

**Manchester Township Council
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2012**

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:

The Clerk took the roll call:

Councilman Fred Trutkoff	-	present
Councilman Warren Reiter	-	present
Councilman Brendan Weiner	-	present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	-	present
Councilman Craig Wallis	-	present

Also present were Elena Zsoldos, Business Administrator; Steven Secare, Township Attorney; Diane Lapp, Chief Financial Officer , Chief Brian Klimakowski and Captain Lisa Parker.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES The regular minutes of March 12, 2012 and March 26, 2012, were offered upon a motion by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Reiter and **approved** by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #12-121 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$3,588,539.96 was offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

Resolution #12-122 -Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$120,698.07 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Reiter and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

Resolution #12-123 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$100,894.05 was offered by Mr. Weiner seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#12-009 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

Mr. Wallis asked Council if they had any comments on the above ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Wallis opened this portion of the meeting to the public.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked why Manchester was the leader in tax appeals in Ocean County. Mr. Secare said Manchester has the largest senior population per capita in the state. Attorneys and Appraisers went out and solicited residents in villages urging them to file the appeals and their firm would handle them. Mr. Glen asked if the Township will address this issue on a yearly basis. Ms. Zsoldos and Mr. Wallis said reassessments will be done on a regular basis.

Seeing no further comments from the public, Mr. Wallis closed this portion of the meeting.

The above ordinance was **offered** upon a motion by Mr. Weiner , seconded by Mr. Reiter and **adopted** by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Reiter, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis: yea.

ORDINANCES – Introduction and First Reading

#12-010 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 245 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TO PROVIDE FOR A PLANNED MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT OPTION IN THE TC TOWN CENTER ZONE

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and introduced by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Reiter, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis: yea.

#12-011 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 245 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER ENTITLED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Reiter and introduced by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Reiter, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis: yea.

#12-012 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and introduced by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Reiter, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis: yea.

#12-013 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REVERT TO A CALENDAR FISCAL YEAR FROM A STATE FISCAL YEAR

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Reiter, seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and introduced by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Reiter, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis: yea.

#12-014 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF 108 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 35, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 ET SEQ.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Reiter, seconded by Mr. Weiner and introduced by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Reiter, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis: yea.

RESOLUTIONS: 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 member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda.

Seeing no comments from the Council, Mr. Wallis opened this portion of the meeting to the public.

Fred Lund – LVW: Mr. Lund read a statement concerning resolution #12-124. He felt that the Department of Recreation was a non-governmental department and its expenses such be reviewed continually, minimized to its fullest extent and particularly during extremely stressful economic times. He felt that tickets should be sold on a non- refundable basis.

Seeing no further comments from the public, Mr. Wallis closed this portion of the meeting.

Resolutions #12-124 through #12-133 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Reiter, seconded by Mr. Weiner and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

A. FINANCE

#12-124 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF RECREATION FEES FOR PROGRAMS/CAMP/THEATER TRIPS/MISC.

#12-125 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD FOR REVERSION TO A CALENDAR FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-3.1

#12-126 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAIVING BEACH BADGE FEES FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

B. PURCHASING

#12-127 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF FORFEITED VEHICLES IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

#12-128 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE FOR SOLICITATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR THE TRANSITIONAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET

#12-129 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, EXTENDING THE CONCESSION CONTRACT FOR HARRY WRIGHT LAKE TO BERG & MC COURTNEY VENDING SERVICE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

#12-130 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROVE THE DISTRIBUTION OF LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM(LOSAP) FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011

D. LICENSING

#12-131 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING SENIOR CITIZEN MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE FOR MHC PINE RIDGE AT CRESTWOOD, LLC 2 FOX ST. WHITING, NJ

E. LEGISLATIVE

#12-132 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER'S APPLICATION FOR A NEW CARDIAC SURGERY PROGRAM

#12-133 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY URGING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DO A TRAFFIC STUDY AND EVALUATION OF ROUTE 70 IN MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

