Manchester Township Council Meeting Minutes March 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	-	absent
Councilman Kenneth Vanderziel	-	present
Councilman Craig Wallis	-	present

Also present were Elena Zsoldos, Business Administrator; Steven Secare, Township Attorney; Diane Lapp, C.F.O.; and Don Somerset from the Department of Utilities.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Clerk read a proclamation into the record declaring the month of April 2011 as "Autism Awareness Month".

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #11-086 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$648,998.72 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Vanderziel and Wallis; yea. Mr. Weiner abstained on check no. 42599.

Resolution #11-087- Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$171,553.45 was offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Vanderziel and Wallis; yea.

Resolution #11-088 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$25,620.09 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Vanderziel and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#11-003 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF NON –BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

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 felt that Township employees took a pay freeze and started contributing to health benefits in good faith. He felt it was wrong to give one employee a pay increase. He felt that it hurts morale. Mr. Wallis said that things will be changing in the utility department and this will save tax payer money in the future. Mr. Secare said that there was a plan, in the early stages, for the water and sewer department to take over more responsibilities. Ms. Zsoldos explained that this was not a pay increase but the salary that was agreed upon when the employee was hired.

Ed Lynch – Bridle Way: Mr. Lynch wondered why the information could not be shared with the public. Mr. Wallis explained that it is still in negotiations.

Stuart Bier – Florence Dr.: Mr. Bier suggested tabling this item until the Township was done with negotiations.

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

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

#11-004 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 28 IN BLOCK 1.241 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12-1 <u>et seq.</u>

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.

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

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

ORDINANCES: Introduction and First Reading

#11-005 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF ROAD EASEMENTS, DRAINAGE EASEMENT, OVERHEAD UTILITY EASEMENT, AND UTILITY EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF OCEAN WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 100 PART OF LOT 1

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

#11-006 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT, TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF OCEAN WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 86.10 LOT 1

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

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

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

Resolutions #11-089 through #11-096 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, Vanderziel and Wallis; yea

A. <u>GRANTS</u>

#11-089 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, OUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A "CLICK IT OR TICKET 2011 SEAT BELT CAMPAIGN" ENFORCEMENT GRANT

B. <u>AGREEMENTS\CONTRACTS</u>

#11-090 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF URCHASING TO ADVERTISE FOR SOLICITATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR

C. LICENSING

#11-091 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A TOWING LICENSE TO HALL'S GULF SERVICE, INC.

D. BONDS\ESCROW

#11-092 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY AARON DEVELOPERS, INC. FOR BLOCK 1.125 LOT 22\2040 SEVENTH AVE.

E. **<u>PURCHASING</u>**

#11-093 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2011 DODGE CHARGER AND ONE 2011 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE CARS, UNDER THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM

F. LEGISLATIVE

#11-094 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING TAX RELIEF

G. <u>RECREATION</u>

#11-095 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SEASHORE AMUSEMENTS

H. PERSONNEL

#11-096 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS FOR POLICE PROMOTIONAL SALARIES

REPORTS

Mr. Vanderziel: Mr. Vanderziel had advised that he is working on various projects.

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner announced that the Lakehurst-Manchester Rotary Fish Fry was a huge success. All money raised goes directly back into the community in the form of scholarships and community projects.

Mr. Trutkoff: None

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis congratulated Captain Parker and Sgt. Komsa on their promotions. Both are professional and knowledgeable individuals. Sgt. Komsa grew up in Manchester and it was nice to promote a lifelong resident of the community.

Ms. Zsoldos: Ms. Zsoldos congratulated Captain Parker and Sgt. Komsa on their promotions. They were well deserved.

Mr. Secare: None

Ms. Skibo: None

Ms. Lapp: None

Ms. Pellicano: None

PUBLIC PORTION

Kathleen Middleton – Kensington Rd.: Ms. Middleton delivered petitions to the Mayor and Council on behalf of the residents of Renaissance. The residents urged the Mayor and Council to act immediately on providing a secondary access road for the residents of Renaissance. Ms. Zsoldos explained that the Mayor spoke to Stavola. They advised that they have almost completed the final punch list and they do want to finish the road. Ms. Zsoldos said she sympathizes with the homeowners; however, the Township has tried to resolve the situation.

Richard Work – 14 B Blue Jay: Mr. Work spoke on regarding moving the May municipal elections to November. He felt that it would be a cost savings to the residents of Manchester.

George Middleton – Kensington Rd.: Mr. Middleton was concerned that escrow monies would be released before the secondary road was complete. Mr. Secare agreed with Mr. Middleton and he would not feel comfortable releasing any escrow monies until the road was complete. Mr. Secare said that the Township has tried everything within their power to get the road complete.

Stuart Bier – Florence Dr.: Mr. Bier advised that Mayor Fressola, Mr. Secare and Council have tried to help. Renaissance homeowners have no say as to the release of bonds. Mr. Bier suggested having the verdict between Stavola and Centex opened.

Mr. Kuchar – Renassiance: Mr. Kuchar has been a resident of Renaissance for seven years. He felt that he pays too much money for snow removal. Ms. Zsoldos explained that Renaissance is reimbursed by the Township for snow removal.

Hal McDonald – Drayton Rd.: Mr. McDonald felt that the Township has done a wonderful job trying to get Stavola to do the right thing. It seems that everyone is powerless and anger and frustration are justified. The Township has helped whenever asked. The back road is impassible. Mr. McDonald went 100 yards and had to turn around. He hoped that, at the least, the road could be graded and the potholes filled.

Richard Work – 14B Bluejay: Mr. Work suggested that the County could help getting the road finished. Ms. Zoldos explained that it was a private road and the County could not help.

Larry Lee – Country Walk: Mr. Lee was worried that the proposed train going down 530 would be more than once during the middle of the night. Ms. Zsoldos said she would check on it.

Fred Lund – LVW: Mr. Lund commented on the salary ordinance and asked if there was going to be a salary freeze for other workers. He felt that Council should consider freezing all salaries if necessary. Mr. Lund also asked if the salary for the Council President has changed. Mr. Wallis said it has been the same for the past 15 years.

John Gallagher – Renaissance: Mr. Gallagher asked the amount of the bonds that were being held. Mr. Secare explained that it was several bonds for all the various sections of Renaissance.

There being no further business at this time on motion by Mr. Vanderziel and seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and unanimous voice vote of Council, the meeting was hereby adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC Township Clerk Craig Wallis Council President

Date Approved