

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 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, Chief Financial Officer Diane Lapp, Tax Assessor Martin Lynch, Emergency Management Coordinator Art Abline and Chief of Police Brian Klimakowski.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #13-054 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,903,162.60 was offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis: yea.

Resolution #13-055 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$116,993.45, 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 #13-056 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$75,517.83, 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.

ORDINANCES: First Reading and Introduction:

#13-001 - AN 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

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Weiner seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved 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”

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Reiter, 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 thanked Art Abline for applying for a grant from FEMA. This will enable us to place generators in all of our Emergency Services buildings. It will give the residents a place to go during an emergency that will offer some comfort during a difficult situation. Mr. Wallis thanked Mr. Lund for mentioning opposition to S813.

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

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

Resolutions #13-057 through #13-074 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Vaccaro seconded by Mr. Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis: yea.

A. UTILITIES

#13-057 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A WAIVER TO LOT 4 OF BLOCK 111 FROM THE PROHIBITION AGAINST USING WATER FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S LACEY ROAD WATER SYSTEM FOR LAWN AND LANDSCAPE WATERING

B. AGREEMENTS

#13-058 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF OCEAN, FOR MANCHESTER POLICE SERVICES – CHILD RESTRAINT GROUP

#13-059 - 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.

C. GRANTS

#13-060 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO APPLY FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

D. LEGISLATIVE

#13-061 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING S813 IMPOSING WATER CONSUMPTION AND DIVERSION USER FEES TO FUND OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROJECTS

E. LICENSING

#13-062 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING A CAMPGROUND LICENSE FOR SURF & STREAM CAMPGROUND

#13-063 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING A FAMILY MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE FOR THE YEAR 2013 FOR PINE ACRES MANOR

#13-064 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING A FAMILY MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE FOR THE YEAR 2013 FOR RIDGEWAY MOBILE HOME PARK

#13-065 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING A FAMILY MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE FOR THE YEAR 2013 TO COLONIAL MOBILE HOME PARK

#13-066 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO ACCURATE TOWING FOR THE 2013 LICENSE YEAR

#13-067 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO ALL HOURS 24 SERVICE LLC FOR THE 2013 LICENSE YEAR

#13-068 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO ALL SHORE TOWING FOR THE 2013 LICENSE YEAR

#13-069 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO PRICED RITE AUTO REPAIR & TOWING, INC. FOR THE 2013 LICENSE YEAR

#13-070 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO HALL'S GULF SERVICE, INC. FOR THE 2013 LICENSE YEAR

#13-071 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO GRONE'S WRECKER SERVICE, INC. FOR THE 2013 LICENSE YEAR

#13-072 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO FREEDOM TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC FOR THE 2013 LICENSE YEAR

#13-073 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO JERRY'S AUTO BODY, LLC FOR THE 2013 LICENSE YEAR

#13-074 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO JERSEY SHORE TOWING & RECOVERY

REPORTS

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner announced the annual Rotary Fish Fry on March 8, 2013. It will be held at the Manchester Fire House. Mr. Weiner has tickets for sale if anyone was interested.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro attended the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting along with Mr. Vaccaro. It was their kick off for the new year. Two items of concern were discussed at the meeting. The first was the traffic conditions on Route 70. In the near future the Coordinating Council will be sending a letter to Senator Holzapfel asking for a meeting with the DOT to discuss the dangerous conditions on the road. The second item of discussion was the Clayton Railroad. There are still some items of concerns to be worked out with Clayton. Mr. Fusaro also attended the Risk Management Seminar which allows the Township to receive \$250.00 off their insurance premium.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro provided the Renaissance Men's Club with a report on the last Township Council meeting and Planning Board meetings. Over 180 members were in attendance. On January 24, 2013 he attended the Zoning Board of Adjustment reorganization meeting. He also attended the Manchester First Aid Installation dinner. The First Aid squad has provided forty two years of excellent service to the citizens of Manchester. Mr. Vaccaro also attended the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting with Mr. Fusaro and urged everyone to attend the New Jersey Pinelands meeting in the civic center on January 29, 2013. Manchester is the host of the meeting. Guest speakers will be updating everyone on things going on in the Pinelands that affect Manchester.

Mr. Frattini: None

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis also attended the Manchester First Aid dinner. The volunteers went above and beyond to help the residents during the storm. Further, Mr. Wallis was impressed with the amount of new volunteers the squad has recruited this year.

Ms. Zsoldos: Ms. Zsoldos gave an update on the undersized lot issue. The amendments have been given to the Council members for their review. The Hurricane Sandy cleanup has been completed within the Township. Art Abline provided some numbers to Ms. Zsoldos. Over one hundred sixty six trees were removed as well as over seven thousand branches. A total of twenty-four thousand cubic yards of vegetation was removed. Ms. Zsoldos thanked Mr. Abline for coordinating the cleanup. It was a lot of work. Ms. Zsoldos encouraged the Coordinating Council to join forces with the Township to obtain a meeting with the DOT.

