

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2013**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Craig Wallis. The following statement was read by the Municipal Clerk:

“Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was advertised in the Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger and was posted in the lobby of the Municipal Building.”

This was followed by the salute to the flag and the following roll call:

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

Councilman Charles Frattini	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilman Brendan Weiner	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present

The Clerk noted for the record that, also present were Business Administrator Elena Zsoldos, Township Attorney Harold Hensel and Chief Brian Klimakowski.

PROCLAMATION – The Clerk read a proclamation for Older Americans Month.

CY 2013 – Public Hearing on Municipal Budget - The Public Hearing on the budget has been rescheduled for Monday, May 13, 2013.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The regular minutes of March 11, 2013 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and **approved** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

The regular minutes of March 25, 2013 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and **approved** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro and Wallis; yea. Mr. Weiner; abstain.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #13-160 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$662,399.50 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll

call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea. Mr. Weiner abstained on check no. 1145 due to a perception of conflict.

Resolution #13-161 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$103,018.42 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

Resolution #13-162 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$55,993.09, was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Township of Manchester and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Mr. Wallis asked if any Council members had any comments on any items on the consent agenda.

Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Wallis asked if there were any comments from the public on any item on the consent agenda.

Seeing no further comments, Mr. Wallis closed the public portion.

Resolutions #13-163 through #13-171 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

A. FINANCE

#13-163 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

B. RECREATION

#13-164 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST

#13-165 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR SPRING/SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

#13-166 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

C. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#13-167 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH QUATRED, LLC

#13-168 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR THE DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT CALLOUT PROGRAM 2013

#13-169 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTH JERSEY SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR BETWEEN TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP AND LAKEWOOD TOWNSHP

D. APPOINTMENTS

#13-170 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

E. LEGISLATIVE

#13-171 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING S-1896/A-1503 SHARING THE BURDEN OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEAL REFUNDS

REPORTS

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner met with Senator Holzapfel, Assemblyman McGuckin and representatives from the Department of Transportation regarding safety concerns on Route 70. Mr. Weiner was hopeful that his wish of the dualization of Route 70 would come to fruition but it is not that simple. However, we will be seeing some improvements in the near future such as center line rumble strips. Statistics provided showed that there was a thirty percent reduction in accidents with the addition of rumble strips. Mr. Weiner attended an Ocean County Mosquito Control Commission meeting. Before the meeting they toured a heavy debris area that was affected by Hurricane Sandy. There was an overwhelming amount of debris that still needs to be cleaned up. With the heavy amount of debris, mosquitoes become a problem. Hopefully it will not be a bad season. Bark in the Park will be held on April 27, 2013. Funds raised will go to help the Lakehurst-Manchester Rotary as well as the high school scholarship fund. Mr. Weiner urged everyone to attend.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro attended the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting. The Coordinating Council suggested contacting Ocean Ride to see if another route could be added from Whiting to the bus depot in Toms River. Ms. Zsoldos said she would put a call in to Ocean Ride. There was also continued concern over the railroad. The Coordinating Council is aware that the Township is waiting to hear from the DOT after the crossing is operational. A resident also was concerned about the cleanup of the gas station on Route 530 and Schoolhouse Rd. Ms. Zsoldos said she looked into it and said the cleanup is ongoing. Mr. Fusaro said residents wanted to know the anticipated opening date for the Sav-a-Lot grocery. Rumor has it that it would be June. Ms. Zsoldos has not heard anything but would check into it. Mr. Fusaro attended Mr. Vanderziel's ninetieth birthday party on April 13, 2013. It was held at Encore in Leisure Village West and it was well attended by family and friends. Mr. Fusaro said it was a shame that the budget presentation could not be held tonight. The budget has some good points. One point you will not see was from the Tax Assessor. This year to date there have been seventy-nine tax appeals filed. That is a big reduction from the twenty-one hundred that were filed last year. The importance of that is that when there is an appeal it goes into the category of uncollected taxes. The budget has a line item reserved for uncollected taxes. Due to the tax appeals from last year, that line item had a significant jump from this year based on the state's formula. With the reduced number of tax appeals this year, next year the reserve will go down and reduce expenses. Mr. Fusaro thanked Ms. Zsoldos and Ms. Lapp for all of their hard work and for putting up with his questions.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended Mr. Vanderziel's ninetieth birthday on April 13, 2013. It was a fantastic party for a wonderful person. On April 18, 2013 Mr. Vaccaro attended the swearing in of Patrolman Patrick Mulvey. He is Manchester's newest police officer. Mr. Vaccaro and Mr. Frattini met with Ms. Zsoldos and Ms. Skibo on April 16 and April 18, 2013 to discuss operational aspects relative to revenue enhancement methodology. Mr. Vaccaro met with Diane Lapp to discuss the CY 2013 budget on April 18, 2013 and he also reviewed bills for tonight's meeting. Congratulations were given to Marie Key on her reappointment as Deputy Registrar.

