

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

January 9th, 2024

6:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. READING OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Secretary of the Gloucester Township Housing Authority by preparing an Annual Notice dated December 5, 2023 setting forth the date and time of this remote meeting. Said notice was filed with the Clerk of the Township of Gloucester, forwarded to newspaper of local circulation and to persons requesting it.

The Authority welcomes comments from the public which will be addressed under "Public Comments" on the Agenda. Members of the public shall be free to speak on any subject on or off the Agenda. As is the case for in-person meetings all speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public shall be muted until public discussion, at which time they may ask to be recognized.

- III. ROLL CALL:
 - COMMISSIONER CARLAMERE
 - COMMISSIONER ORNER
 - COMMISSIONER ROSSELL
 - COMMISSIONER PICCOLO
 - COMMISSIONER MACPHERSON
 - COMMISSIONER GUEVARA
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - Regular meeting of December 12, 2023
- VIII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
- IX. ATTORNEY'S REPORT
- X. OLD BUSINESS
- XI. NEW BUSINESS
 - Resolutions
 - 24-1-9-1 Approval of Invoices for January
 - 24-1-9-2 Civil Indemnification
 - 24-1-9-3 Criminal Indemnification
 - 24-1-9-4 Approval of Cash Management Plan
- XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)
- XIV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- XV. COUNCIL LIAISON
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 7th, 2023- 6:00 PM

RESOLUTION

Board Meeting Date
1-9-2024

of the
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 24-1-9-1

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF INVOICES.

Factual Contents Certified to by:

Budget Authorization Certified
to by: _____

The following Resolution was submitted for approval:

WHEREAS, in the course of administering the operations of the Gloucester Township Housing Authority, expenses are incurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP:

1. That the attached list of bills for January 2024 in the amount of \$8,585.05 be approved for payment.
2. That the proper officers of the Authority be authorized to pay all items on the list of invoices.
3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Commissioner _____ seconded the motion.

X – Indicates Vote		A.B. – Absent			N.V. – Not Voting				
RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE									
COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
CARLAMERE					PICCOLO				
ORNER					MACPHERSON				
ROSSELL					GUEVARA				

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a Commissioners Meeting of the Housing Authority on

Secretary/ Executive Director

RESOLUTION

Board Meeting Date
1-9-2024

of the
Gloucester Township Housing Authority

RESOLUTION NO. 24-1-9-2

**TITLE: RESOLUTION INDEMNIFYING COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES
CONSISTENT WITH N.J.S.A. 59:10-4**

Factual Contents Certified to by:

Budget Authorization Certified to by:

Commissioner _____ Submitted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 59:10-4 empowers the Board of Commissioners of the Gloucester Township Housing Authority (GTHA) to indemnify its employees; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the GTHA to indemnify the Commissioners and employees while acting within the scope of their duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY:

1. It is deemed in the best interest of the GTHA to indemnify the Commissioners and employees while acting within the scope of their duties.
2. For the purpose of this Resolution, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning set forth:
 - INSURANCE – Coverage afforded by insurance policies of every kind whether the premiums be paid by the GTHA, the employee or someone on his/ her behalf.
 - TRUSTEE/ EMPLOYEE – Any employee or Commissioner, appointed to or hired by the GTHA whether, full or part-time.
3. The GTHA shall reimburse an employee for all reasonable expenses incurred, specifically court costs and all monetary judgments imposed upon him/ her in any action or legal proceeding of a noncriminal nature arising out of or incidental to the performance of the duties of the position or the office held by such employee. The GTHA shall indemnify an employee for exemplary or punitive damages resulting from the employee's civil violation of state and/ or federal law if the acts committed by the employee upon which the damages are based did not constitute actual fraud, actual malice, willful misconduct or an intentional wrong.
4. The GTHA shall not be obligated to provide reimbursement in the following instances:
 - Where the legal proceeding involved a claim or misfeasance or malfeasance in office or a claim of fraud, theft or misappropriation of public funds and the Commissioner/ employee is found liable for the charge.

Resolution 24-1-9-2 – cont'd

- Where the legal proceeding is instigated or brought by the Gloucester Township Housing Authority against the Commissioner/ employee.
5. The amount the GTHA is obligated to reimburse the Commissioner / employee shall be reduced by an insurance coverage payable to the Commissioner / employee by the net amount (recovery cost) of any money received by the Commissioner / employee in any counteraction against the person or persons bringing the action against him/ her.
 6. A Commissioner / employee shall not be entitled to indemnification or reimbursement pursuant to this chapter unless, within ten (10) calendar days of the time he/she is served with any summons, complaint, process, notice, demand or pleading, he/ she delivers the original or a copy thereof to the Executive Director. The Commissioner / employee shall be obligated to cooperate with the GTHA in the conduct of his/ her defense. Whenever competent and disinterested legal counsel is available to the GTHA through any insurance coverage, the Commissioner / employee shall be obligated to be represented by such counsel. If the GTHA wishes to use the General Counsel of the GTHA to defend the action, the Commissioner / employee shall be obligated to be represented by that attorney unless there is a conflict of interest. The refusal of the Commissioner / employee to cooperate with the GTHA shall terminate the GTHA's obligation to reimburse the Commissioner/ employee.
 7. If the legal proceeding is terminated by an agreement among the parties, then the GTHA shall not be obligated to reimburse the Commissioner/ employee unless the GTHA approves the settlement agreement.
 8. The GTHA may reimburse a Commissioner/ employee for a portion of an expense incurred prior to a final decision in a legal proceeding, but the GTHA shall be entitled to wait for a final determination before being obligated to make any final payments.
 9. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Commissioner _____, Commissioner _____ seconded the motion.

