

Manchester Township Council
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2010

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Craig Wallis. This was followed by the Clerk's reading of the following statement:

“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 and the 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:

Councilman Fred Trutkoff	-	present
Councilman Brendan Weiner	-	present
Councilman Warren Reiter	-	present
Councilman Kenneth Vanderziel	-	present
Councilman Craig Wallis	-	present

Also present were Steven Secare, Township Attorney, Elena Zsoldos Business Administrator and Martin Lynch, Municipal Tax Assessor.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

- a. Municipal Toolkit and Mandates Relief** – Mr. Reiter was in favor of this resolution. He suggested adding items to the resolution which included shared services reform, cap sick leave and carry forward vacation, relief due to loss of state aid and relief for existing contracts. Mr. Wallis was not sure if shared service reform should be added. There was not much more you could do to shared services. Mr. Reiter said these were only suggestions from various mayors and members of the League. Mr. Vanderziel said that the tool kit was a very detailed piece of information that took a considerable amount of time. He was in favor of passing this resolution. Mr. Weiner suggested adding some incentives for shared services. Mr. Secare advised that the resolution should be read as amended to include changes. This resolution would be amended to include, shared services reform, cap sick leave and vacation time, relief for local state aid and relief for existing contracts. This would be on this meetings consent agenda.

Fred Lund – LVW: Mr. Lund asked where residents could get more information to study the tool kit. Ms. Zsoldos explained that a great deal of information can be found on the League of Municipalities Website. Mr. Weiner offered a brief overview of the tool kit mandate.

- b. A-2799/OPRA Copy Fees - Ms. Skibo** explained that the GRC says that we are only allowed to charge for paper and toner. She explained that the problem is staffing and everyone is trying to do more with less. The government should be transparent to the residents; however, some requests do become voluminous. Mr. Wallis asked what percentage were non residents versus residents requesting copies. Ms. Skibo explained that it was about fifty percent. Mr. Wallis asked if we could do two charges. One for residents and one for non residents. Mr. Secare said no and the GRC felt that this was a service we should supply. Mr. Reiter felt that we should show legislators that we are not happy about this. Mr. Secare advised that the former 75/50/25 charge was a deterrent for some people. Ms. Skibo asked the Deputy Clerk to do some research and call the DEP to investigate their charges for records. The DEP charges a search fee for extraordinary time on top of the copy charge. Ms. Skibo advised that the new legislation raises the fees to 10 and 15 cents. Council decided to do a resolution for the next meeting in support of the current legislations with additional stipulations.

Resolution #10-232– Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$8,395,570.58 was offered by Mr. Reiter, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis ; yea.

Resolution #10-233- Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$49,985.05 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis; yea.

Resolution #10-234 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$24,438.91 was offered by Mr. Vanderziel seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#10-015 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 1.324 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.

Mr. Wallis asked if any Council members had comments on the above ordinance. Seeing no Council members wishing to be heard, Mr. Wallis opened the hearing to the public.

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

The above ordinance was **adopted** upon a motion offered by Mr. Vanderziel , seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis: yea.

#10-018 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 48 LOT 4

Mr. Wallis asked if any Council members had comments on the above ordinance. Seeing no Council members wishing to be heard, Mr. Wallis opened the hearing to the public.

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

The above ordinance was **adopted** upon a motion offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis: yea.

#10-019 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A ROADWAY ACCESS EASEMENT TO A PORTION OF BLOCK 99.66 LOT 4, BLOOMFIELD AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 ET SEQ.

Mr. Wallis asked if any Council members had comments on the above ordinance. Seeing no Council members wishing to be heard, Mr. Wallis opened the hearing to the public.

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

The above ordinance was **adopted** upon a motion offered by Mr. Trutkoff , seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis: yea.

#10-020 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER WITH SHADY PINE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-16

Mr. Wallis asked if any Council members had comments on the above ordinance. Seeing no Council members wishing to be heard, Mr. Wallis opened the hearing to the public.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen would like to see an addendum added to the ordinance that land would not be disposed of until the drainage plan was in place. Mr. Wallis advised that the Engineer had a plan in place.

Marge Campasano – 1781 Camden Ave.: Ms. Campasano asked what Shady Pines was going to do with the land. Mr. Wallis said it would become part of their inventory as buildable lots.

Seeing no further public comments, Mr. Wallis closed the public hearing.

