

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2017**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Sam Fusaro. 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.”

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

Councilwoman Joan Brush	- present
Councilman Charles Frattini	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Angela Koutsouris, Township Attorney, Donna Markulic, Business Administrator and Mayor Kenneth Palmer.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#17-358 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$952,708.23 was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#17-359 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$195,500.33 was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#17-360 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$120,108.21 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers, Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#17-027 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 396, ENTITLED “TOWING”

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

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked why the rate increase was so high. Mr. Fusaro said the Township towers asked for the rate increase so we would be comparable with other towns.

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

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading & Introduction

#17-024 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE #17-002, AMENDING CHAPTER 245 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER (CAFRA)

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro seconded by Mrs. Brush and **approved** by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#17-025 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE #16-036, AMENDING CHAPTER 245 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER (PINELANDS)

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro seconded by Mrs. Brush and **approved** by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; 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 member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda. Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Wallis asked if there were any comments from the public on any items on the consent agenda.

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

Resolutions #17-361 through #17-372 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Frattini seconded by Mrs. Brush and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

A. FINANCE

#17-361 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#17-362 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF OPEN TAXES FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWNSHIP

#17-363 - 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 76 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#17-364 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 98.09, LOT 2 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#17-365 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 75.134, LOT 81 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#17-366 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 75.134, LOT 81 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#17-367 - 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 62 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#17-368 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FRA TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SOFTWARE PROGRAMS FOR THE MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

C. PURCHASING

#17-369 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SUTPHEN CORPORATION UNDER THE HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NJSA 40A:11-1 ET SEQ

D. BONDS/ESCROWS

#17-370 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A PLANNING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY SYDNEY KRUPNICK REALTY, INC. FOR BLOCK 106 LOTS 1&2 (DIAMOND RD.)

E. MISCELLANEOUS

#17-371 - 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 MOWING OF OVERGROWN WEEDS AND PLANT GROWTH AT A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1308 AMSTERDAM AVE. (BLOCK 1.318 LOT 9), AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

#17-372 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF AN OVERCHARGE OF DCA FEES

REPORTS

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush reminded everyone that the Chili Cook-Off will be held at the football field on November 3, 2017.

Mr. Frattini: Mr. Frattini commented that the recent presentation at the library on Little Italy of the Bronx was a success.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended the Pinelands Municipal Council Meeting. He gave information to Ms. Markulic on projects in which the Township may have an interest. He also attended the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting at which Ms. Skibo gave a presentation on the responsibilities of the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Mr. Wallis: None

Mr. Fusaro: None

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo thanked Mr. Lee for the opportunity to speak at the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting.

Ms. Markulic: None

Ms. Koutsouris: None

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer reminded everyone of the upcoming Chili Cook-Off on Friday night. The cheer barn project has been completed. A new HVAC system was installed and sheet rock was added. The Manchester Youth Football organization will be hosting their Halloween party at the facility. Community Development Block Grant money was used for the project.

PUBLIC

Frank Stavalo – Charles Ave: Mr. Stavalo asked how long the water tower project would take. Mayor Palmer said about eight weeks is the best case scenario.

Charlie Morgan – Green Acres Rd.: Mr. Morgan attended a recent meeting of the Environmental Commission. He was reading the agenda and said he was unsure of the meaning of the acronyms. He asked if the items could be spelled out so the public could have a better understanding of the topics. Mr. Morgan inquired about the status of the water restrictions and is concerned as to where to evacuate in case of a wildfire. Mayor Palmer advised that the water restrictions are still in effect until the water tower project was complete. Mr. Lynch invited Mr. Morgan to attend a Firewise meeting at Country Walk.

Tisha Zippoli – Forest Way: Ms. Zippoli has lived in Whiting for thirteen years and she likes to walk in Veteran's Park. She said the park is full of weeds and is hoping it could get some attention. Ms. Markulic said she would have Public Works take care of it.

Rich Rossini – Forest Way: Mr. Rossini said he is the President of the Pine Ridge South Homeowner's Association and asked Council and the Mayor to look into the possibility of rent control.

Vinny DeSimone – Pine Ridge: Mr. DeSimone asked if the owners of Pine Ridge win a tax appeal, is there an obligation to refund a portion to the residents. Mr. Wallis advised that is something the resident’s attorney should look into.

Barbara Villani – Forest Way: Ms. Villani noticed that there have been several accidents on Route 530. Mayor Palmer said Route 530 is a County road and said he would put a phone call out to the County road department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Frattini seconded by Mr. Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

Sam F. Fusaro, Jr.
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved