

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 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 Steven Secare, Tax Assessor Martin Lynch, Emergency Management Coordinator Art Abline and Chief of Police Brian Klimakowski.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The regular minutes of November 26, 2012 and December 10, 2012 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and **approved** by the following roll call vote: Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea. Councilman Vaccaro and Frattini; abstain.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #13-075 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$8,388,928.29 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. Mr. Weiner abstained on check # 46478.

Resolution #13-076 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$114,540,60 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.

Resolution #13-077 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$508,099.86, was offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading, Public Hearing & Final Action:

#13-001- ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

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.

Fred Lund – LVW: Mr. Lund read a statement concerning the passing of this ordinance. He did not feel that this would benefit the senior citizens of the community who were on a fixed income.

Ginny Martin – Renaissance: Ms. Martin stated that everything within the Township has increased including employee salaries. Mr. Weiner advised that Council is working very hard to maintain a stable tax base. Councilman Wallis explained the CAP bank to the residents explaining that it does not affect the tax rate. It is established to allow for emergency situations only.

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. Vaccaro and **adopted** by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

#13-002 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE IX OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “PROPERTY CHANGE REQUESTS”

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.

Wayne McGregor – 13 B Street: Mr. McGregor asked for clarification on this ordinance. Mr. Wallis stated that the ordinance was being cleaned up and certain wording had to be taken out.

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. Vaccaro and **adopted** 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 further comments from Council, Mr. Wallis asked if there were any comments from the public on any item on the consent agenda.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe: Mr. Glen was concerned with Resolution #13-082. He recently went through Quick Chek. Signage is missing in the parking lot. Trees were knocked down during the storm and are still lying on improved areas. He felt the maintenance bond should not be released until these items are cleaned up. Ms. Zsoldos said she will notify Mr. Yodakis, however, he did give his recommendation to release the bond.

Marge Camposano – Camden Ave.: Ms. Camposano commented with regard to Resolution #13-081. She thought improving the playground at Harry Wright Lake was a nice idea but suggested using the money to improve the water quality at Harry Wright Lake. Ms. Zsoldos said CDBG funds could only be used for certain items but she would contact Mr. Yodakis about her concerns.

Fred Lund – LVW: Mr. Lund questioned resolution #13-081 and asked if there were costs involved. Mr. Fusaro offered if costs were associated they would be taken out of the grant. There is no impact to the Township budget.

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

Resolutions #13-078 through #13-082 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Weiner seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

A. FINANCE

#13-078 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

B. APPOINTMENTS

#13-079 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING A CONTRACT WITH STEVEN A. ZABARSKY OF THE FIRM OF CITTA, HOLZAPFEL & ZABARSKYAS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#13-080 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COORDINATOR AND AN ALTERNATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COORDINATOR

C. GRANTS

#13-081 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE YEAR 2013

D. BONDS/ESCROW

#13-082 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A MAINTENANCE BOND POSTED BY DAVECO INDUSTRIAL, LLC FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS QUICK CHEK BLOCK 30 LOT 636

REPORTS

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner attended the Ocean County Senior Advisory Council meeting on February 1, 2013. The Council is working to halt cuts on over seven hundred and twenty thousand dollars in funding from the Government. The funding cuts to Ocean County would affect meals and transportation, among other things, for the elderly. The Senior Advisory Council has written to the Legislature asking for a vote in opposition to the bill. Tax preparation help will be held through April 11, 2013 at a number of senior villages in Manchester. The Lakehurst-Manchester Rotary is holding a fish fry at the Manchester Firehouse on March 8, 2013. All proceeds will go to local charities. Mr. Weiner reported that Plumsted Township is the first municipality in New Jersey to offer municipal aggregation for electricity. Mr. Weiner suggested a regional aggregation with Plumsted. Manchester could realize a significant cost savings.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro attended a Manchester Coordinating Council meeting. They discussed the need for bus service in Whiting. The County proposed over twenty stops but they were vetoed by Academy bus lines or the Township. Ocean County Ride has reduced their capacity. Mr. Fusaro suggested the Council look to increase the service. For some residents, this is the only means of transportation to get them to stores or doctor appointments.

Mr. Vaccaro: On January 29, 2013 Mr. Vaccaro attended the New Jersey Pinelands Municipal Council meeting. It was held in the civic center. Mayor Fressola gave the opening address. On February 4, 2013 Mr. Vaccaro completed the League of Municipalities online training program for elected officials. He earned a certificate of completion in Basic Risk Management for Local Government Officials. He handed Ms. Zsoldos his certificate of completion which will entitle the Township to a \$250.00 credit on its worker's compensation premium. Mr. Vaccaro attended the 21st Annual Mayor's Legislative Day on February 6, 2013 sponsored by the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Mayor Fressola was inducted into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame. On February 9, 2013, Mr. Vaccaro had the honor and privilege to attend the Manchester Township's PBA dinner and thanked everyone for their attendance at this evening's Council meeting.

Mr. Frattini: Mr. Frattini recently read news about a bill that is in the Legislature now regarding early voting. There would be a great deal of costs incurred to the municipality due to this pending legislation. Additional overtime, security of election materials and purchase of electronic poll books would be some of the costs. Mr. Frattini was of the opinion that the municipalities should not be the ones to bear the burden. He suggested everyone contact their Legislator to show their opposition to this bill. Mr. Frattini attended a meeting of all ten of the gated communities. They are all facing the same increased tax issues. Mr. Frattini suggested getting together with other communities to see what can be done to stop the increase in taxes.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis announced the Manchester First Aid stats for January 2013. He urged all residents to only call the First Aid squad if there is truly an emergency. When the squad responds to calls that are not truly of an emergent nature that can result in someone losing a life.

Ms. Zsoldos: Ms. Zsoldos mentioned that the Joint Insurance Fund dividend was received. It was almost \$70,000.00. The Office of Emergency Management applied for FEMA storm reimbursement funds in the amount of \$210,395.66. That figure is seventy-five percent of the Township's cost which was \$280,527.55. Ms. Zsoldos anticipated herein from FEMA within a months time.

Mr. Secare: Stavola will be finishing the secondary access road in Renaissance. Mr. Secare is not sure of the anticipated start date.

Ms. Skibo: None

Ms. Pellicano: None

Public

Wayne McGregor – 301 B Street: Mr. McGregor commented with regard to rising property taxes. He also commented on Councilmen receiving health benefits. Mr. Weiner answered he was only receiving dental and prescription. Ms. Zsoldos explained that newly elected officials do not receive them as per State law. Mr. McGregor commented with regard to the Chief of Police's salary compared to what he was paid twelve years before. Mr. Secare said specific salary information for the Chief of Police would be available at the next meeting so as Council could answer his questions.

Mr. Pataski – Mt. Misery Rd.: Mr. Pataski is a resident of Whiting. He commented with regard to the increase in his property taxes. Living out in Whiting does not give him access to sewer, water or high speed internet. He did not understand how his taxes could increase when the Township does not provide any services. He feels that his property rights have been violated because he does not think he will be able to afford his home long term. Mr. Wallis responded by saying that compared to other towns, we have an efficient budget. Our school system has a good budget. The school funding has to be addressed to alleviate some of the school tax burden.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and the approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

Craig Wallis
Council President

Sabina Skibo, R.M.C.
Township Clerk

Date Adopted

