

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 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

This was followed by following roll call:

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 Township Attorney Angela Koutsouris and Business Administrator Donna Markulic.

PRESENTATION – Presentation of Fire Apparatus

Dale Herbert of the Manchester Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 presented the company’s new aerial ladder truck and Mike Trimarchi of the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Company presented their new pumper truck. Mayor Palmer thanked everyone involved for the hard work they put into purchasing these new trucks. The Mayor gave a special thank you to the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Company for obtaining a grant to help with the purchase.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Municipal Clerk read a proclamation honoring 911 Emergency Service Personnel.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#17-327 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$5,883,590.83 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#17-328 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$91,884.24 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mrs. Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#17-329 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$78,242.40 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers, Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#17-014 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 18 IN BLOCK 1.248 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (832 MADISON AVENUE)

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: Mr. Glen asked why the Township is selling this property. Mr. Fusaro said the Township did not have a use for it due to its location. The land would be used to build on which would create revenue for the Township. Mr. Glen was concerned that more building would create problems with septic tanks draining into wells. Mayor Palmer said a perc test is done by the developer before the land is sold.

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. Frattini seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and **adopted** by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#17-015 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 1.325 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (608 AMSTERDAM AVENUE)

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.

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

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

#17-016 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 17 IN BLOCK 1.334 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (1220 ENGLEMERE BOULEVARD)

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.

Seeing no 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.

#17-017 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 51 IN BLOCK 85 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (217 LAKEWOOD AVENUE)

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.

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

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

#17-018 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 11 IN BLOCK 85.07 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (209 MANCHESTER AVENUE)

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.

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

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

#17-019 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 1 IN BLOCK 85.09 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (201 LAKEWOOD AVENUE)

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.

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

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

#17-020 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 85.09 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (404 CHERRY STREET)

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.

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

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

#17-021 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 17 IN BLOCK 85.09 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (207 LAKEWOOD AVENUE)

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.

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

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

#17-022 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 23 IN BLOCK 85.16 IN

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (405 CENTRAL AVENUE)**

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.

Seeing no 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 Mr. Frattini and **adopted** by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – First Reading & Introduction

#17-023 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND APPROPRIATING \$700,000 THEREFOR AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$665,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TO FINANCE THE SAME.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro seconded by Mr. Frattini 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. Fusaro asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda. Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Fusaro asked if there were any comments from the public on any items on the consent agenda.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe: Mr. Glen asked where the locations of the new cells were. Ms. Markulic said two properties have been located in Whiting which will give cell coverage to the areas that are lacking. The highest bidder will be responsible for all pinelands approvals.

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

Resolutions #17-330 through #17-331 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Frattini seconded by Mr. Wallis and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

A. PURCHASING

#17-330 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE FOR SOLICITATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR

#17-331 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE FOR AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR A COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT

REPORTS

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush said she recently read an article where Manchester Township was in the top sixteen percent of best cities to purchase a home in New Jersey.

Mr. Frattini: Mr. Frattini thanked Larry Lee and Judy Kuhmichel for information he asked for.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro reviewed the bills that were on the agenda for payment and found them to be in order. He said the Mayor and Council were happy to present the two new fire trucks and thanked the firemen for their service.

Mr. Wallis: None

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro updated everyone on the energy aggregation program. In the contract, the energy aggregation company could ask for a rate increase only if JCP&L imposed a tariff. The rate increase would be one tenth of one cent. The tariff is for all third party vendors. At this time, the tariff has been imposed only on the third party energy providers and cannot be passed along to the customers. Tri-Eagle has been paying the tariff and taking the loss. Once approved, the tariff can be imposed on all energy customers. This still results in a substantial savings since all energy customers will be seeing the increase.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer thanked Council for their support of the fire departments.

Ms. Markulic: None

Ms. Koutsouris: None

Ms. Skibo: None

PUBLIC

Irene Tisch - 26A Valley Forge Dr.: Ms. Tisch noticed residents have put out items on the curb for bulk pickup. She suggested the Township contact an organization like Habitat for Humanity to go through the Township and collect the items. Most are in very good condition.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen mentioned the opiate addiction problem in Ocean County. Toms River has filed suit against pharmaceutical companies because they are the reason for the addiction issues. Mr. Glen suggested Manchester should join in the lawsuit with Toms River. He also suggested that Council reach out to Amazon to see if they would consider building a distribution center on the Hovnanian property. John Pagenkopf of Hovnanian was in the audience and he said that Manchester does not meet the criteria for Amazon to build a distribution center. Manchester does not have access to shipping ports or a close proximity to the New Jersey Turnpike.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Wallis seconded by Mrs. Brush 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