The above ordinance was **adopted** upon a motion offered by Mr. Vanderziel, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis: yea. Check motions.

ORDINANCES – Introduction and First Reading

#10-021 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

The above ordinance was **offered** upon a motion by Mr. Reiter, seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis: yea.

#10-022 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF 88 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 ET SEQ

The above ordinance was **offered** upon a motion by Mr. Reiter, seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis: yea.

RESOLUTIONS: 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.

Mr. Weiner commented with regard to Center Ice Sports Bar and Grille and asked if they going to sell the property with the license. Ms. Skibo said this resolution will renew the license and the owners have the option of selling the license separate from the property.

Seeing no further comments from the Council, Mr. Wallis opened this portion of the meeting to the public.

Sheryl Claus – Grinnell Ave: Ms. Claus commented with regard to the grant resolutions and asked what the local arts grant would be used for. Ms. Zsoldos said it would be used for recreation.

See no further comments from the public Mr. Wallis closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

Resolutions #10-235 through 10-245 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Reiter seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Weiner, Trutkoff, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis: yea.

A. FINANCE

#10-235 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997

#10-236 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF OPEN TAXES FOR CHANGE IN ASSESSMENT DUE TO FIRE

#10-237 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF OPEN TAXES FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWNSHIP

#10-238 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 61.13, LOT 482 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#10-239 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#10-240 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WESTERN SERVICE AREA WATER UTILITY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011

#10-241 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WESTERN SERVICE AREA SEWER UTILITY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011

B. LICENSING

#10-242 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE TO THE CENTER ICE SPORTS BAR AND GRILLE, INC.

C. LEGISLATIVE

#10-243 - RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT PROPERTY TAX REFORM WITH PASSAGE OF THE “MUNICIPAL TOOLKIT” AND MANDATES RELIEF

D. GRANTS

#10-244 – NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION, APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR STATE AID TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

#10-245 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM GRANT

REPORTS

Mr. Reiter: Mr. Reiter attended the Somebody Cares luncheon. Lunch was provided by Foodtown and Stop and Shop. The entertainment was provided by the “Meadowettes” a dance group from Meadows West. Somebody Cares does so much for the senior community. They handle financial and legal guidance, Veteran’s benefits and shredding services among others. Mr. Reiter also commented that Council should attend concert fest and show Cassandra their support.

Mr. Vanderziel: Mr. Vanderziel reported that Manchester is moving forward with transparency in government. The Clerk has now posted Council meeting minutes and a link to the new code book on the Township website.

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner said the next Somebody Cares dinner will be on October 2 but he cannot attend as it is his First Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Weiner said he will be at the next concert fest.

Mr. Trutkoff: Mr. Trutkoff gave an update on the Wal-Mart store discussed at the August 2, 2010 Planning Board meeting. Concerns were addressed by attorneys for both sides. A full service Chase bank will be opening in the Shop Rite plaza at the old World Bank location. Awards were given out by the Mayor recently for the winners of the Renaissance softball tournament. Mr. Trutkoff’s team were the winners. Margaret Schuck, a resident, asked Mr. Trutkoff if feasibility studies were done to see how Wal-Mart would hurt existing businesses. She does not want to see local business owners affected.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis commented about a scam that is happening to Manchester residents. He asked them to be very cautious and to notify the police if they do not think something is right. He asked everyone to lock their car doors when parked in front of their homes.

Ms. Zsoldos: None

Mr. Secare: None

Ms. Skibo: None

Mr. Lynch: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Midge Schuck – First Ave.: Ms. Schuck asked why two fees can’t be charged for OPRA. Mr. Secare advised that the State court would not allow it. Ms. Schuck commented with regard to the Catholic Charities lease and suggested that they could offer counseling services to residents of the Township.

Marge Campasano – 1781 Camden Ave.: Ms. Campasano thanked Ms. Zsoldos and Mr. Weiner for their prompt response to her recent inquiry regarding the water advisory.

Fred Lund LVW: Mr. Lund spoke in regard to the new budget and asked if work has been complete. Mr. Wallis advised that we are waiting for final numbers from the State. Mr. Lund suggested having the public involved in the preparation of the budget. Ms. Skibo advised that in this form of government it is the function of Administration and then it is presented to Council. Mr. Lund hoped for no increase in property taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time on motion by Mr. Trutkoff and seconded by Mr. Reiter, the meeting was hereby adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Craig Wallis
Council Vice President

Date Approved