

**BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 13, 2022

7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Campbell read the Opening Statement: "All the notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act have been complied with in full."

ROLL CALL

Present:	Absent
Councilman Mitchell Brown	
Councilman Fred Deterding	
Councilwoman Christine Karesh	
Councilman Michael MacFerren	
Councilman Ronald Rickert	
Councilman Glenn Werner	

Professionals:

John P. Jehl, Solicitor	Gregory B. Fusco, Engineer
Shawn Seroka, Key Engineers (for Gregory Fusco)	

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING None

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING None

RESOLUTIONS

2022-7-95 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO CAMDEN COUNTY OF AN APPLICATION FOR RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS TO THE JOHN LUCAS HOMESTEAD

WHEREAS, Camden County provides grants for the preservation of historic properties within Camden County via the Camden County Open Space Acquisition, Farmland Preservation, Recreation Facility Enhancement and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the John Lucas Homestead is listed in both the New Jersey and Federal Registers of historic places; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gibbsboro desires to seek funds from the Camden County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to continue restoration of the John Lucas Homestead; and

NOW, THERE FORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Gibbsboro, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the attached application is hereby authorized for the Recreation Facility Enhancement Funding under the Camden County Division of Open Space and Farmland Preservation for the Gibbsboro Bikeway System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Governing Body fully supports this application; and
2. Any funding received as a result of this application will only be used for eligible costs for a project comprised of the improvements as stated in the application; and

3. If the application is approved and accepted by the Camden County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, the sponsor agrees to the agreement language as stated in the application and will provide the required long-term maintenance of the proposed improvements; and
4. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and attest this resolution, application, and agreement.

2022-7-96 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RIGGE G.M. PLUCK FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT FOR A MULTI-USE PATH

WHEREAS, as a result of a court ordered mediation session that took place at the Hall of Justice in Camden New Jersey, the above parties reached an agreement which was spread upon the record before the Honorable Deborah Silverman Katz, A.J.S.C. on June 7, 2022 resolving all outstanding issues between the parties in a civil case entitled Borough of Gibbsboro v. Rigge G.M. Pluck, et al, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Civil Part, Camden County, Docket No. CAM-L-620-22 regarding an eminent domain action seeking the acquisition of an easement for a multi-use path roughly paralleling Haddonfield-Berlin Road, also known as Camden County Route 561 through Block 18.07, Lot 10 and 11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that Edward G. Campbell, III, Mayor of the Borough of Gibbsboro is authorized to execute a settlement agreement with Rigge G.M. Pluck reflecting the agreed-to terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Amy C. Troxel, Borough Clerk, is authorized to seal the agreement.

2022-7-97 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO 2022 YEAR MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY ALCOHOL ED REHABILITATION FUND

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gibbsboro has been awarded \$631.73 from the State of New Jersey and wishes to amend the 2022 Budget to include said amount as an item of revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of a special item of revenue in the budget for the year 2022 in the sum of.....\$631.73 which is now available as a revenue from;

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government

Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations.

Alcohol Ed Rehabilitation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of\$631.73
be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations-a sum"

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Alcohol Ed Rehabilitation

2022-7-109 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO 2022 YEAR MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR INSPECTION FINES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gibbsboro has been awarded \$250.00 from the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles and wishes to amend the 2022 Budget to include said amount as an item of revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of a special item of revenue in the budget for the year 2022 in the sum of.....\$250.00 which is now available as a revenue from;

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government

Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations.

Inspection Fines

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of\$250.00
be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations-a sum"

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Inspection Fines

2022-7-98 RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF THIRD QUARTER 2022 TAXES

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-55 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-64 require that the 2022 tax rates shall be certified by the Camden County Board of Taxation to the Borough of Gibbsboro

on or before June 3, 2022 year so that tax bills could be rendered on or before June 14, 2022, for payment by August 1, 2022 with a ten-day grace period; and

WHEREAS, said 2022 tax rates have not been certified by such date, therefore; the tax collector is not able to render the tax bills; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:4-66.3 provides that the grace period for the third quarter tax payment be extended to the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the tax bills are mailed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it to be equitable and proper that the grace period for payment of the 2022 third quarter tax be extended until the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the tax bills are mailed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council finds it equitable and proper that the grace period for payment of the third quarter tax of 2022 be extended until twenty-five days from the mailing of the 2022 tax bills, within which time said bills may be paid without interest and any payments received after that date, interest will revert back to August 1, 2022.

