

**Manchester Township Council
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2011**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council Vice President Brendan Weiner. The following statement was read by the Municipal 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:

The Clerk took the roll call:

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

Also present were Elena Zsoldos, Business Administrator, Steven Secare, Township Attorney, Brian Klimakowski, Chief of Police and Capt. Lisa Parker.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #11-271 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,095,527.65 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Vanderziel; yea. Mr. Weiner abstained on check #43671.

Resolution #11-272- Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$130,839.44 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Reiter and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Vanderziel, Weiner; yea.

Resolution #11-273– Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$130,839.44 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff seconded by Mr. Reiter and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Vanderziel and Weiner; yea.

ORDINANCES- Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#11-020 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR REMEDIATION OF PROPERTY AND ESTABLISHING A LIEN THEREON

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

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

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

#11-021 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2012, 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. Weiner asked if any Council member had questions on the above ordinance. Seeing no Council members wishing to be heard, Mr. Weiner opened this portion of the meeting to the public

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

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

#11-022 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF AND TO A PORTION OF HARRISON AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 ET SEQ.

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

Marge Campasano – Camden Ave.: Ms. Campasano asked why the street is being vacated. Mr. Weiner explained that it is not needed for egress and it would be placed on the tax rolls. The Township will be able to generate some money. Ms. Campasano said it raised some concerns because it buffers Harry Wright Lake and she does not want to see land that adjoins Harry Wright Lake become compromised.

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

Mr. Weiner advised that this ordinance should be defeated and re-introduced because the metes and bounds had to be corrected.

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

ORDINANCES: First Reading and Introduction

#11-023 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF AND TO A PORTION OF HARRISON AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 ET SEQ.

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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, Reiter, 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. Weiner asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda.

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

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe: Mr. Glen commented on the Eastern Service Area Budget and asked if a new well and water tower were considered. Ms. Lapp said that a well and water tower would be included in the capital budget.

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

Mr. Trutkoff offered a motion to remove Resolution #11-279 and #11-287 from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Vanderziel seconded the motion and was approved upon the unanimous voice vote of Council.

#11-279 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Weiner asked if this resolution be pulled from the Consent Agenda due to a conflict of interest.

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

#11-287 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 2883

The above ordinance died due to lack of motion due to the fact that the governor recently signed this bill into law.

Resolutions #11-274 through #11-290 except resolutions #11-279 and #11-287 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Vanderziel Seconded by Mr. Reiter and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Vanderziel and Weiner; yea

#11-274 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012

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#11-275 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY SEWER UTILITY BUDGET EASTERN SERVICE AREA APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012

#11-276 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WATER UTILITY BUDGET EASTERN SERVICE AREA APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012

#11-277 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WESTERN SERVICE AREA SEWER UTILITY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012

#11-278 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WESTERN SERVICE AREA WATER UTILITY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012

#11-280 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF OPEN TAXES FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWNSHIP

#11-281 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#11-282 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING AN ESCROW POSTED BY PUNTONIA ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 97 LOT 9, 67 LACEY RD.

#11-283 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ALLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF A MAINTENANCE BOND POSTED BY ROMA BANK FOR A PROJECT LOCATED AT 451 LACEY RD, BLOCK 110, LOT 3.03

#11-284 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM GRANT

#11-285- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FIRST AVENUE AND SECOND AVENUE ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

#11-286 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3285

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#11-288 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE FOR AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

#11-289 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE FOR AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR PROPERTY REASSESSMENT

REPORTS

Mr. Reiter: Mr. Reiter and Mr. Vanderziel met with Diane Lapp to discuss the budget. There will be another meeting and review in the near future.

Mr. Vanderziel: Mr. Vanderziel is engaged in the preparation of the budget. Ms. Lapp is doing a good job.

Mr. Trutkoff: None

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner discussed the rail line that will be going through Whiting. It will run 13 miles from Woodmansee to Lakehurst. It is run by Clayton Block. He said it will have less impact on the infrastructure. It will help Clayton get their product from one location to another. They will be able to use one rail car compared to the four trucks that they would normally use on the road. This may one day lead to a rail line that will have excursions for tourists through the Pine Barrens similar to Cape May.

Ms. Skibo: None

Ms. Zsoldos: The Mayor has been approached by Academy Buslines. They are proposing additional bus stops in Manchester. The Township has received over 3 million dollars in grant money from Green Acres to date. Ms. Zsoldos announced that Manchester Township now has a Facebook page.

Mr. Secare: None

Ms. Lapp: Ms. Lapp attended the CFO conference in Atlantic City. The big topic of discussion was how municipalities were going to deal with tax appeals. Hopefully the State will give funding towards this problem. The DLGS is working with the Legislature to come up with a plan. The Division of Local Government Services would like to see all state fiscal year towns becoming calendar year towns. Ms. Lapp will be working with the Auditor to make this transition for 2013.

Chief Klimakowski: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Reed – Walflower Ct.: Mr. Reed questioned the new ordinance regarding the retrofitting of storm water drains. He wanted to know how much it would cost. Mr. Weiner said the retrofitting has to be purchased by who owns the infrastructure. It does not have to be done immediately and can wait until the roads are scheduled for repair. Ms. Zsoldos said the retrofitting costs between \$50.00 and \$125.00 and can be replaced when roads are reconstructed. Country Walk had an attorney speak to their community regarding representing them for tax appeals. Mr. Secare said that the attorneys get a third of

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the first two years of savings. They can make a lot of money representing residents for a tax appeal. The meeting may have been a way for the attorney to solicit business. Mr. Reed also asked if the Township received grant money for the construction of the rail line. Ms. Zsoldos said that the DOT gave \$100,000 in grant money to offset the cost of the construction of the rail line. The money went to Clayton because they did the construction.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time on motion by Mr. Reiter and seconded by Mr. Vanderziel and unanimous voice vote of Council, the meeting was hereby adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Brendan Weiner
Council Vice President

Date Approved

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