Adult Village has supplied the Township of Gloucester with Securities for Subdivision Improvements, 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 that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of securities for Broad Acres Active Adult Village as follows:

From \$960,687.50 to \$288,206.25

Adopted: September 22, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-08:09-277

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SECURITIES OF CROSSINGS -TWIN OAKS, LLC FOR THE CROSSINGS AT TWIN OAKS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the Developer of The Crossings at Twin Oaks has supplied the Township of Gloucester with Securities for Subdivision Improvements, 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 that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of securities for The Crossings at Twin Oaks as follows:

From \$1,676,671.20 to \$503,001.36

Adopted: September 22, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-08:09-278

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 \$6,088,385.08

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 70,545.63

TRUST ACCOUNT ENGINEERING ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 133,433.35

DOG FUND

G064824 Veterinary Public Health
Manual Check 1207 34.20

DISABILITY

G065057 Twp. Payroll Acct.
Wire Transfer Conf. 2400400 500.70

G065056 Twp. Payroll Acct.
Wire Transfer Conf. 2540738 500.70

TRUST

G065056 Twp. Payroll
Wire Transfer Conf. 2540734 4,490.61

G065057 Twp. Payroll Acct.
Wire Transfer Conf. 2400396 3,690.61

TRUST AGENCY

Manual Check 5802 - 5816 219,661.22

Manual Check 5789 - 5801 99,972.61

CURRENT

G060114 AmeriHealth Admin
Manual Check 39076 82.70

G057869 Aetna
Manual Check 39077 18,603.23

G057871 Delta Dental of NJ
Manual Check 39078 12,380.26

G057870	IDA Manual Check 39079	68,689.76
G057869	Aetna Manual Check 39049	18,803.23
G057871	Delta Dental of NJ Manual Check 39050	14,216.44
G057870	IDA Manual Check	69,130.84
G060114	AmeriHealth Admin. Manual Check 39052	1,010.75
No071284	TD Bank, Nat'l Manual Check 39053	2,300.00

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Adopted: September 22, 2008

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

R-08:09-279

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF
2007/2008 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 2007/2008 Fiscal Year Appropriations be transferred:

<u>DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM</u>	<u>TRANSFER FROM</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO</u>
<u>Administrative & Executive</u>		
Business Administrator		
S & W 8-01-20-100-000-110	64.70	
OE 8-01-20-100-000-201		64.70
Administrative Support		
S & W 8-01-20-100-001-101	1,760.69	
OE 8-01-20-100-001-401		2,292.45
Personnel		
S & W 8-01-20-105-000-101	2,065.30	
OE 8-01-20-105-000-339		13,301.32
Treasury		
S & W 8-01-20-130-000-107	5,952.05	
OE 8-01-20-130-000-914		7.26

Data Processing			
S & W	8-01-20-140-000-101	415.13	
OE	8-01-20-140-000-401		7,013.94
Township Clerk			
S & W	8-01-20-120-000-101	8,151.83	
Tax Collector			
S & W	8-01-20-145-000-101	6,598.81	
Township Council			
S & W	8-01-20-110-001-101	1,119.04	
Township Attorney			
S & W	8-01-20-155-000-101	93.65	
OE	8-01-20-155-000-302		287.44
Tax Assessor			
S & W	8-01-20-150-000-101	657.26	
<u>Land Use Administration</u>			
Construction Code Enforcement			
S & W	8-01-22-195-000-107	11,575.16	
Zoning Board of Adjustments			
OE	8-01-21-185-000-301		3,024.90
<u>Insurance</u>			
Group Insurance-Flex			7,463.95
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police			
S & W	8-01-25-240-000-101	18,547.23	
Police Administration			
S & W	8-01-25-240-004-107	5,325.31	
Police Communication			
S & W	8-01-25-250-000-106	35,837.32	
OE	8-01-25-250-000-225		5,837.32
Police Code Enforcement			
S & W	8-01-25-240-008-101	13,854.46	
<u>Public Works</u>			
Public Works			
OE	8-01-26-300-000-599		2,945.11
Streets & Roads			
OE	8-01-26-290-000-219		2,945.11
S & W	8-01-26-290-000-11A	45,075.75	
Sanitation			
OE	8-01-26-305-000-20B		117,253.33
Public Buildings & Grounds			
S & W	8-01-26-310-000-101	7,821.35	
OE	8-01-26-310-000-503		12,397.48
Vehicle Maintenance			
OE	8-01-26-315-000-40A		15,477.40
S & W	8-01-26-315-000-101	15,477.40	
<u>Health & Welfare</u>			
Health & Welfare			
OE	8-01-27-340-000-34A		7,366.16
<u>Parks & Recreation</u>			
Gloucester Township Recreation			
OE	8-01-26-310-003-503		2,302.00
Public Building Library			
OE	8-01-26-310-002-503		1,850.00
Recreation			
S & W	8-01-28-370-000-101	9,925.51	