X – Indicates Vote		A.B. – Absent		N.V. – Not Voting					
RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE									
	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.		AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
CARLAMERE					PICCOLO				
GUEVARA					ROSSELL				
ORNER					MACPHERSON				

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SECRETARY/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RESOLUTION

Board Meeting Date
1-9-2024

of the
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 24-1-9-3

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A POLICY RESPECTING REIMBURSEMENT OF GTHA COMMISSIONER/ EMPLOYEES FOR COSTS OF DEFENDING AGAINST CRIMINAL CHARGES

Factual Contents Certified to by:

Budget Authorization Certified to by:

Commissioner _____ Submitted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the GTHA to adopt a uniform policy respecting the reimbursement of GTHA Commissioner/ Employees for the costs of defending against civil criminal charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY:

1. That the Gloucester Township Housing Authority shall reimburse any Commissioner / employee for the actual reasonable legal costs of successfully defending against criminal charges where such charges results from the performance of the Commissioner's / Employee's duties and the Commissioner / Employee is deemed to have acted in good faith.
2. That the Gloucester Township Housing Authority shall reimburse any Commissioner / employee for the actual reasonable legal costs of successfully defending against civil suits where such suit results from the performance of the Commissioners/ Employee's duties and the Commissioner / Employee is deemed to have acted in good faith.
3. That the Gloucester Township Housing Authority shall pay for all legal expenses as incurred in the event the General Counsel advises the GTHA that the Commissioner / Employee in all likelihood will be found to have acted in good faith.
4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Commissioner _____, Commissioner _____ seconded the motion.

X – Indicates Vote					A.B. – Absent					N.V. – Not Voting				
RECORD OF COMMISSIONER VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE														
COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.					
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SECRETARY/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RESOLUTION

Board Meeting Date
1-9-2024

of the
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RESOLUTION NO. 24-1-9-4

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Factual Contents Certified to by:

Budget Authorization Certified to by:

Commissioner _____ Submitted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the GTHA to earn additional revenue through the investment and prudent management of its cash receipts; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, Chapter 8, approved January 08, 1983 is an act concerning the Local Fiscal Affairs Law and amends N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 and N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14; and

WHEREAS, this law requires that each local unit shall adopt a cash management plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following shall constitute the Cash Management Plan for the GTHA and the Executive Director shall deposit and manage its funds pursuant to this plan:

Definitions

1. Executive Director shall mean the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Gloucester Township.
2. Fiscal Year shall mean the twelve-month period ending December 31st.
3. Cash Management Plan shall mean that plan as approved by resolution.

Designation of Depositories

At least once each fiscal year the governing body shall by resolution designate the depositories for the GSHC in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14. GSHC designates TD Bank and other Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) approved banking institutions.

Audit Requirement

1. The Cash Management Plan shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

GTHA to Invest

The Board of Commissioners shall pass a resolution at its first meeting of the fiscal year designating the official who shall make and be responsible for municipal deposits and investments. The Executive Director of the Gloucester Township Housing Authority is so authorized.

Resolution 24-1-9-4 cont'd

Investment Instruments

1. The Executive Director shall invest at his discretion in any investment instrument as approved by the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.1.

Records and Reports

1. The Executive Director shall report all investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.2.
2. At a minimum the Executive Director shall:
 - a. Keep a record of all investments.
 - b. Keep a cash position record which reveals, on a daily basis, the status of the cash in its bank account.
 - c. Confirm investments with the Board of Commissioners at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - d. Report monthly to the Board of Commissioners as to the status of cash balances in bank accounts, revenue collection, interest rates and interest earned.

Cash Flow

1. The Executive Director shall ensure that the accounting system provides regular information concerning the cash position and investment performance.
2. All monies shall be turned over to the Executive Director and deposited in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.
3. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to invest surplus funds of the GTHA as the availability of the funds permit. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director to minimize the possibility of idle cash by depositing the monies in interest bearing accounts wherever practical and in the best interest of the GTHA.
4. The Executive Director shall ensure that funds are borrowed for Capital Projects in a timely fashion.

Signatories

The signatories of the GTHA shall be Executive Director, President, Vice President and Treasurer. Transactions must be supported by at least two of the aforementioned officials.

Commissioner _____, Commissioner _____ seconded the motion.

X – Indicates Vote A.B. – Absent N.V. – Not Voting

RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE									
COMMISSIONERS	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COMMISSIONERS	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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SECRETARY/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR