

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2016**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President James Vaccaro. 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	- absent
Councilman Brendan Weiner	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Township Attorney Angela Koutsouris, Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Chief Financial Officer Diane Lapp and Mayor Ken Palmer.

PROCLAMATIONS The Clerk read into the record a proclamation for National EMS week. Joan Tarr of Whiting First Aid was present to receive the proclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2016 and March 14, 2016 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro seconded by Mr. Weiner and **adopted** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

The regular meeting minutes of March 28, 2016 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro seconded by Mr. Weiner and **adopted** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea. Mr. Vaccaro abstained due to his absence from the meeting.

LAND SALE – Block 1.329 Lot 19

Ms. Koutsouris asked all interested parties to please come forward to bid on the land. The minimum bid on the property was \$10,000.00. Jeffrey Jerman of Breckenridge Properties was the only participant and won the bid with the minimum bid of \$10,000.00. Ms. Koutsouris closed the land sale and Mr. Jerman paid the ten percent deposit to the Clerk.

BUDGET ADOPTION

#16-185 – Authorizing Reading the CY 2016 Municipal Budget by Title

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

Chief Financial Officer Diane Lapp gave an overview of the CY 2016 Municipal Budget with a Powerpoint presentation. The tax levy will be \$21,246,283.15 with an increase of \$129,739.12 over last year.

Mr. Vaccaro asked if Council had any questions on the CY 2016 budget. Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Vaccaro opened this portion of the hearing to the public.

Robert Space 2110 Oak Knoll Dr.: Mr. Space was concerned why money was not taken from surplus to offset the budget. Ms. Lapp stated that money from surplus will be used for capital projects instead of bonding for them.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked if any more employees will be hired this year. Ms. Lapp stated that the police are looking to hire more personnel.

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

RESOLUTION #15-186 – Adoption of the CY 2016 Municipal Budget

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

At this time, Mr. Vaccaro noted that he was going to switch the agenda around and asked residents from the Oak Knoll development to come up and voice some concerns they had about the Ocean County landfill that is adjacent to their development.

Edward Potaszynk 2214 Oak Knoll Dr. ; Mr. Potaszynk moved to Oak Knoll Estates in 1987. When he bought the house, he was aware there was a landfill. As time went on, they started dumping closer to the development and bird smells and truck noise increased. Last week was horrendous with the sounds of heavy equipment. He felt that they were dumping too close to the development. Mr. Potaszynk hoped that Council could put some pressure on the owners of the landfill to not dump close to the development as it is noisy and disturbs his quality of life.

Brian Donahue – 2312 Oak Knoll Dr.: Mr. Donahue said it is not bad by his house at this time because they are not dumping by him. However in years past, it has been a very bad problem. He would smell methane gas at 1:00 a.m. It has been a vicious cycle with the owners of the landfill. They say they want to be good neighbors then they should do the right thing.

Robert Space 2110 Oak Knoll Dr.: Mr. Space said it has been an ongoing issue with birds. The bird droppings contain bacteria that does not respond to antibiotics. There are constant droppings on the sidewalks and in his pool. There is incessant beeping from the trucks that seem to be less than 100 yards from his property. A berm was put up in 2001 but it did nothing. There is an odor on rainy days and when it is hot outside the odor is even worse. The ground trembles from heavy equipment. He has cracks in his molding from the truck rumbling. It is a mess. They are dumping in the middle of a residential area. He resents sending pictures to the owner of the landfill as his concerns fall on deaf ears. The old Mayor did not want to deal with it.

Anthony Castro – 2103 Cedarview Dr.: He hasn't smelled the dump until recent years and has not heard noise until he started working nights. His house now stinks from the bird droppings. He showed pictures to Council.

Justin Ziacchi 2307 Oak Knoll Dr.: Mr. Ziacchi said Oak Knoll Estates was a nice neighborhood, but now the smell is horrendous. He showed Council pictures of bird droppings on his house after the rain. The residents of Oak Knoll Estates have voices and he urged Council to speak to the owners of the landfill.