2022-7-99 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO CHRISTA RIEMER FOR PFRS PENSION DEDUCTIONS

WHEREAS, Christa Riemer was enrolled in the Borough of Gibbsboro's PFRS location; and

WHEREAS, pension contributions were withheld for the month of May by both the Borough of Gibbsboro and Ms. Riemer's new place of employment.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Borough Clerk is authorized to reimburse Christa Riemer in the amount of \$347.08.

2022-7-100 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO ANTHONY GIRGENTI FOR PFRS PENSION DEDUCTIONS

WHEREAS, Anthony Girgenti was enrolled in the Borough of Gibbsboro's PFRS location; and

WHEREAS, due to a reporting error, the Division of Pension and Benefits returned \$1369.08 for overpayment of pension.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Borough Clerk is authorized to reimburse Anthony Girgenti in the amount of \$1369.08.

2022-7-105 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION BY THE BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO FOR THE PREMISES BLOCK 88, LOT 1.03

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gibbsboro now owns the property located at Block 88, Lot 1.03, also known as Eighth Street, following a Quit Claim Deed on May 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the property has an outside lien, Certificate #21-00046.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Borough is authorized to redeem the lien and direct the CFO to pay the redemption to the Borough of Gibbsboro.

Total Redemption: \$227.77

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the CFO, Borough Auditor, and Tax Collector.

2022-7-106 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION BY THE BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO FOR THE PREMISES BLOCK 88, LOT 16

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gibbsboro now owns the property located at Block 88, Lot 16, also known as Eighth Street, following a Quit Claim Deed on May 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the property has an outside lien, Certificate #21-00049.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Borough is authorized to redeem the lien and direct the CFO to pay the redemption to the Borough of Gibbsboro.

Total Redemption: \$228.01

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the CFO, Borough Auditor, and Tax Collector.

2022-7-107 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION BY THE BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO FOR THE PREMISES BLOCK 88, LOT 18

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gibbsboro now owns the property located at Block 88, Lot 18, also known as Eighth Street, following a Quit Claim Deed on May 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the property has an outside lien, Certificate #21-00050.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Borough is authorized to redeem the lien and direct the CFO to pay the redemption to the Borough of Gibbsboro.

Total Redemption: \$228.01

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the CFO, Borough Auditor, and Tax Collector.

2022-7-108 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT DUE TO PAYMENT BY MORTGAGE COMPANY AND TITLE COMPANY FOR THE PREMISES BLOCK 18.04, LOT 3, ALSO KNOWN AS 14 WINTERBERRY LANE IN THE BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO

BE IF RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the following refund is to be issued due to a duplicate third quarter 2021 payment applied to fourth quarter 2021.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Refund</u>
18.04	3	Bryant (now Hemme)	\$5032.57

Public comment on pending resolutions
None

Motion to approve resolutions Councilman MacFerren, second Councilman Rickert

Vote: M.B. Aye F.D. Aye C.K. Aye M.M. Aye R.R. Aye G.W. Aye

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

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| Borough Clerk (X) | Risk Manager (X) |
| Construction Official (X) | Police Department (X) |
| Tax Collector (X) | Sewer Clerk (X) |
| Treasurer (X) | Court Clerk (X) |
| Compliance Officer (X) | Fire Official () |

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion to put written reports on file for one year Councilman Brown, second Councilman MacFerren

Vote: M.B. Aye F.D. Aye C.K. Aye M.M. Aye R.R. Aye G.W. Aye

CORRESPONDENCE

To: Chief Leadley, Mayor & Council, dated 6/14/22
From: Sgt. Anthony Girgenti
Re: Letter of resignation