Recreation Indoor Center		
S & W	8-01-28-370-003-101	2,454.97
OE	8-01-28-370-000-260	2,135.22
Parks		
S & W	8-01-28-375-000-11B	4,011.71
OE	8-01-28-375-000-315	3,922.03
Pools		
OE	8-01-28-370-004-401	2,454.97
<u>Other Common Operating Functions</u>		
Community Affairs		
OE	8-01-30-420-000-51C	636.76
<u>Sanitary Landfill Costs</u>		
Sanitary Landfill		
OE	8-01-32-465-000-207	127,129.94
<u>Utilities</u>		
Electricity	8-01-31-430-000-319	19,294.75
St. Lighting	8-01-31-435-000-346	21,047.65
Water	8-01-31-445-000-31A	7,703.88
Gasoline	8-01-31-460-000-216	79,083.66
<u>Municipal Court</u>		
Municipal Court		
S & W	8-01-43-490-000-101	6,903.63
OE	8-01-43-490-000-201	6,903.63
TOTAL TRANSFERS		
		337,915.31
		337,915.31

Adopted: September 22, 2008

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mr. Cardis stated that this is a statutory resolution.

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

R-08:09-280 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 (ee)

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the township of Gloucester in the County of Camden desires to make application to the Local Finance Board for its approval of a proposed levy cap waiver pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:4-45.3 9(ee) and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that:

- (A) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; and
- (B) the appropriation cap waiver is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the Township of Gloucester; and
- (C) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the Township of Gloucester and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Township of Gloucester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester as follows:

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board if hereby approved, and the Chief Financial Officer, along with other representatives of the Township of Gloucester are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Township of Gloucester in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of Gloucester is hereby directed to file a copy of the proposed appropriation cap waiver with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.

Record Vote

Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
All council voted yes.			
Adopted: September 22, 2008			

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

R-08:09-281

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND VJ LANDSCAPING**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for Turf and Irrigation Management at the Gloucester Township Community Park

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 VJ Landscaping for Turf and Irrigation Management at the Gloucester Township Community Park in the amount of \$5,000.00 which was the lowest bid or quote received.

Adopted: September 22, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

R-08:09-282

**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 20061633 in the amount of \$226.00.

Payable to: Patricia A. Gentile
34 Kohomo Ave
Erial, NJ 08081

ADOPTED: September 22, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

R-08:09-283

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 20080529 in the amount of \$50.00.

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

ADOPTED: September 22, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK, RMC

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

R-08:09-284 RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2008/2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

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

MOTIONS:

RA1208 MAINSTAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS October 5, 2008

RA1209 BLACKWOOD VFW October 11, 2008 to October 10, 2009

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rau-Hatton gave the council an update on the Gloucester Township Community Park. She stated that she met with CMX, their attorneys, Mr. Carlamere and the contractors. She stated that they will guarantee the two year maintenance bond. She stated that the contact person on the project will now be John Cantwell.

She also stated that she went to a meeting with the South Jersey Transportation Authority and they stated that they anticipate on starting the bridge in July. She stated that the bridge will closed for a short time during construction.

She reminded everyone that the Pumpkin Festival will be on October 5, 2008. She also told everyone about the Taste of Gloucester Township. She also reminded everyone about Make a Difference Day, as well as the national project that the VFW has undertaken collecting school supplies for parents who are deployed.

She also addressed Mr. Hutchison's comment, that this is an introduced budget, not the final budget.

PUBLIC PORTION:

A resident of Cherrywood spoke about the fact that our parks have no dogs, no bikes, no skateboards, no alcohol. She stated that some of these regulations need to be lifted.

Karl Wirtz 46 Argyle Avenue thanked Council for coming to National Night. He stated that the budget is a process. He stated that our country is in dire need as well as our state. He asked that the council work with the Mayor on the budget. He asked that they be concerned with the community and put away the politics.

A resident of Cobblestone asked about the berm behind her home which is directly behind the ACME. She stated that it is overgrown and she has called the township about it, She stated that she has gotten no response from the township. She also asked about a fence around the quarry. Mr.

Carlamere stated that he has met with the owner of the quarry, and the owner stated that he will meet with Council, but he will not put up a fence around the quarry.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked that Council make the budget process more open and comfortable this year. He stated that the community needs to be part of the process and he stated that it is Council's job to make it happen. He stated that the last budget drug along too far and he hopes that the township mayor and council will work as a team.

Mr. Daniel Conroy of 512 Rowand Avenue thanked Mrs. Evans for spending the day with him and touring the recreation spots. He stated that there are children in the area that are constantly ruining the recreation sites. Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that the police have been aggressive concerning this. She stated that they have already arrested two people in connection with graffiti in the township. She asked that the people of the township keep an eye on their community.

Dennis Palmer of 10 Braemer Avenue stated that he likes living in a safe and sound community and he likes all the services that are provided to him.

Amy Tarves of Blenheim stated that the township should pay attention to the County taxes and ask them how they were able to lower them. She also questioned the open space account and the amount that will be collected this year. Mr. Cardis stated that the council reserves the final judgement on the amount collected, but he will advise them to keep it at two cents.

Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that the Council may have had a 3 cent increase this year, but last year they had a 19 cent increase.

Joanne Carr of 50 Clement Drive stated that the County lowered some of the taxes by making the Black Horse Pike Regional School District now pay for those children that go to the vocational school. She also questioned how the pre-school registration is going. Mr. Cardis stated that they have 152 children at this time and they need 160. He stated that two teachers have resigned and they are not planing to replace them.

A resident asked about why a fence is not required at the quarry. Mr. Carlamere stated that the site plan did not mandate a fence as well as the Land Use Law.

Jeffrey Booker of Glendora stated that the budget process rests with council. He encouraged the council to do what they can to get the introduced increase down. He stated that he is confident that Council will do the right thing.

Fred Weber of Blackwood stated that the wheel chair ramps are incorrect at the new learning center on little Gloucester Road. He stated that these ramps were approved by Bernie Shepard.

Cindy Carlamere also asked if the budget that was presented could be approved as is. Mr. Cardis stated that the extra-ordinary aid must be dealt with. But if the Council wanted too, the budget could be adopted as is. Mrs. Lovett asked Mr. Cardis a question. She asked if there has ever been a time in the last 10 years when Council just adopted the same budget that was introduced, except for extra-ordinary aid. Mr. Cardis stated there has not been a time when it was adopted as presented.

Lou Vizoco of Erial said that the County dumped the tech students to the local school boards.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked about extra-ordinary aid and confirmed that it could not be anticipated. He also apologized to Council for saying that they drug out the adoption of last years budget, as they were waiting for the extra-ordinary aid figures from the state.

Jeffrey Booker of Glendora stated that every budget has to be a joint effort and this council must find 5.8 million dollars in the budget. He stated that Council should do the right thing and work together with the Mayor.

Linda Musser of 50 Cameron Circle wants everyone to work with the Mayor.

POLLING OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Busa stated that there was another successful cat spaying clinic at the Public works Building

POLLING OF COUNCIL

Mrs. Lovett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She congratulated Deputy Chief Earle on his graduation from the FBI Academy. She thanked the administration for their work on the budget.

She stated that it is only the beginning of the process. She stated that she is sure the people will come to the budget meetings with signs, and stated that they are political scare tactics. She stated that we need to deal with reality and decisions have to be made with the safety and welfare of the residents in mind. She stated that in May the Council passed a zero tax increase. She stated that the state also cut state aid. She said that Council ignored the advice of the professionals, Mr. Cardis and Mr. Carlamere. She asked why are we paying professionals if we aren't taking their advice. She asked why in the past Council never set the preliminary tax rate at zero. She stated that she supports the Mayor and asked the Council to step up to the plate.