Lawrence Hess – Ocean County Landfill: Mr. Hess' family has owned and operated the landfill since 1972. He said he is here tonight because of residents' complaints. He said he runs a good landfill. The Department of Environmental Protection is there on a regular basis. He feels it is important that he hears from the residents. When issues were noted in the past, he tried to address the problems by using flares to scare the birds and tried odor neutralizers. He has full time falconers. Mr. Hess said this has not fallen on deaf ears. The area where they are

dumping now will be done soon and filled in. Mr. Space said that if Mr. Hess wanted to help then he should just move away and not dump by Oak Knoll.

Stanley Zakieta – 2208 Oak Knoll Dr. Mr. Zakieta was of the opinion that they are dumping too close to Oak Knoll. The noises and beeping from the trucks goes on for hours. Mr. Hess said they will be done dumping there within a year and the area will be capped. Mr. Hess said he cares and will do whatever he can to make the residents happy.

Mayor Ken Palmer: Mayor Palmer said this is the first complaint he has had since he became Mayor. He said that he will make sure to resolve what he can between the residents and the owners of the landfill.

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

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #16-187 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$9,722,168.03 was offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

Resolution #16-188 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$112,377.94 was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

Resolution #16-189 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$109,241.52 was offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction

#16-022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IMPLEMENTING THE “MANCHESTER HERITAGE TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, ET. SEQ.

The above ordinance was adopted upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; 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. Vaccaro asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda.

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

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

Resolutions #16-190 through #16-205 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: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

A. FINANCE

#16-190 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 71.06, LOT 6 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#16-191 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#16-192 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF OPEN TAXES FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWNSHIP

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#16-193 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ALTERNATIVE MICROGRAPHICS, INC.

#16-194 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH A.C. SCHULTES, INC. ADDING ELECTRONIC WATER LEVEL MEASURING TRANSDUCERS AND DISPLAYS AT WELL NOS. 10 AND 11

#16-195 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND OPEIU LOCAL 32 - SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

C. RECREATION

#16-196 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST

D. PURCHASING

#16-197 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE 2017 FORD INTERCEPTOR SUV'S UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT NO. A88728

#16-198 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO XTREME VAC LEAF VACUUMS

#16-199 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE 2017 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR

E. APPOINTMENT

#16-200 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING SABINA T. SKIBO AS REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

F. MISCELLANEOUS

#16-201 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE REMOVAL OF DEBRIS FROM THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 345 BECKERVILLE RD. (BLOCK 79 LOT 33), AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

#16-202 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A STRONG ANTI-IDLING POLICY BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

#16-203 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING ESTABLISHMENT OF A GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY

#16-204 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

#16-205 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFERRING THE "MANCHESTER HERITAGE TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN" TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, ET. SEQ.

REPORTS

Mr. Weiner: None

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis thanked Ms. Lapp and Ms. Markulic for preparing the budget. He also said the Police Department will be doing their Unity Tour and will be riding 200 miles for police officers who passed in the line of duty.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro met with Zoning Officer Nicole Ashkar to clean things up in the land use ordinance. Recommendations were sent to the Planning Board.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended a risk management seminar, the Zoning Board meeting and the biweekly meeting that is used to prepare tonight's agenda.

Ms. Markulic: Ms. Markulic thanked Ms. Lapp for her work on the budget.

Ms. Koutsouris: None

Ms. Skibo: None

PUBLIC:

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen questioned a bill from Indian Harbor Beach Insurance on the bill list. Ms. Lapp said it was a litigation matter. Mr. Glen asked if the litigation matter was close to being finished. Ms. Markulic said it was close to being settled. Mr. Glen asked what the delay was regarding putting up signage on Wilbur Avenue. He also asked if there are no signs, how can the new changes be enforced. Ms. Koutsouris said if signs aren't up it cannot be enforced.

Theresa Lettman – Broadway Blvd.: Ms. Lettman advised the Municipal Clerk that during elections, the Manchester Fire House was posting signs that people were not allowed to use the restrooms. The firehouse is used as a polling place and restrooms should be open to the public. Ms. Skibo said she take care of the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

James A. Vaccaro, Sr.
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Date Approved