

**Manchester Township Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 22, 2010**

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, CFO.

Mr. Wallis announced that Mr. Vanderziel had a fall and was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Wallis hoped that he would feel better soon.

**Land Sale** – Various properties pursuant to Ordinance #10-028

Mr. Secare advised of the rules of the land sale. The results were as follows:

Donald Pepe  
1402 Buckingham Cr.  
Middletown, NJ 07768

Successful bidder on the following parcels:

Block 73, Lots 3&4	\$32,097.00
Block 73, Lot 21	\$43,719.00
Block 73, Lot 31, 33 & 39	\$83,564.00
Block 73, Lot 32	\$32,429.00
Block 77, Lot 27	\$32,323.00

Successful bidder on the following

Rocky Chhibba  
201 Sixth Ave.  
Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Block 77, Lot 28	\$40,841.00
Block 77, Lot 29	\$103,154.00

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The regular meeting minutes of October 12, 2010 were adopted upon a motion made 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 #10-336**– Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$799,004.06 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter and Wallis; yea. Mr. Weiner abstained on invoice #41955 for the Public Defender.

**Resolution #10-337**- Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$169,482.25 was offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter and Wallis; yea.

**Resolution #10-338** – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$41,278.39 was offered by Mr. Weiner seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter and Wallis; yea.

**ORDINANCES: Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action**

**#10-032 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A DEED OF EASEMENT (RIGHT OF WAY) AND TWO DRAINAGE EASEMENTS TO THE COUNTY OF OCEAN WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 71, PART OF LOT 6**

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. Reiter and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter and Wallis; yea.

**10-033 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF 108 LACEY 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.**

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 asked if this was to replace an existing lease and how much would the cost savings be. Ms. Zsoldos advised that it was to replace an existing lease and the cost savings would be more than half.

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

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

**ORDINANCES: Introduction and First Reading**

**#10-034 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A DEED OF EASEMENT (RIGHT-OF-WAY) TO THE COUNTY OF OCEAN WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 100 PART OF LOT 20**

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Reiter 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.

Mr. Reiter advised that he reviewed the resume of the Police Chaplain and was satisfied with his credentials. Mr. Weiner asked if he could be notified of how much revenue was generated on the GovDeals auction.

Seeing no further 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 to the public.

**Resolutions #10-339 through #10-347** 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, Vanderziel and Wallis: yea

#### **A. FINANCE**

**#10-339 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 61.46, LOT 1 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#10-340 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR**

#### **B. GRANTS**

**#10-341 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AN "OVER THE LIMIT UNDER ARREST" 2010 IMPAIRED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**#10-342 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES**

**#10-343 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES**

#### **C. PURCHASING**

**#10-344 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF RECOVERED PROPERTY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM**

**#10-345 - 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**

**#10-346 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF FORFEITED VEHICLES IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM**

#### **D. APPOINTMENTS**

**#10-347 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING REVEREND JAMES W. DAVIS, AS CHAPLAIN OF THE MANCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **REPORTS**

**Mr. Reiter:** Mr. Reiter commented on the Veteran's Day ceremony held at Town Hall and commended Mr. Stanziano for a job well done. He felt privileged to sit next to many decorated war veterans. Mr. Reiter also attended the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference held in Atlantic City where he attended many beneficial seminars. Mr. Reiter announced that Mr. Stanziano was honored at the Mayor's Luncheon and received the Innovation in Governments award given out by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**Mr. Weiner:** Mr. Weiner attended the Ocean County Missing and Exploited Children's Advisory Commission meeting. They are working on developing a program with the audio and visual departments of area high schools to update videos on various topics such as cyber bullying and the dangers of social networking. On November 19<sup>th</sup> he attended a spaghetti dinner hosted by Pop Warner. It was a prosperous night for fundraising. Mr. Weiner wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Mr. Trutkoff:** Mr. Trutkoff wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Mr. Wallis:** Mr. Wallis announced that Veteran's Day at the high school was very successful. Veterans spoke to the students to remind them that the world they live in was not free. The students appreciated the Veterans coming to speak to them. The high school held their homecoming game against Monsignor Dovovan and they did very well.

**Ms. Zsoldos:** Ms. Zsoldos wanted to mention that Mr. Stanziano was not only recognized by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs but also on the national level. Negotiations are still going on with the unions regarding concessions in their contracts in order to make the budget work.

**Mr. Secare:** Mr. Secare announced that the last meetings would be held with the non-police unions and he was optimistic that concessions would be made.

**Ms. Skibo:** Ms. Skibo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Ms. Pellicano:** None

**Ms. Lapp:** Ms. Lapp gave an update on the budget.

**Public Comment:**

**Fred Lund – LVW:** Mr. Lund read a statement to the Council regarding the budget. He felt that Council should review the budget again and make expense adjustments. Mr. Lund felt that the tax levy increase should be reduced completely or bring it to a level that is more realistic.

**Patric Dambroski – 901 Seventh Ave.:** Mr. Dambroski commented with regard to the budget. He felt that salary increases were too high as well as things labeled “other expenses” in the budget. This number could be shaved. He also went through the current fund bill list and was concerned with the cell phone bill. Mr. Dambroski did not understand the tax assessment. Shop Rite and the landfill were paying less for taxes than two blocks in Pine Lake Park. These things should be addressed in the budget. Mr. Secare suggested that Mr. Dambroski sit down with the Tax Assessor who could explain the taxes on the landfill. Ms. Zsoldos offered that there have been meetings with the landfill that have addressed Mr. Dambroski’s concerns. Mr. Dambroski asked what the projected revenue would be for the proposed Wal-Mart. Mr. Secare advised that the taxes will be split with Toms River. They have been more than fair to the Township considering Manchester will only have 44 parking spaces in the proposed Wal-Mart. Mr. Wallis said that it will be Manchester Police Department responding to calls at the Wal-Mart. Manchester will get host community benefits for this. Mr. Dambroski felt with the decrease in state aid it is now time for the Township to cut expenses. Mr. Dambroski also noticed that pension contributions have increased as well. Mr. Secare advised that it is a state mandated obligation. The state has not made their contributions so they are pushing it off to the municipalities. Mr. Dambroski was of the opinion that when times get tough, expenditures have to be cut. He runs a restaurant business and when he does not bring in enough money, he has to cut his spending and find ways to save money. He felt taxes should not be raised. There are over four hundred foreclosed properties in Pine Lake Park alone. Mr. Secare advised that concessions have to be made somewhere. Mr. Dambroski felt that the PBA should make some concessions in salary rather than to see some of their co-workers be laid off. Mr. Dambroski asked what the town is doing to bring in revenue. Mr. Secare advised that the Township is selling land. Mr. Wallis explained that having businesses is what generates revenue. He said the chance of bringing in big businesses to Manchester, such as a Target, was slim. First of all, the Township does not have the land and if you go down Route 70 you are in Pinelands. The Pinelands Commission has strict laws concerning building.

**Fred Lund – LVW:** Mr. Lund commented with regard to lay off notices going out.

**Midge Schuck – PLP:** Ms. Schuck felt that Township should ask employees for a “giveback”. It is time for all employees to give up a percentage. She felt that a ten percent salary cut across the board would help everyone to keep their jobs and their homes. The dollar has been stretched as well as Township services.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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 6:40 p.m.

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**Sabina T. Skibo, RMC**  
**Township Clerk**

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**Craig Wallis**  
**Council President**

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**Date Approved**