

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2013**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 5:30 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 and Township Attorney Steven Secare.

#13-269 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975

A motion to go into executive session was offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A motion to reconvene into open session was offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The regular minutes of July 8, 2013 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and **approved** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #13-270 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,313,451.11 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. 47573 due to a conflict.

Resolution #13-271 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$122,989.55 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 #13-272 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$626,700.10 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES – First Reading & Introduction

#13-007 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 307 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “PRECIOUS METALS AND GEMS”

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro 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.

Marge Camposano – 1781 Camden Ave.: Ms. Camposano asked what improvements were to be done at Harry Wright Lake. Mr. Wallis said the improvements would increase the playground and recreational areas. The project would be funded through the CDBG grant with no cost to the Township. Ms. Camposano felt that the quality of water at Harry Wright Lake should be a priority of Council.

Elaine Baumeister – 30C Buckingham Dr.: Ms. Baumeister felt that Resolution #13-285 should be sent to Federal legislators.

Fred Lund – LVW: - Mr. Lund commented with regard to Resolution #13-285 and asked if he could have the background on it. Mr. Weiner said we could provide him with some background information, Mr. Weiner said the resolution should be tabled until more information is received.

#13-285 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONDEMNING FURLOUGHS TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

DUE TO SEQUESTRATION

A motion to remove the above resolution from the Consent Agenda was offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

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

Resolutions #13-273 through #13-284 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

A. FINANCE

#13-273 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR A DOT GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#13-274 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT

#13-275 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH GRAMCO FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LIBERTY DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM

C. ESCROW

#13-276 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY RAYMOND PATRICCO FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 1.310 LOTS 23 – 1613 BURNSIDE ST.

#13-277 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY JEFFREY JERMAN FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 1.106 LOT 30 – 733 FIFTH AVENUE

#13-278 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY JEFFREY JERMAN FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 1.183 LOT 30 – 933 NINTH AVENUE

#13-279 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY

JEFFREY JERMAN FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 1.106 LOT 9 – 708 SIXTH AVENUE

#13-280 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY JEFFREY JERMAN FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 1.70 LOT 40 – 709 FOURTH AVENUE

#13-281 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY JEFFREY JERMAN FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 1.53 LOT 15 – 2120 FOURTH AVENUE

#13-282 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY JEFFREY JERMAN FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 1.304 LOTS 6-8 – 1610 BISMARCK STREET

#13-283 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING AN ESCROW POSTED BY WILLIAM & NICOLE CUMMINGS IN CONNECTION WITH BLOCK 1.39 LOTS 1&38 (200 Larchmont St & 1113 Second Ave)

D. PURCHASING

#13-284 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF A FORD TAURUS VEHICLE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

A motion to table Resolution #13-285 was offered upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and **approved** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

REPORTS

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner said the last concert fest will be on August 31 and he hoped to see everyone in attendance.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro praised Ms. Lapp for the hard work she has done for changing the Township to a calendar year budget. Ms. Lapp has a good benchmark on how the budget is proceeding for the year.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended a Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on July 25, 2013 and a Pinelands Municipal Council meeting on July 30, 2013. He also attended a Planning Board meeting and a Joint Base Restoration Advisory Board meeting and is waiting answers for his inquiries on the impact on the environment.

Mr. Frattini: Mr. Frattini commented with regard to a letter from the New Jersey League of Municipalities asking residents to urge legislators to impose any changes to the Federal income tax exemption for interest earned on municipal bonds. If this legislation becomes law municipal governments will pay more to finance projects. This will be bad for the economy. Mr. Frattini said we depend on the money to do the work needed for the Township.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis attended an Eagle Scout presentation. Boy Scout troop 350 has had ten scouts make it to the rank of Eagle. The scout leaders and parents are doing a good job bringing up these children with values.

Ms. Zsoldos: Ms. Zsoldos met with the Manchester Coordinating Council with regard to additional bus stops being added in Whiting. Academy Bus picks up in Whiting and goes to New York City. The Coordinating Council is going to let Ms. Zsoldos know if there is a definite need for the extra stops. Ms. Zsoldos congratulated the Manchester Little League for winning the State championships.