To: Mayor Campbell, dated 6/28/22
From: Sgt. Charles Heimerl
Re: Letter of resignation

Motion to accept resignations and send a letter of thanks to Mr. Girgenti's and Mr. Heimerl for their service Councilman Rickert, second Councilman Brown

Vote: M.B. Aye F.D. Aye C.K. Aye M.M. Aye R.R. Aye G.W. Aye

To: Amy Troxel, received 7/5/22
From: Monica Lazzaro
Re: Block Party on Edgehill Road (request to close road)

Motion to approve contingent upon approval of Chief Leadley Councilman MacFerren, second Councilman Brown

Vote: M.B. Aye F.D. Aye C.K. Aye M.M. Aye R.R. Aye G.W. Aye

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. POLICE APPOINTMENTS

Full-Time Police Officers (Academy Recruits):

Summer Sklivas
Robert Thompson

Full-Time Regular Police Officers:

LA Rodriguez
Juan Guzman

Motion to ratify appointments Councilman Brown, second Councilman Rickert

Vote: M.B. Aye F.D. Aye C.K. Aye M.M. Aye R.R. Aye G.W. Aye

2022-7-101 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT THOMPSON AS A REGULAR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER TO THE GIBBSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A ONE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1) THAT ROBERT THOMPSON is hereby appointed as a Regular Police Officer to the Gibbsboro Police Department at the academy recruit rate of \$14.50/hour.
- 2) THAT the appointment carries a probationary period of one year, during which the appointee is not considered a permanent employee as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-147.
- 3) THAT this appointment is further conditioned upon the execution of a pre-employment agreement, satisfactory completion of a background investigation by the Chief of Police, physical examination, psychological evaluation (if deemed necessary), completion of academy and field training, successful firearms qualification on the department's weapons, satisfactory completion of K-55 radar training and any other training deemed necessary by the Chief of Police to function as a Gibbsboro Police Officer.
- 4) THAT the failure of the appointee to comply with any of the conditions of appointment or if at any time during the probationary period the conduct or capacity of the appointee has not been satisfactory, the appointee may be terminated by Resolution of the Governing Body without trial. The appointee shall be served with a copy of such Resolution terminating the services of the appointee.

2022-7-102 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUMMER SKLIVAS AS A REGULAR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER TO THE GIBBSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A ONE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1) THAT SUMMER SKLIVAS is hereby appointed as a Regular Police Officer to the Gibbsboro Police Department at the academy recruit rate of \$14.50/hour.
- 2) THAT the appointment carries a probationary period of one year, during which the appointee is not considered a permanent employee as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-147.
- 3) THAT this appointment is further conditioned upon the execution of a pre-employment agreement, satisfactory completion of a background investigation by the Chief of Police, physical examination, psychological evaluation (if deemed necessary), completion of academy and field training, successful firearms qualification on the department's weapons, satisfactory completion of K-55 radar training and any other training deemed necessary by the Chief of Police to function as a Gibbsboro Police Officer.
- 4) THAT the failure of the appointee to comply with any of the conditions of appointment or if at any time during the probationary period the conduct or capacity of the appointee has not been satisfactory, the appointee may be terminated by Resolution of the Governing Body without trial. The appointee shall be served with a copy of such Resolution terminating the services of the appointee.

2022-7-103 RESOLUTION APPOINTING LA RODRIGUEZ AS A REGULAR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER TO THE GIBBSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A ONE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1) THAT LA RODRIGUEZ is hereby appointed as a Regular Police Officer to the Gibbsboro Police Department at the probationary rate of \$15.81/hour.
- 2) THAT the appointment carries a probationary period of one year, during which the appointee is not considered a permanent employee as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-147.
- 3) THAT this appointment is further conditioned upon the satisfactory completion of a background investigation by the Chief of Police, physical examination, psychological evaluation (if deemed necessary), completion of field training, successful firearms qualification on the department's weapons, satisfactory completion of K-55 radar training and any other training deemed necessary by the Chief of Police to function as a Gibbsboro Police Officer.
- 4) THAT the failure of the appointee to comply with any of the conditions of appointment or if at any time during the probationary period the conduct or capacity of the appointee has not been satisfactory, the appointee may be terminated by Resolution of the Governing Body without trial. The appointee shall be served with a copy of such Resolution terminating the services of the appointee.