Mr. Secare: None

Ms. Skibo: None

Ms. Pellicano: None

Ms. Lapp: Ms. Lapp is completing the 2012 Transitional Year financial records. The annual debt statement was recently submitted to the State. Copies were given to Council.

Public Comments

Tom Krane – Cedar Glen Homes: Mr. Krane commented with regard to the 2012 flooding at their development. The residents completed a 1.2 million dollar renovation. The Toms River rose again. Sand bags were placed around the recreation hall and club house. Vehicles were moved to higher ground. Mr. Krane asked what may be causing all of the flooding. Ms. Zsoldos said that she can speak to the Engineer on the issue. She is aware of the trouble the development has had in the past with flooding. Ms. Zsoldos suggested a meeting with the Township Engineer and community management.

Josh Langenberger – Wellington Ave.: Mr. Langenberger mentioned that these are hard times for all of us. He was concerned with the amount of taxes going towards the school budget. He does not want to see services cut as he has children in the district. However, he hoped that Council has had dialogue with the Board of Education to discuss spending. Mr. Langenberger also asked Council what the anticipated need would be for the CAP bank. Ms. Lapp explained that every year a CAP bank is established. The Township is allowed to bank monies for two years for unforeseen emergencies. It does not affect the two percent appropriation CAP. It does not affect your taxes. Mr. Wallis said the CAP bank has been in place for ten years and it has not been touched. Mr. Langenberger asked what dialogue has begun with the School Board regarding their budget. Mr. Wallis said he is the liaison to the school board. Recently he was with the Chief doing safety evaluations at the schools after the recent Newtown incident. Mr. Wallis spoke with the Superintendent about the last Council meeting and some of the concerns the residents had. The school board is doing what they have to do to keep costs down. Mr. Wallis felt the school board runs a good budget. They do not throw money away. Mr. Wallis felt the Township was not throwing money away either. If you make comparisons to other towns our budget is lower. Mr. Wallis said he has met with Senator Holzapfel. The state funding formula is the main issue but there are other things that can be done. Discretionary spending is an item to be worked on. Mr. Wallis has spoken with the Mayor regarding the issues. The Mayor is working with the League of Municipalities on the issue. Mr. Langenberger offered his help to Mr. Wallis in any way he could.

Cheryl Myles – Wellington Ave.: Ms. Myles asked for clarification on the CAP bank. Ms. Lapp said it is just saying that for some unforeseen reason, within a two year period, the money will be available to place in the budget if we need it. Ms. Lapp said it is like a security blanket. Mr. Wallis said the goal is to never use it but it is like an insurance policy to use if we need it. Mr. Secare said it is the same way with a bond ordinance. The bond may be put in place but the money is not spent unless we need it for a specific purpose. Ms. Myles also voiced her concern about the recent tax increase. She urged Council to dig deep to find a way to control spending.

Renee Savage – Ridge Ave.: Ms. Savage felt that taxes on her property were too high. She feels she lives in one of the most modest homes in Manchester. She does not have a garage or a basement. Ms. Savage felt that a committee should be formed to try and get ratables into the Township. Ms. Savage suggested Shared Services with the School Board or having the administrators in the schools share

positions. Salaries within the school district are very high. Mr. Wallis explained that the School Board is in control of their own spending and the Council has no say in their budget.

Liz Ciocher – Birmingham Ave.: Ms. Ciocher suggested giving incentives to builders to buy the co-ops in Whiting to remodel them to make them more appealing for people to buy. Ms. Ciocher suggested waiving permit fees for everyone. Ms. Zsoldos said if we did that, we would be losing revenues. Ms. Ciocher felt that what we were doing was not working and we needed to do something. Mr. Wallis said the co-ops were on private property and legally we could not do anything with that. Ms. Ciocher understands that, but something has to be done to bring people into Manchester. Mr. Fusaro said that trustees of these villages have taken money out of their own accounts to put money into these homes to make them more appealing. Mr. Fusaro felt that commercial ratables are the answer. Most of the land in Manchester is protected by Pinelands. The demographics do not support much of these larger commercial activities. Mr. Fusaro said Council would look at every possible way to appeal to these commercial businesses. Mr. Weiner reminded everyone of the homes that were destroyed during Hurricane Sandy. Most are not going to be rebuilt. He was hoping that due to this we will see an influx of people. Mr. Weiner is an optimist. Mr. Vaccaro mentioned the ratables that were coming into Manchester. A new apartment complex and the Walmart, when complete, will be good clean ratables for the Township.

Larry Lee – Country Walk: Mr. Lee mentioned that the senior population could not afford the tax increases and hoped the Council could help.

Frank Zarinsky – 1541 Monmouth Ave.: Mr. Zarinsky is a real estate photographer. He has worked with investors in Brick that are buying the inexpensive properties. If the properties are made more desirable, more people will look to purchase a home here. Mr. Zarinsky offered to take pictures of the properties to make the community more desirable. He suggested lowering building permits to make it more appealing for builders come in and invest.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. on motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro 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