REPORTS

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner attended the Ocean County Mosquito Control Commission meeting. Normal business was attended to. The Kids Don't Float event was held at the Manchester Firehouse on April 21, 2012. The State police hosted the event. They built lifejacket stations and held a demonstration on boating safety.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro attended a meeting of the Manchester Coordinating Council. The executive board expressed concern with the Clayton railroad. The first aid and firehouse are on either side of the track and they were worried about a delay in response time. One option would be to put control lights at the crossing. The Chief offered to contact other municipalities to see what they were doing. Also Theresa Lettmann gave a presentation at the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting on the Miller Airpark modifications. The runway would be stretched about 500 feet. This would extend about five more acres into the Pinelands. The County has offered to buy 450 acres to offset what the airpark would use. Another concern was old telephone poles in the villages. They are rotting and in need of repair. Mr. Fusaro suggested the poles should be inspected by JCP&L and replaced with metal poles where appropriate. Ms. Zsoldos said she would contact the representative from JCP&L to see what could be done.

Mr. Reiter: Mr. Reiter attended the Ocean County Mayor's Association meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2012. The guest speaker was Bob Martin of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Martin mentioned that Governor Christie would like to deal with reduction of taxes, education and giving children the opportunity to grow up in a state that affords them the ability to live wholesome and worthwhile lives. Commissioner Martin also spoke about the DEP's agenda. They would like to focus on transparency, revision of regulations, air pollution, water quality, clean beaches and solar energy. Mr. Reiter also spoke about the Mayor working towards a cardiac surgery center at Community Medical Center. Mayors from neighboring towns have been working hard to make this happen.

Mr. Trutkoff: None

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis said a request was sent to the State to look at the traffic problems on Route 70. He said it is careless drivers and people who are not paying attention who are causing the dangerous conditions on Route 70.

Mr. Zsoldos: Ms. Zsoldos commended the Chief and Lt. Parker for their hard work on the police accreditation.

Mr. Secare: None

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo thanked everyone for their donations to the MS Walk. **Ms. Pellicano:** None

Ms. Lapp: None

Chief Klimakowski: The Chief announced that Operation Take Back would be held on April 30th. All unused medication can be returned to the library.

PUBLIC

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked about the first aid billing for service calls. Mr. Lynch explained that the Manchester first aid does not bill. They are an all volunteer organization surviving on grants, donations and aid from the Township. Mr. Glen felt that the Township should compensate the emergency services more. Mr. Secare said the Township is at the statutory maximum regarding compensation. Mr. Glen commented on the multi-family housing ordinance for the town center. He wanted to know how long the idea of a town center has been in the works. Mr. Fusaro said about twenty years. There has been no movement with the issue. The idea never came to fruition. Mr. Fusaro said allowing multi-family development in town center would change the demographics and make it more appealing for major corporations to come into town.

Larry Lee – Country Walk: Mr. Lee questioned this year’s budget for snow removal. Since there wasn’t a snowfall this year he wanted to know where the money goes. Public Works overtime has diminished. Ms. Lapp explained that the money will go into surplus. Mr. Lee explained that a gas line was installed on Township Line Rd. However, the gas company did not fix the road. It was hazardous to tires. Ms. Zsoldos said she would have the Engineer contact the gas company. Mr. Lee disclosed his dissatisfaction with the school board budget. He felt it was time that the Board of Education takes into consideration the seniors and how tax increases can affect them.

Jeffrey Baer – 1009 Twelfth Ave.: Mr. Baer commented that the Fire Department recently held a fundraiser. Over 12,000 envelopes were sent out but only 3000 were returned. It is hard to get volunteers. They may have to go to daytime paid members. Mr. Baer thanked Council for all they do for emergency services.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time on motion by Mr. Fusaro and seconded by Mr. Weiner and unanimous voice vote of Council, the meeting was hereby adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Craig Wallis
Council President

Date
Approved

