

**Manchester Township Council
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2011**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Craig Wallis. The following statement was read by the 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:

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

Also present were Elena Zsoldos, Business Administrator; Steven Secare, Township Attorney; and Diane Lapp, C.F.O.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular minutes of January 24, 2011 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Reiter and **approved** by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, and Wallis; yea.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #11-053– Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$756,258.34 was offered by Mr. Reiter, seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter and Wallis ; yea. Mr. Weiner abstained on check no. 42430.

Resolution #11-054- Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$1,059,760.20 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter and Wallis; yea.

Resolution #11-055 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$708,681.66 was offered by Mr. Weiner seconded by Mr. Reiter and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#11-001 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-71 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

Mr. Wallis asked if any Council members had questions on the above ordinance. Seeing no Council members wishing to be heard, Mr. Wallis opened this portion of the meeting to the public.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked how many children were enrolled in the camp program for 2010. Ms. Zsoldos said roughly 127 for Camp Adventure, 92 for the pre-school and 78 for the Harry Wright Lake Camp. There were also approximately 19 non-residents who took advantage of the program. Mr. Glen thought the fees were excessive. He suggested offering discounts to families with multiple children. With today's economy parents cannot afford these fees. They are looking for a safe place to put their children while they work. If parents can not afford to send their children to camp, they will be in the streets causing trouble. Mr. Reiter was amazed at the loss we have incurred over the years. The cost is being raised quite a lot. Ms. Zsoldos said based on the number of children enrolled from last year, raising the fees would generate the town about \$73,000.00.

Sheryl Claus – Grinnel Ave.: Ms. Claus suggested giving discounts to families with multiple campers. She also said trips could be optional and the parents could pay the trip fee if they wanted them to participate.

John Kruysman – Pasadena Rd.: Mr. Kruysman said he was raised on the streets of East Orange and Newark. They did not have camps back then. Children did without. He felt parents should be paying for their children to attend camp.

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

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion offered by Mr. Reiter seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner and Reiter; yea. Mr. Wallis; no.

ORDINANCES: Introduction and First Reading

#11-002 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, CHAPTER 245, MUNICIPAL LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE VIII, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 245-86, STREETLIGHTING, TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN

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

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

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen commented on Lifetime Land Improvements. In his opinion, the landscaping was not up to par. He said there were no slats in the chain link and no bushes in front of the fence. Mr. Wallis said that as long as they are meeting with the site plan requirements, there was nothing that could be done. Mr. Glen felt that the property does not represent Manchester.

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

Resolutions #11-056 through #11-063 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Weiner seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, and Wallis; yea

A. FINANCE

#11-056 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#11-057 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997 – BLOCK 1.38 LOT 40

#11-058 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997 – BLOCK 1.182 LOT 30

B. AGREEMENTS\CONTRACTS

#11-059 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL

C. LICENSING

#11-060 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO PRICED RITE TOWING FOR THE 2011 LICENSE YEAR

D. BONDS/ESCROW

#11-061 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING AN ESCROW POSTED BY LIFETIME LAND IMPROVEMENTS BLOCK 72.01 LOT 14.03

E. PURCHASING

#11-062 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF POLICE EQUIPMENT IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

E. LEGISLATIVE

#11-063 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING AND URGING REPEAL OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS REQUIRING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RE-FIT AND RE-FACE STREET SIGNS TO MEET NEW LETTERING AND REFLECTIVITY STANDARDS

REPORTS

Mr. Reiter: Mr. Reiter attended the N.J. League of Mayors meeting with Ms. Zsoldos and Mayor Fressola. It was well attended by over 100 mayors, council members and administrators. Things are tough economically all over the State. Bob Martin, the Director of the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection spoke about changes that are being made to the department. They are trying to make it more customer-friendly. He felt that people at the top should be held more accountable. The Director of the Department of Community Affairs was a speaker who advised that shared services was catching on. Senators Sweeney and Oliver spoke. It was good to see them upfront on the issues. Read Across America will be held on March 2. It is very near and dear to his heart. He will be reading at a local elementary school. Mr. Reiter also attended the Ocean County Mayor's Association meeting with Ms. Zsoldos and Mayor Fressola. Bill Dressel, Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities spoke. He touched on affordable housing and the State budget. Further, Mr. Reiter announced that an assembly bill passed that would require school district and fire district elections to be held on the same day.

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner attended the PBA awards banquet. He commended all of Manchester police. They do a great job. He attended the Ocean County Mosquito Commission meeting. Regular routine business was discussed. A fish fry will held by the Manchester-Lakehurst Rotary. Money raised will go directly go back to the community.

Ms. Zsoldos: none

Mr. Secare: none

Ms. Skibo: Census 2010 figures were released and over 4300 residents have been added to Manchester. There will now be another election district at the Whiting fire house.

Ms. Lapp: Ms. Lapp heard from Division of Local Government Services. State aid will be the same as last year. She also commented on the JCP&L and that it was several months combined into one bill.

PUBLIC PORTION

Ed Lynch – Bridal Way: Mr. Lynch asked why a lifestyle impact was not given to the Manchester Coordinating Council for the Schoolhouse Rd. project. Mr. Reiter said he is willing to update the Council at their next meeting. Ms. Zsoldos also pointed out that the Mayor periodically meets with the Coordinating Council to keep them up-to-date with issues.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked how we were doing with the snow budget. Ms. Skibo advised that we are under budget.

Larry Jones – Country Walk: Mr. Jones asked about Federal aid disaster money for snow removal for the Township. He was afraid they were not going to get their fair share. Ms. Zsoldos advised that Mr. Abline, Emergency Management Coordinator, is on top of it.

Sheryl Claus – Grinnel Ave.: Ms. Claus asked where the additional election district was going to be. Ms. Skibo advised that it would be District #40 at the Whiting firehouse. Ms. Claus asked the status on the recent robberies in Pine Lake Park. Mr. Wallis advised that the detectives are working on the case. Ms. Claus commented on an empty tract of land by her house. People are dumping on it and she calls the Police about three times a month to make them aware that people are going there to dump. She suggested putting a fence on the property to deter people from dumping. Mr. Wallis suggested mounding dirt at the entrance to the property to make it impassible.

There being no further business at this time on motion by Mr. Trutkoff and seconded by Mr. Weiner and unanimous voice vote of Council, the meeting was hereby adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Craig Wallis
Council President