Mr. Secare: Mr. Secare received the access road agreement from the attorney for Stavola and it should be signed by the Mayor shortly.

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo mentioned that the primary election is tomorrow to fill the unexpired term of Senator Lautenberg.

PUBLIC

Larry Lee – Country Walk: Mr. Lee commented with regard to a statement made in the Manchester Patch regarding the safety of the Township's water system. Mr. Secare stated that there is no danger to the Township's water system. They are being regulated and checked according to State standards. Mr. Lee also asked when the railroad crossing at Route 539 would be completed. No lights and gates have been installed. Ms. Zsoldos said she would speak with DOT to see when the project would be completed. Mr. Lee commented with regard to UN Agenda 21 and has researched the subject. Mr. Lee was not comfortable with Sustainable Jersey and feels we should not support the resolution unless we know specifics.

Renee Savage – Fourth Ave.: Ms. Savage was concerned with the activity at Asarco. The police have been called. It is a dangerous situation. People are using it for jet skiing and are partying. She did not want to see a lawsuit brought against the Township. Mr. Secare said the Township cannot patrol on private property unless we are asked. If the Township did start patrolling the property, and if anything happened, the Township would become liable.

Fred Lund – LVW: Mr. Lund stated his concerns over the Township's registration with Sustainable Jersey. He further commented with regard to all bargaining contracts being posted on the Township's website. To this date, this has not been done. Mr. Wallis advised when negotiations are done, they will be posted on the PERC website. Mr. Wallis advised that all current contracts are on the PERC website according to law. Mr. Lund suggested putting a link on the township website to the PERC website.

Rita Ellerd – Buckingham Dr.: Ms. Ellerd asked if there were abuses with regard to children of Manchester Township employees obtaining free lunch at Manchester schools. She felt it was wrong if

they were, and asked if Ms. Zsoldos had addressed the situation with the school district. Ms. Zsoldos said she called the district and is waiting for a response.

Michelle Jacobs – Beacon St.: Ms. Jacobs commented with regard to accidents occurring on the corner of Route 571 and Beacon St. where she lives. Cars have been crashing into the guard rail in front of her home. She has contacted the County Engineer regarding her problem. Beacon Street has become a cross through to Commonwealth Blvd. As business has increased on Route 37 nothing has been done to alleviate the traffic at the intersection of Beacon St. and Route 571. She suggested that the road become a one way. Ms. Zsoldos said we do not have the jurisdiction to change the road to a one way. Mr. Secare said we can have the Township Engineer contact the County Engineer to address the subject.

Pat Masterson – LVW: Ms. Masterson asked why Council was considering a third party energy supplier. Mr. Wallis said it would save the residents a great deal of money. Mr. Weiner felt this would be an opportunity for the residents to save money. They should not look at it as a way for the Township to make money. The town cannot receive revenue from this. Council is only hoping to help the residents. The rate would be monitored ever year and the Township would only be locked into a contract every year.

Elaine Baumeister – LVW: Ms. Baumeister commented with regard to the energy tax. The money starts in the municipality but winds up going to the federal level. Research should be done on the local level to see where our money is really going. Mr. Frattini felt that residents should be cognizant of what is happening around them.

Ed Lynch – Country Walk: Mr. Lynch felt that the question of energy aggregation should be placed on the ballot.

John Thomas – LVW: Mr. Thomas asked if he could meet with members of Council to discuss the energy aggregation issue. Mr. Wallis asked Ms. Zsoldos to get Mr. Thomas' contact information.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked if Council has looked at ways to increase revenue within the Township. Ms. Zsoldos said that building permit revenue has increased. Building is starting again. Mr. Fusaro said the Township has done something by changing the Town Center zoning by opening it up to bring in more commercial property. Mr. Glen also commented with regard to the condition of the municipal building and felt it should be addressed. Ms. Zsoldos said repairs are being done.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 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