

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 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 Township Attorney Angela Koutsouris, Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Mayor Ken Palmer and Chief Lisa Parker.

PRESENTATION – Introduction of New Manchester Librarian Erin DeLucia
Councilman Frattini introduced the new Manchester Librarian, Erin DeLucia. Ms. DeLucia gave a short presentation of new programs available at the library. She is excited about her new position and all of the wonderful things that are happening at the library. Ms. DeLucia thanked Mr. Frattini and Council for their warm welcome.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#17-332 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$903,327.09 was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mrs. Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#17-333 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$83,643.10 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.

#17-334 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$55,732.53 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

#17-023 - 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

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.

Ed Lynch – 5 Bridle Way: Mr. Lynch asked which department is receiving the new fire truck. Mr. Fusaro advised it was for the Whiting Volunteer Fire Department.

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading & Introduction

#17-026 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE (ARTICLE IV) TO THE TOWNSHIP CODE CONCERNING A WILDFIRE SAFETY COUNCIL

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Wallis 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.

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

Resolutions #17-335 through #17-344 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Wallis seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Wallis Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

A. FINANCE

#17-335 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEAR AUDIT 2016

#17-336 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#17-337 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#17-338 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN PROSECUTORS OFFICE FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FY 2017/2018

#17-339 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN PROSECUTORS OFFICE FOR DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT CALLOUT PROGRAM FY 2017/2018

C. GRANTS

#17-340 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND GRANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FY 2017

#17-341 - 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 RERP 966 GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

#17-342 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST TO SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

D. PURCHASING

#17-343 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE GREEN ACRES ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

E. BONDS/ESCROWS

#17-344 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY SARAMA HOMES, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH BLOCK 1.107 LOT 40 (809 5TH AVE.)

REPORTS

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush attended the free movie held at Pine Lake Park recently. About seventy five people attended and recreation did a nice job.

Mr. Frattini: Mr. Frattini thanked Ms. Markulic for the information he requested. He advised that it would be over three million dollars to build a new water tower and would take around ten months to complete. It is more cost effective to repaint the existing tower for one and half million dollars and would only take about twelve weeks to complete.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro reviewed the bills that were on for payment on tonight's agenda. He also attended the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting where John Pagenkopf from Hovnanian Industries was the guest speaker.

Mr. Wallis: None

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro attended the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting. They discussed the CAFRA application submitted by Hovson's that was deemed complete.

Ms. Koutsouris: None

Mayor Palmer: None

Ms. Skibo: None

Chief Parker: None

PUBLIC

Judy Kuhmichael: 55 Winkle Ct.: Ms. Kumichael thanked everyone involved for getting the padlock on the secondary access road for Country Walk removed. The gate being unlocked will aid in the quick and efficient evacuation of the community in case of a wildfire.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer agreed with Ms. Kuhmichael and said the topic of wildfire safety in Whiting needs to be addressed.

Frank Stavola: Charles Ave.: Mr. Stavola thanked the Mayor and Council for the paving of the roads in Summit Park. He said residents in Summit Park are still having issues with violations of the No Knock Ordinance. He reminded everyone to be diligent and as soon as someone knocks to call town hall. The Police have been out and have been very cooperative.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked if there was any information regarding Amazon headquarters coming to the Hovson's site. Mr. Vaccaro advised that he spoke with Ms. Markulic. The Township does not meet the criteria for Amazon to build. Amazon needs to be close to a mass transit site and needs to be in an urban area. Mr. Glen also asked where the Township stood with joining the Toms River lawsuit concerning opioids. Mr. Wallis asked that the issue be put on the next agenda for discussion.

Vinny DeSimone – 64 Beaver Rd.: Mr. DeSimone lives in Pine Ridge at Crestwood. The residents of Pine Ridge at Crestwood are concerned about the recent increases in their rent. They asked if the Township has any kind of a rent control ordinance. He feels that his community needs some kind of rent stabilization. Ms. Koutsouris said the Township would have to adopt an ordinance regarding rent control. Mayor Palmer said the idea of creating a rent control board would have to be researched and discussed.

Shirley Galloway – 152 Mockingbird Lane: Ms. Galloway advised Council that she is having trouble with the company picking up her recyclables. She has put them out at the curb and for the past two weeks they have not been picked up. Mr. Wallis suggested that the Township contact the association.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. seconded by Mr. Vaccaro 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