

Manchester Township Council
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2010

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Council Vice President Warren Reiter. 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 Newark 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	-	arrived at 5:30 p.m.
Councilman Brendan Weiner	-	present
Councilman Warren Reiter	-	present
Councilman Kenneth Vanderziel	-	present
Councilman Craig Wallis	-	absent

Also present were Steven Secare, Township Attorney, Elena Zsoldos Business Administrator. When open session resumed present were Stephen Stanziano, Director of Public Works and Chief of Police William Brase.

RESOLUTION #10-209 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975

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

A motion to reconvene into open session was offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the unanimous voice vote of Council.

Council Workshop:

- a. **Senior Tax Rebates** – Mr. Weiner felt that something had to be done on the state level. Since the resident wrote the letter, the reinstatement of the millionaire's tax was vetoed by the Governor. This is a dead issue. Mr. Reiter advised that Council did try to contact Senator Connors but he was tied up in Trenton all week. Over the years, New Jersey has lost over 70 billion dollars in revenue due to the millionaire's tax. This additional tax would not cover homestead rebates anyway. Council decided to take no further action at this time.
- b. **Farmland Assessment Law** - Mr. Reiter felt that this law would change the qualifications to receive a farmland assessment. With the current law, they only had to make \$500 on the first five acres. This legislation would change that amount to \$1000. If the municipality has twenty or more farms, the Municipal Tax Assessor has to go to school in order to learn how to assess a farm. Mr. Vanderziel advised that this law has been abused in the past. Mr. Vanderziel would be in favor of this legislation. Mr. Trutkoff asked how many farms are in Manchester. Mr. Weiner advised that there are 25 farms in Manchester. This bill would try to curb the abuse of farmland assessments. Mr. Weiner wanted to reach out to the 25 farmland assessed property owners to see how they felt on the proposed legislation. Mr. Lynch, Tax Assessor, would get the list of farmers and Ms. Skibo's office could prepare the correspondence.

Approval of Minutes: The closed session minutes of June 28, 2010 were adopted upon a motion made by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Vanderziel and Reiter; yea.

Submission of Bills:

Resolution #10-210– Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$2,200,309.11 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Vanderziel and Reiter ; yea.

Resolution #10-211- Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of 94,111.28 was offered by Mr. Weiner seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Vanderziel and Reiter; yea.

Resolution #10-212 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$403,947.98 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Vanderziel and Reiter; yea.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#10-014 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 118 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER ENTITLED CAMPGROUNDS

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

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked how this ordinance would pertain to residents and Mr. Secare explained that it would only affect recreational campgrounds. Manchester has only one recreational campground

John Doyle – representing Surf and Stream: Mr. Doyle said he did not see a problem with the ordinance as written. There is nothing in the ordinance that would prevent park models. His concern was about the units ability to be readily moved. He said the units can be moved in 72 hours. All river front units have been fixed according to code. They have gone a long way in doing the fundamental things. He hoped now that the license could be issued. The park models have been up more than two years. They are all tied down satisfactorily according to federal guidelines.

Seeing no further public comments, Mr. Reiter 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, Vanderziel and Reiter: yea.

ORDINANCES – Introduction and First Reading

#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. Reiter advised it was an undersized lot at the corner of Amsterdam and Bismark.

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

#10-016 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHANGING THE NAME OF A CERTAIN STREET IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

Mr. Reiter advised that Orgothermit wants the street name changed for mail delivery purposes.

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

#10-017 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE FIREARMS RANGE

Mr. Reiter advised that this ordinance was requested by the Chief of Police. The fee would be \$100.00 a day for any police organization that would want to use the range. Insurance would have to be in place and we would be responsible for cleanup.

The above resolution was offered upon a motion by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Weiner, Trutkoff, Vanderziel and Weiner: 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. Reiter asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda.

Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Reiter asked if there were any questions from the public on any item on the consent agenda

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd. – Mr. Glen thanked the Chief for taking a pay freeze during these hard economic times.

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

Resolutions #10-213 through 10-219 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: Weiner, Trutkoff, Vanderziel and Reiter: yea.

A. GRANTS

#10-213 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES

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#10-215 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE JERSEY™ GRANT FUNDED BY WAL-MART

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#10-216 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

C. LICENSING

#10-217 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO JERRY'S AUTO BODY LLC. FOR THE 2010 LICENSE YEAR

D. FINANCE

#10-218 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR ADOPTING AN UPDATED PLAN DOCUMENT FOR THE EXISTING TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PLAN

#10-219 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE AUGUST 2010 TAX BILLS

REPORTS

Mr. Trutkoff: Mr. Trutkoff reported that he attended the July 6 Planning Board meeting where they discussed Wal-Mart. The next meeting will be held on August 2nd.

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner attended the July 3 concert at Harry Wright Lake. He commended Sheryl Claus for her hard work.

Mr. Vanderziel: None

Mr. Reiter: The concert at Harry Wright Lake was a great night. It was a good crowd and it was nice and cool.

PUBLIC

Margaret Schuck – PLP: Ms. Schuck commented on the farmland legislation and said Council should make sure they are running farms. She asked if Mr. Weiner was against the bill. He advised that he wants to hear from the farms first to decide the best way to regulate them. Ms. Schuck also questioned the grace period for tax bills.

Sheryl Claus - Grinnell Ave: Ms. Claus commented on water restrictions and the overgrowth in Pine Lake Park at the site triangles. She asked if Public Works could go out and check on the growth left on the easements that was cut from the site triangles.

Marge Camposano – Whiting: Ms. Camposano commented on the July 3rd concert and offered a cost saving suggestion on signage at Harry Wright Lake. She felt that some of the signs were an eyesore and others contradicted each other. Mr. Reiter advised the signs were for liability purposes. Ms. Zsoldos said inconsistencies could be removed from the signage.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd: Mr. Glen asked what Council’s goals would be for the new year and what long range projects are ahead for the Township.

Barbara Hanley – 1632 First Ave: Ms. Hanley has lived in the Township for 40 years and was upset that the public was not notified that the July Planning Board meeting was moved due to the July 4th holiday. She stated that she attended all of the Planning Board meetings on Walmart including the one in June. Ms. Skibo advised that all of the meetings were legally advertised in the Asbury Park Press and Star Ledger. Mr. Trutkoff said the July date was also announced at the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time on motion by Mr. Trutkoff and seconded by Mr. Weiner, the meeting was hereby adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Warren Reiter
Council Vice President

Date Approved