Mrs. Evans congratulated Deputy Chief Earle for graduating the FBI Academy. She stated that the State Legislatures should step up and speak to the Governor. She stated that New Jersey has the highest taxes in the country.

Mr. Garbowski thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He stated that he does not have an elaborate speech planned but he wants to do the right thing and if the Mayor wants to, to please call him. He stated if she or anyone has any ideas to please get in touch with him. He also congratulated Deputy Chief Earle on his graduation from the FBI Academy.

Mr. Hutchison asked how much additional aid was given to both of the school districts? He stated that he believes it was 3 million dollars. He stated that the loss of Compra aid was approximately \$581,000. He stated with this contrast in amounts, he does not want to go to the state legislatures and ask them to change anything, his question would be what will happen to the money we got. He also stated that he does not want to go to the legislatures and ask them to reformulate their approach. He stated that Ray Polidoro has asked him to be nice and then he stated he was confronted with the Mayor's statement. He said that she was aggressive last year and wanted the NIKE base project to go through. He stated that \$240,000 of the money came in this year. He also stated that the money should have been used in 08. He stated that he compliments the Mayor on being aggressive, but she included Comcast and Nike. He stated that she characterized the council's aggressiveness as a fiasco. He feels that the Mayor is being hypocritical. He stated that the Mayor was the voice of change and she hasn't made any. He stated that she has said that she refuses to make cuts in services. He stated that she has shifted the burden and responsibilities to Council.

Mayor Rau-Hatton stated that she is the executive that does this day in and day out. She stated that she sees what goes on in this town and she stated that she can not insert monies at this time. She stated that Governor Corzine has made cuts not based on a formula. She stated the Compra aid was cut because of our population.

Mr. Hutchison stated that there is no relief for citizens at this time.

Mr. Mercado applauded the individuals who voted for the solar panel study. He stated that they have been installed at Stockton College, where he is employed. He stated that he is looking forward to the study. He stated that he does not have a prepared statement this evening as he did not see the budget before this evening. He stated that in 07, a budget was introduced with a 12 cent increase, in 06 he stated it was introduced as a 13 cent increase. He stated that everyone should get along and keep the politics out of it. But he stated that it is about politics. He stated that having a prepared statement is political. He stated that Mrs. Lovett never voted for an increase, never voted for a zero increase. He stated that they must work together and do their best.

Mr. Schmidt stated that CMX didn't care. He thanked the residents for attending the meeting. He reminded everyone of "Make A Difference Day". He stated that Gloucester Township has made the top 10 on a list concerning violence and substance. He stated that he has asked the two school boards to continue their attack on these problems that plague the youth.

Mr. Bianchini stated that with the Mayor's statement, he stated that the whole story was not told. He stated that with the zero tax rate, he stated that she was there when the council talked about it and said nothing. He stated that Mr. Cardis objected. Mr. Bianchini stated that she left out certain things in her statement and he stated that they could still continue to point fingers. He stated that people are telling the council to get along but the information is telling them the opposite. He stated that it starts with the Mayor's statement. He stated that these are scary times and that there are issues with health care. He stated that governments are struggling. He stated that they need to work together and look at other revenue sources. He stated that the state approved the monies from the NIKE and approved them to put it in the budget.

R-08:09-285

**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC FROM DISCUSSION OF EXEMPTED
SUBJECT MATTER AT A REGULAR SESSION OF TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, that the public be and is hereby excluded from this meeting of the Township Council to be held on September 22, 2008 which may involve discussion by Township Council of the following exempted subject matter:

1. Confidential Matter under Federal or State Statutes or Court Rule.
2. Matter which would jeopardize the receipt of federal funds.
3. Matter constituting unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
4. Matter involving Collective Bargaining.

5. Matter involving purchase, lease or investment using public funds, or involving setting of banking rates.
6. Matters involving investigation of violations or possible violations of law.
7. Matters involving Attorney-Client privilege.
8. Matters involving personnel.
9. Matters involving proceedings which could result in Civil Penalty, suspension or loss of license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that disclosure to the public of the discussion conducted in closed session shall not be made until such matters have been resolved.

Adopted: September 22, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP CLERK

It was stated that the closed session concerned personnel and contractual matters.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

President of Council

Rosemary DiJosie
Township Clerk, RMC