

**Manchester Township Council
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2010 Minutes**

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 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 Elena Zsoldos, Business Administrator, Steven Secare, Township Attorney, Martin Lynch, Tax Assessor and Diane Lapp, C.F.O.

Proclamation: The Township Attorney read a proclamation declaring the week of October 3 – October 9, 2010 “Fire Prevention Week”

Approval of Minutes: The regular meeting minutes of September 13, 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 Wallis; yea. Mr. Reiter abstained.

Resolution #10-291– Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$708,017.41 was offered by Mr. Vanderziel, seconded by Mr. Reiter and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis; yea.

Resolution #10-292- Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$571,256.75 was offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis; yea.

Resolution #10-293 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$51,287.66 was offered by Mr. Weiner seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#10-024 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHAPLAIN WITHIN THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

10-025 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2011, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

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.

John Kruysman – Pasadena Rd.: Mr. Kruysman asked for clarification on the CAP ordinance. Ms. Lapp advised that this ordinance will allow the Township to raise their expenditures no more than 3.5 percent over last year. It has not been used in the past, but it gives the Township the pool of money to be used in case of an extraordinary need.

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

ORDINANCES – Introduction and First Reading

#10-026 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 10-019 ENTITLED “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

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

#10-027 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 72, LOT 4 AND BLOCK 52, LOT 1, AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 ET SEQ.

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

#10-028 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY AS LISTED ON ATTACHED SCHEDULE A IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AT OPEN PUBLIC SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et. seq.

Mr. Weiner asked what the potential development impact would be on this land. Ms. Zsoldos advised that she would provide the information before the next meeting.

The above ordinance was **offered** upon a motion by Mr. Vanderziel 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 advised that after reviewing the resolutions included under Finance, he has no problem moving forward with the Temporary Budgets.

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

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen commented with regard to the water and sewer and the Western Service Area temporary budgets being divided. Ms. Lapp advised that the Western Service area was done a few meetings ago.

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

Resolutions #10-294 through #10-299 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Trutkoff seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis: yea

A. FINANCE

#10-294 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011

#10-295 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WATER UTILITY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011

#10-296 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY SEWER UTILITY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011

B. BONDS\ESCROW

#10-297 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING AN ESCROW TO TERESA WLAZLINSKI FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 1.157 LOT 34, 2121 SEVENTH AVE.

C. PURCHASING

#10-298 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION # 10-286 AUTHORIZING SOLE SOURCE VENDOR CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF RANGE CONTAINMENT SAFETY BARRIERS FROM HESCO BASTION, USA, INC.

D. REAL ESTATE

#10-299 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING PARCEL AS A RESULT OF THE PRIVATE LAND SALE ON 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.

REPORTS

Mr. Reiter: Mr. Reiter attended the Ocean County Mayor's Association meeting where the guest speaker was Dr. John Larson, President of Ocean County College. Dr. Larson was very pleased with the progress of the college within the County. Mr. Reiter will be attending the League of Municipalities Mayor's Legislation Meeting. He is a newly appointed member. The agenda is distributed ahead of time and he plans to be prepared before he attends the meeting. Whiting Healthcare Center recently celebrated their 20th anniversary with a street fair. Mr. Reiter read a proclamation for the Mayor that honored four employees for their 20 years of service to the center. It was a very nice day.

Mr. Vanderziel: Mr. Vanderziel advised that there is going to be a budget problem. Pension costs are going up 23 percent. Ms. Lapp is going a great job. The Budget Committee will try to develop a program that will keep taxes low. Bill Dressel of the League of Municipalities called it a suicidal budget. It is being pushed from the State down to the municipal level.

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner attended the Senior Advisory Council Meeting. Over five million dollars in money is coming in to New Jersey. Senior Outreach has submitted two grants to become eligible for some of this money. They are waiting to hear if they will receive any funding. Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Ocean County recently held a fundraiser at the FIT golf course on Route 37. All proceeds went to benefit this worthwhile organization. Mr. Weiner commended the owners of FIT golf for donating their time and putting this event together. Mr. Weiner reported that he was recently sworn in as a new member of the Ocean County Mosquito Control Commission. He was taken up into a helicopter to see what areas are affected by spraying.

Mr. Trutkoff: Mr. Trutkoff gave an update on the Planning Board meeting held on September 20, 2010. Wal-mart and Shoprite gave their summations. The Wal-Mart application has been approved by the Planning Board; however, additional approvals are needed by DEP.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis announced state aid figures for the budget. Mr. Wallis thanked the Planning Board members for sitting through the Wal-Mart meetings. Planning Board members are not paid and are strictly volunteers.

Ms. Zsoldos: Ms. Zsoldos announced that she will be meeting with the Council Finance Committee to review the budget.

Mr. Secare: Mr. Secare advised that the Township will take an aggressive stance with the union during the budget process.

Ms. Skibo: None

Ms. Pellicano: None

Mr. Lynch: None

Ms. Lapp: Ms. Lapp was pleased to announce that the Township will be getting back over 200 thousand dollars in insurance dividends and the Township has received good bond ratings as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Lund – LVW: Mr. Lund questioned the properties that are being put up for sale in Ordinance #10-028. Mr. Lynch advised that they are of limited development potential and mostly wooded and wetlands. The people who are interested in buying it would like to conserve some and develop some. Mr. Lund questioned when the budget would be adopted. Ms. Zsoldos advised that they hope to introduce it by November.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen commented with regard to the water restrictions on the east side of town. He asked if there was a problem and didn't think it was fair to the people who were conserving. As far as he knew, other towns were not imposing the same restrictions on their residents and water was being taken from the same aquifer. Mr. Glen also mentioned that Leisure Village West has made application to the DEP to take 24 million gallons from the aquifer for irrigation purposes. Mr. Secare asked Ms. Zsoldos to check with the utility engineers to see what stand the Township is taking on this issue.

John Kruysman – Pasadena Rd.: Mr. Kruysman commented with regard to budget discussions and wanted to know when the public will be able to voice their opinion. He felt that residents should be made aware of the happenings within the Township.

Fred Lund – LVW: Mr. Lund felt that the public does not have enough input on the budget process. He suggested putting an article in the newspaper to let residents know the happenings within the Manchester Township government. He felt the more the public knew, they may appreciate the problems that Manchester is facing. Ms. Zsoldos explained to Mr. Lund, by law, negotiations with unions are private and they are unable to speak about them. Residents will be allowed to have their input at budget hearings.

Resolution #10-300 - 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 (This resolution was to discuss pending litigation of Surf and Stream.)

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

A motion to go back into open session was offered by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Weiner, Reiter, Vanderziel and Wallis; yea.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time on motion by Mr. Trutkoff and seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and unanimous voice vote of Council, the meeting was hereby adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

**Craig Wallis
Council President**

Date Approved