

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2014**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council Vice President Brendan Weiner. 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	- absent

The Clerk noted for the record that, also present were Business Administrator Elena Zsoldos, Township Attorney Steven Secare and Chief Financial Officer Diane Lapp.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #14-080 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,033,248.34 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro and Weiner; yea. Mr. Weiner abstained on check #1164 due to a perception of conflict.

Resolution #14-081 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$411,636.14 was offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro and Weiner; yea.

Resolution #14-082 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$398,391.60 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro and Weiner; yea.

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction

#14-005 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014, 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

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

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#14-001 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES AS TWO SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Weiner suggested that the ordinance should be defeated. He has spoken to Ms. Zsoldos and she advised Council should not move forward on the ordinance as it stands. Mr. Secare advised that if there is no motion on the ordinance, it dies due to lack of motion. Further there will be no public comment on this ordinance.

Mr. Weiner asked for a motion on this ordinance. Seeing no motion, ordinance #14-001 died due to lack of motion.

#14-004 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 26 IN BLOCK 1.306 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (1609 Middlesex St.)

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

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

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and **adopted** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro and Weiner; 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. Weiner asked if any Council members had any comments on any items on the consent agenda.

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

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked how much the Township spends on the concert series with Police and Public Works. Ms. Zsoldos said she did not have exact figures but about ten to fifteen thousand after donations. Mr. Glen asked what is the “Fair and Open Process” mentioned in Resolution #14-093. Mr. Secare advised it is the statutory process on how public entities must award contracts.

Resolutions #14-083 through #14-096 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro and Weiner; yea.

A. FINANCE

#14-083 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#14-084 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 102.08, LOT 123 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#14-085 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO D&M FIREWORKS, LLC FOR A FIREWORKS EXHIBITION TO BE CONDUCTED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

#14-086 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH LAGUARDIA AND ASSOCIATES

#14-087 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CHRIS ROSELLE, MANAGER IN CONNECTION WITH THE JUNE 28, 2014 CONCERT BY RAVE ON!

#14-088 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH TOMMY EDWARD ENTERTAINMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE JULY 16, 2014 CONCERT BY TOMMY EDWARD AS "SIR ROD"

#14-089 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH DOCKSIDE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE JULY 16, 2014 CONCERT BY THE BRITISH INVASION TRIBUTE

#14-090 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION #14-074 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SAFARI TELECOM, INC. FOR PBX SYSTEM SUPPORT

#14-091 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC

#14-092 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENDORSING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION ("CONRAIL")

#14-093 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN TRIMBOLI, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL LEGAL SERVICES SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

C. MISCELLEANOUS

#14-094 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AN OCEAN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

#14-095 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A NEW JERSEY TRANSIT GRANT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

D. LEGISLATIVE

#14-096 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CALLING ON THE LEGISLATURE TO MAKE PERMANENT THE 2% CAP ON INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARDS

REPORTS

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro went to a meeting of the Manchester Coordinating Council with Mr. Abline and Chief Klimakowski. There is now a dedicated detective assigned to handle only senior citizen affairs. The Coordinating Council asked for a copy of the sign ordinance as Whiting is getting cluttered with signs. Ms. Zsoldos would make sure to send a copy of the ordinance to the Coordinating Council. The Coordinating Council also questioned the redevelopment of the Heritage Mineral site. They were concerned with traffic issues. Mr. Fusaro explained to them that it was too early to make any determinations on that issue. Mr. Fusaro just returned from a trip to Alabama and they do not recycle. If you look at the most recent County recycling numbers, 2011 was the last typical year. Ocean County did 450 thousand tons of garbage. In 1989 the County did 650 thousand tons. The figures have gone down over the years and this is due to recycling.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro inspected the invoices for correctness on February 21, 2014. He commented with regard to Concert Fest and felt that the Township should apply for as much funding as possible to hold the concerts.

Mr. Frattini: Mr. Frattini attended the PBA dinner on February 16, 2014. The Police are very well versed in their jobs. Awards were given for life saving, exceptional duties and meritorious service. Most of the police have a military background and are pistol experts. Chief Klimakowski has done a great job with the force.

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner announced that the Rotary Fish Fry will be held on April 4, 2014 at the Manchester Fire House. He had tickets available. All proceeds will go back to the community. Mr. Weiner asked the public to sign a petition regarding the change in policy for the Scrub Pine Enduro. The Ocean County Competitive Riders are involved in this race every year and the shift in policy would make it impossible to access certain riding trails.

Ms. Skibo: None

Ms. Zsoldos: Ms. Zsoldos went to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Legislative Committee Meeting. The Committee reviewed pending legislation and the League's position on the bills. Ms. Zsoldos also met with the New Jersey Green Acres Division of the Department of Environmental Protection on moving the hockey rink to the Little League/Football field location. There has been discussion to change the location of the cell tower site. A balloon test will be done on the proposed cell tower site in Whiting to determine if the height of the tower will affect residents in the area.

Mr. Secare: None

Ms. Lapp: The State will be hosting a webinar to discuss changes in the budget property tax levy cap. Ms. Lapp hoped to get preliminary state aid numbers as well.

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner read the Manchester First Aid report for January 2014.

PUBLIC – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on motion by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and the approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro and Weiner; yea.

Brendan Weiner
Council Vice President

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

Date Adopted