Mr. Frattini: Last week was National Library Week. However, the library has more than books. The Manchester Branch of the Ocean County Library has reading rooms for teenagers and small children to relax and read their favorite books. There is also a toy room overseen by two librarians who help little children learn how to read. The library also contains computers where residents have access to the internet. Classes are given at no charge to help individuals learn how to use the computer. Two times a month there is a bus sponsored by Horizon Blue Cross that helps with welfare and health needs. The library also shows movies every Wednesday three times a day. DVD movies are also available for rent. Today is Earth Day and in honor of today, residents of Leisure Village West cleaned up the areas surrounding the village. Mr. Frattini congratulated them for a job well done.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis received a report from Mr. Baer of the Manchester Firehouse. In the past three months they responded to 111 incidents and used 533 hours of manpower. Mr Wallis expressed his appreciation to law enforcement officers and first responders in Boston for the hard work they did during this horrific time.

Ms. Zsoldos: Academy Bus contacted Ms. Zsoldos. They are looking for suggestions for placement of bus stops in Whiting. Ms. Zsoldos said if anyone had any suggestions to let her know.

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo attended Mr. Vanderziel's ninetieth birthday party. Mr. Vanderziel enjoyed seeing everyone. Ms. Skibo was invited to speak at the Renaissance Bronx Club along with Deputy Clerk Jodi Pellicano. They spoke about the history of Manchester. It was an enjoyable experience.

Ms. Pellicano: Ms. Pellicano mentioned the wonderful things that were uncovered during their research of the history of Manchester.

Public

Tom Gilligan – Pine Ridge: Mr. Gilligan is concerned with the repairs that need to be done to the municipal building. He feels that if you maintain the building it will cost less money later on. Mr. Gilligan also commented with regard to the old minute books. He felt they should be digitized and not be preserved. Preservation costs too much money. Ms. Skibo explained that it is the responsibility of the Municipal Clerk to preserve the documents. Minute books are considered original documents and the originals are required to be kept.

Fred Lund – LVW: Mr. Lund questioned a line item on the budget concerning opt-out payments. He felt it was not right to pay someone to not take insurance. Mr. Weiner tried to explain that in the long run it saves the Township money. If there was no incentive to opt-out the Township would be paying full premiums for employees to have insurance that was not necessary.

Elaine Baumeister – LVW: Ms. Baumeister commented with regard to Resolution #13-169. She did not have a chance to fully research it, but she felt it could be traced to Agenda 21. Ms. Baumeister wanted to put Council on notice that the Township should not sign onto anything that is in a direct contradiction to the Township's beliefs. Ms. Baumeister said she did not have enough information to say that this resolution was directly related to Agenda 21 but if it was, she would like to come back and say that we should not have supported this resolution. Mr. Weiner tried to explain this grant to Ms. Baumeister and that it was a matching grant from Toms River Township. Ms. Baumeister wanted to put Council on notice that if this resolution could be traced to Agenda 21 a lot of residents would be opposed to it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on motion by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and the approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

Craig Wallis
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, R.M.C.
Township Clerk

Date Adopted