

**Manchester Township Council  
Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2012**

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 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	-	absent
Councilman Sam Fusaro	-	present
Councilman Craig Wallis	-	present

Also present were Elena Zsoldos, Business Administrator; Steven Secare, Township Attorney; Diane Lapp, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Brian Klimakowski

**PROCLAMATION** - “Autism Awareness Month”

The Clerk read a proclamation into the record for “Autism Awareness Month”

**SUBMISSION OF BILLS:**

**Resolution #12-106** - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$5,310,641.98 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Reiter and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

**Resolution #12-107** -Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$156,345.48 was offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Trutkoff and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

**Resolution #12-108** – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$57,950.93 was offered by Mr. Trutkoff seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

**ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction**

**#12-009 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER**

The above ordinance was adopted upon a motion by Mr. Reiter, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen: Trutkoff, Reiter, Fusaro 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. Trutkoff asked when the Carfax start date was. Mr. Secare said the effective date of the contract was upon signing.

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 questioned the contract with the Board of Education for the use of the school buses for summer camp. Ms. Zsoldos explained that the Board of Education supplies the drivers and the Township pays the costs. Mr. Glen also commented with regard to the Camden Ave. resolution and asked why it was on the agenda. Mr. Secare explained that the developer did not finish the project to extend the road. The Township is going after the cash portion of the bond in an attempt to use the funds to grade it and make it more presentable.

**Fred Lund – LVW:** Mr. Lund questioned refunds for recreation trips. He felt that the trips should be based on a no refund policy. Mr. Wallis said he doesn't think that should be a concern right now. The refunds we give are infrequent and for legitimate reasons.

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

**Resolutions #12-109 through #12-120** were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Trutkoff, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Trutkoff, Reiter, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

#### **A. FINANCE**

**#12-109 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF RECREATION FEES FOR PROGRAMS/CAMP/THEATER TRIPS/MISC.**

**#12-110 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR SPRING/SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS**

#### **B. AGREEMENTS**

**#12-111 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FRA TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE AND UPDATE OF THE MRS RECREATION SOFTWARE**

**#12-112 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**#12-113 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD**

**#12-114 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND CARFAX POLICE CRASH ASSISTANCE, INC.**

#### **C. MISCELLANEOUS**

**#12-115 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PETITION TO THE COURT REQUESTING THE USE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING AND/OR RENOVATING A GROUP HOME LOCATED AT 1941 TRENTON AVENUE.**

**#12-116 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PILOT AGREEMENT WITH SERV PROPERTIES AND MANAGEMENT, INC. (SERV)**

#### **D. BONDS\ESCROWS**

**#12-117 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO UTILIZE THE CASH PORTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS CAMDEN AVENUE EXTENSION**

**#12-118 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE PENDING THE POSTING OF A TWO YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND TO PRESBYTERIAN HOMES @ MANCHESTER FOR BLOCK 82.09, LOT 14.01**

#### **E. LEGISLATIVE**

**#12-119 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF ENERGY TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES**

**#12-120 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL - 2717**

#### **REPORTS**

**Mr. Fusaro:** None

**Mr. Reiter:** Mr. Reiter attended the Legislative Committee meeting, which is sponsored by the New Jersey League of Mayors, on Friday, March 30, 2012 in Princeton. There was not much new to report. The next meeting will be held the end of May. He was invited to the Manchester Little League opening day which was held on April 1, 2012. He could not attend because of a prior commitment. Governor Christie held his public forum on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Joint Base. He spoke for 20 minutes on various topics including combining Rowan and Rutgers Universities to make South Jersey open to better education. The Governor also took questions from the floor which included the midnight closing of bars in Spring Lake. Mr. Reiter was glad to see the Governor interact with residents up close. Mr. Reiter also attended the School Board meeting on March 28, 2012 where the Board of Education approved next year's budget. It was finalized by having a tax increase under the 2% CAP which means their budget will not have to be voted on. There was an increase in the budget of pensions and health insurance costs in the amount of \$625,000 which are allowed exceptions to the 2% CAP. The Board was able to keep within the CAP. There will be a \$98 annual increase on an average home assessed at \$194,000.

**Mr. Trutkoff:** Mr. Trutkoff attended the Governor's meeting. The last question asked was how to reduce property taxes. Mr. Trutkoff said one way being considered was removing the school tax from the property tax equation. Other alternatives were increasing sales tax, income tax or gas tax.

**Mr. Wallis:** Mr. Wallis was surprised at the amount of people who turned out to see the Governor. He has some good plans for the future. The Board of Education did a nice job with the budget. They did what they were required to do. The Little League opening day was a nice event. Mr. Wallis thanked the Hesse and Carter families for their continued support of the Little League. The Easter egg hunt was held on the same day. Mr. Wallis commended Ms. Colgate for a job well done. Also the Penguin Plunge was held for the Regional Day School and Project Graduation at Harry Wright Lake. It was a nice turn out.

**Mr. Secare:** Mr. Secare advised that the Tax Assessor has started the revaluation.

**Ms. Skibo:** Ms. Skibo announced that the MS Walk will be held in Seaside Park on April 15, 2012. If anyone wished to donate, they could see Ms. Skibo.

**Ms. Lapp:** None

**Chief Klimakowski:** None

**Ms. Pellicano:** None

**Mr. Wallis:** Mr. Wallis read the First Aid Report for the month.

**PUBLIC**

**Ed Lynch - Bridle Way:** Mr. Lynch thanked Ms. Zsoldos for working with the Manchester Coordinating Council on a recent issue.

**Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.:** Mr. Glen questioned the recent land sale and what would happen now. Mr. Secare advised that there was not a bidder for the property. The person who originally inquired about it felt the Township was asking too much money.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business at this time on motion by Mr. Trutkoff and seconded by Mr. Reiter and unanimous voice vote of Council, the meeting was hereby adjourned at 6:43 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**