2022-7-104 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUAN GUZMAN AS A REGULAR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER TO THE GIBBSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A ONE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro, County of

Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1) THAT JUAN GUZMAN is hereby appointed as a Regular Police Officer to the Gibbsboro Police Department at the probationary rate of \$15.81/hour.
- 2) THAT the appointment carries a probationary period of one year, during which the appointee is not considered a permanent employee as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-147.
- 3) THAT this appointment is further conditioned upon the satisfactory completion of a background investigation by the Chief of Police, physical examination, psychological evaluation (if deemed necessary), completion of field training, successful firearms qualification on the department's weapons, satisfactory completion of K-55 radar training and any other training deemed necessary by the Chief of Police to function as a Gibbsboro Police Officer.
- 4) THAT the failure of the appointee to comply with any of the conditions of appointment or if at any time during the probationary period the conduct or capacity of the appointee has not been satisfactory, the appointee may be terminated by Resolution of the Governing Body without trial. The appointee shall be served with a copy of such Resolution terminating the services of the appointee.

Motion to approve memorializing resolutions Councilman Brown, second Councilman Rickert

Vote: M.B. Aye F.D. Aye C.K. Aye M.M. Aye R.R. Aye G.W. Aye

2. BOROUGH LAND PURCHASES

96 HADDON AVENUE

Mayor Campbell met with the property owner, Mr. Brian Cavanagh, who agreed to sell the portion of Block 7.01, Lot 4 included in the redevelopment area for \$75,000. The appraised value as of December 16, 2021 was \$66,000.

Motion to increase the offer price to \$75,000 Councilman MacFerren, second Councilman Brown

Vote: M.B. Aye F.D. Aye C.K. Aye M.M. Aye R.R. Aye G.W. Aye

1121 OLD EGG HARBOR ROAD

Mayor Campbell indicated that settlement with the new owners of 1121 Old Egg Harbor Road has occurred. Inquiry was made of Council if there is continued interest in acquiring Block 18.01, Lots 13.02, 14.02 and 18 for Open Space. The consensus was to proceed.

3. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

4. EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF TREES AT BOROUGH HALL

Removal of three trees and trimming of dead branches. Gibbsboro School will reimburse Borough \$500 for removal of tree on property line.

Greg Smith Tree Service \$3400

5. EMERGENCY REPAIR OF FIRE OFFICIAL VEHICLE

Linden Auto \$750

VOUCHERS

Motion to dispense reading and approve vouchers in the amount of \$1,029,338.35
Councilman Rickert, second Councilman Brown

Vote: M.B. Aye F.D. Aye C.K. Aye M.M. Aye R.R. Aye G.W. Aye

MINUTES

Motion to dispense reading and approve minutes of 6/8/22 Councilman Brown, second
Councilman Rickert

Vote: M.B. Aye F.D. Aye C.K. Aye M.M. Aye R.R. Aye G.W. Aye

CLOSING COMMENTS

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None

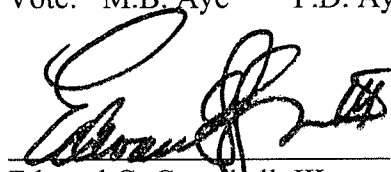
INFORMATIONAL

1. National Night Out is August 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cricket Field (movie will begin at approximately 8:15 p.m.).
2. Next regular meeting of the Borough Council is Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 P.M. Councilman Brown, second Councilman
Rickert

Vote: M.B. Aye F.D. Aye C.K. Aye M.M. Aye R.R. Aye G.W. Aye



Edward G. Campbell, III
Mayor


Amy C. Troxel, RMC
Borough Clerk