

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 27, 2014**

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 and Chief of Police Brian Klimakowski.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The regular minutes of December 16, 2013 and the reorganization minutes of January 2, 2014 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

**SUBMISSION OF BILLS:**

**Resolution #14-046** – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$3,189,467.44 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 #14-047** – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$202,021.11 was offered by Mr. Frattini, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

**Resolution #14-048** – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$150,604.59 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.

**ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction**

**#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. Wallis offered that Council felt the department would run more efficiently if it was separated into two entities.

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

**#14-002 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF LOTS 11 AND 17, IN BLOCK 85.11 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.**

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

**#14-003 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOTS 26, 52 AND 54 IN BLOCK 85.11 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.**

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, 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.

Mr. Wallis touched on Resolution #14-057. Hovson's has approached the Township to see if the former Heritage Mineral Site could be considered a redevelopment site. Hovson's has agreed to pay the Township's costs for this report through the escrow account they posted. Mr. Wallis said for this to be considered must be beneficial to the residents and the taxpayers to reduce the tax rate. Mr. Wallis also commented on the appointment of Chief Klimakowski as Public Safety Director and Chief of Police. Mr. Wallis said it is a dual position as all of the EMS services fall under the Public Safety Director's jurisdiction.

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

**Larry Lee – Country Walk:** Mr. Lee advised that the Manchester Coordinating Council was against the redevelopment plan due to the location of the property. Mr. Weiner said traffic studies would be done before anything would be approved.

**Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.:** Mr. Glen commented with regard to Resolution #14-067 and asked if Mr. Secare could clarify the reasoning behind it. Mr. Secare advised that this is money that Kokes has paid into the Affordable Housing Fund and it has to be returned to them. Kokes has met their Affordable Housing obligations and received credits for Presbyterian Homes.

**Resolutions #14-049 through #14-069 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**

**#14-049 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO MOVE UNRETURNED VOUCHER REQUESTS TO THE GENERAL FUND**

**#14-050 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF TAX SALE PREMIUMS OVER FIVE YEARS OLD FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND AS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR**

**#14-052 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 102.12, LOT 26 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#14-053 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 61.21, LOT 16 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#14-054 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 71.02, LOT 144 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#14-055 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 75.02, LOT 124 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#14-056 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR RECREATION THEATER TRIPS**

**B. AGREEMENTS**

**#14-057 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH HOVSON'S, INC.**

**#14-058 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH MUNIDEX FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR INDEX OF MINUTES PROGRAM**

**#14-059 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2014 TRAFFIC SAFETY**

**#14-060 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MODERN POWER GROUP SYSTEMS**

**#14-061 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EMERSON NETWORK POWER, LIEBERT SERVICES INC.**

**#14-062 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GRAMCO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS**

**C. PURCHASING/PERSONNEL**

**#14-063 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REJECTING RFP'S FOR SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR AND RECEIVE SEALED RFP'S WITH RESPECT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL**

**#14-064 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

**#14-065 - 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 CHIEF OF POLICE**

**D. MISCELLANEOUS**

**#14-066 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE INVESTIGATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**#14-067 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPENDING PLAN FOR 2012**

**E. LEGISLATIVE**

**#14-068 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3497.**

**#14-069 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RESTORING FUNDS FOR OLDER AMERICANS UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT PROGRAM**

**REPORTS**

**Mr. Weiner:** Mr. Weiner reported that Manchester has been receiving good press. Manchester has been voted number twenty five of the top safest communities in New Jersey. It is number one in Ocean County through data compiled by Safe Wise which is a home security company.

**Mr. Fusaro:** Mr. Fusaro attended a meeting of the Ocean County Historical Society on January 19, 2014. He found out some interesting facts about the railroad in Whiting and the land that was given away in Pine Lake Park if you purchased a subscription to the Star Ledger. During World War II over 100 airships flew in and out of Lakehurst. Airships would come to Lakehurst to refuel. One of the presenters was Chief Klimakowski. He gave a history of the Manchester Police Department. Next year will be fifty years since the inception of the Police Department. They started with three sworn officers in January of 1965. Mr. Fusaro also advised that he has officially retired and hopes to be available more during normal business hours.

**Mr. Vaccaro:** Mr. Vaccaro attended the Planning Board meeting on January 16, 2014. On January 18 he attended the Manchester First Aid and Rescue Squad installation. He also reviewed and verified bills for tonight's meeting as well as attended the meeting of the Manchester Coordinating Council.

**Mr. Frattini:** Mr. Frattini attended a meeting of the Senior Advisory Council on January 14, 2014. Senior outreach will be getting new computers and three new Chevrolet Impalas. The cars had over 100,000 miles on them. It was time they were replaced. The Ocean County Office of Senior Services offers tax services for seniors at various locations throughout Manchester.

**Mr. Wallis:** Mr. Wallis felt that the redevelopment plan was a good opportunity for the Township. Council will not do anything that is a detriment to the residents. It will be well thought out.

**Ms. Zsoldos:** Ms. Zsoldos thanked the Chief for his service to the Township. Since he has been Chief, morale has been boosted. He has done wonders for the Department and has raised their standard of professionalism. His outreach to the community is second to none.

**Mr. Secare:** Mr. Secare congratulated Mr. Fusaro on his retirement.

**Ms. Skibo:** Ms. Skibo congratulated Mr. Fusaro on his retirement and was looking forward to seeing Mr. Fusaro during the day.

**PUBLIC:**

**Jeff Bear – Twelfth Ave.:** Mr. Bear thanked Council for helping the Manchester Fire Department receive much needed turn out gear. He also suggested that Public Works stockpile some salt and sand on this side of the Township.

**Ed Fry – Ambassador Dr.** Mr. Fry commented with regard to adding a no left hand turn sign on Wilbur Ave. to Route 70. It is a hazardous intersection.

**Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.:** Mr. Glen commented with regard to the Academy Bus Service to New York City. He felt it was a good service for residents to have. However, he was concerned that word was not getting out to the residents that such a service existed. He did not want Manchester to lose the service.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on motion by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and the approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

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Craig Wallis  
Council President

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

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Date Adopted