

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

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:

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

Councilman Charles Frattini	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilman Brendan Weiner	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present

The Clerk noted for the record that, also present were Business Administrator Elena Zsoldos, Township Attorney Steven Secare and Chief Financial Officer Diane Lapp.

WORKSHOP: Energy Aggregation: Mr. Weiner said the Township has a chance to join the Stafford Co-Op. Joining will give us a better rate on our electricity. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities conference in Atlantic City was held last week and Energy Aggregation was a key topic of discussion. Many municipalities are exploring this as a cost savings option. Jackson, Beachwood and Berkeley are considering it. All this is doing is letting Stafford know we are interested. If we do not like the numbers, we can go out on our own.

Mr. Wallis said this is not locking us into anything. We can still say no if this is not suitable for the Township. We have done a few other things with Stafford in the past to get larger buying power.

Mr. Fusaro reviewed the Request for Proposals from Stafford. They were well written and he was confident they knew what they were doing. It is always better to go with more than to go alone.

Mr. Vaccaro felt that we should consider natural gas aggregation as well. Mr. Weiner said that electric is first and then our agent can look into natural gas. The market would dictate if it is advantageous to look into gas. Mr. Wallis said when he met with representatives with Stafford Township; they would consider natural gas in the future.

Mr. Weiner asked if Council would consider adding a resolution on the agenda to join the Stafford Co-Op.

Mr. Secare said to make sure that public is aware that Council is not committing to anything.

Ms. Skibo advised that the Resolution would be #13-366 and would be added to the end of the consent agenda.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #13-351 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$679,801.92 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

Resolution #13-352 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$89,927.15 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

Resolution #13-353 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$49,084.04 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing & Final Action

#13-010 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 245 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TO REVISE ZONING WITHIN PORTIONS OF THE PINELANDS AREA

Mr. Wallis asked Council if they had any comments on the above ordinance.

Mr. Fusaro said this was a major change to the land use ordinance. This was a design issue and a simple matter that could be handled by the Zoning Board. This will impact every parcel of land in the Township in that zone. Mr. Fusaro felt Council should not do a Township wide ordinance for a single site.

Mr. Wallis said the change is limiting this to properties with over a 60 foot frontage. He does not have a problem with it.

Seeing no further comments from 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.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Weiner seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and **approved** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, and Wallis; yea. Mr. Fusaro; no.

#13-011 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN TOWNSHIP OWNED LANDS KNOWN AS BLOCK 1.144, LOT 9 TO RIDGEWOOD VILLAGE ESTATES, INC., IN EXCHANGE FOR THE CONVEYANCE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER OF BLOCK 1.99, LOT 19

Mr. Wallis asked Council if they had any comments on the above ordinance. Seeing no comments from 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.

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

#13-012 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 396 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED TOWING

Mr. Wallis asked Council if they had any comments on the above ordinance.

Mr. Wallis advised that the Police Department is working on changing the ordinance but Council has not received any changes as of this date.

Seeing no comments from 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.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and **defeated** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; no.

Mr. Wallis stated that the Township will work under the current Towing ordinance until a new one has been approved.

#13-014 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER (BLOCK 80.39, LOT 50 – SHERIDAN AVE)

Mr. Hensel advised Council to carry this ordinance to December 16, 2013 as there were some issues with title.

Mr. Wallis asked Council if they had any comments on the above ordinance. Seeing no comments from 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.

The above ordinance was **carried until December 16, 2013** upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro seconded by Mr. Weiner and **approved** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

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 Council members had any comments on any items on the consent agenda. Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Wallis asked if there were any comments from the public on any item on the consent agenda.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen questioned Resolutions #13-364 and #13-365. He asked how Council justified price. Ms. Zsoldos said there are a lot of variables to consider when deciding the price of the lot. In the case of Mr. Jerman, it was the result of a lawsuit. Mr. Lynch gives the appraisal of the land. Mr. Wallis advised that Mr. Lynch stays on the high side of the appraisal.

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

Resolutions #13-356 through #13-366 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

A. FINANCE

#13-354 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO MAKE TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET

B. PURCHASING

#13-355 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALVAGE DISPOSITION OF 2-FORD CROWN VICTORIA VEHICLES, 1-DODGE RAM 3500, 1- FORD EXPLORER AND 1- HYUNDAI ELANTRA IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP

C. BOND/ESCROW

#13-356 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A RIGHT OF WAY BOND POSTED BY HANDEX CONSULTING AND REMEDIATION NORTHEAST, LLC FOR RESTORATION OF STREETS IN PINE LAKE PARK

D. LEGISLATIVE

#13-357 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S2806/ASSEMBLY BILL A4169

E. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#13-358 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ALTERNATIVE MICROGRAPHICS, INC.

#13-359 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN PROSECUTORS OFFICE FOR THE DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT CALLOUT PROGRAM 2014

#13-360 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM 2014

#13-361 - 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 OPEIU LOCAL 32 - BLUE COLLAR EMPLOYEES

#13-362 - 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 OPEIU LOCAL 32 - WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES

#13-363 - 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 OPEIU LOCAL 32 - SUPERVISORS

#13-364 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 1.347 LOT 26 TO JOAN KARRAS, EXECUTRIX TO THE ESTATE OF PETER KARRAS

#13-365 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION WITH JEFFERY JERMAN REGARDING BLOCK 1.306 LOTS 27 & 28

#13-366 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD

REPORTS

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and invited everyone to the Holiday Tree Lighting on Friday, December 6, 2013.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro announced that the Township received a grant from the State for Recycling because of our high recycling numbers. Mr. Fusaro read the Police Report for October 2013 and motor vehicle stops were up twenty percent over last year. Mr. Fusaro suggested the Township look into a truck that would remove leaves from the curb. Residents currently have to bag them and bring them to the curb. It is time consuming for the residents and the Public Works employees.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended the Zoning Board meeting on November 21, 2013 and he reviewed the bills that were on tonight's agenda for Council's consideration. He attended the

Manchester Coordinating Council meeting with Mr. Fusaro. The New Jersey Department of Transportation has consented to installing rumble strips down the center lane on certain parts of Route 70. He was concerned it was only the center lane and thought rumble strips should be installed on the shoulder of the road as well. Mr. Vaccaro wished everyone Happy Holidays.,

Mr. Frattini: None

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis thanked all the Department Heads who worked on negotiating the union contracts.

Mr. Secare: Mr. Secare commended Mayor Fressola and Ms. Zsoldos on getting Hovnanian to release water rights. We can now open building to other projects that have been waiting.

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo advised everyone that there is only one meeting in December and it is scheduled for December 16, 2013.

Ms. Lapp: None

PUBLIC:

Sharon Eastwick Local 32: Ms. Eastwick thanked Council for passing the union contracts.

Eric Wong – Hummingbird Lane: Mr. Wong asked the status of an employment application he submitted. Ms. Zsoldos suggested that he contact the personnel office.

Fred Lund – LVW: Mr. Lund commented on an article written by the Mayor in the Manchester Times. He also commented on the consulting firm that may be hired to handle energy aggregation. He felt all avenues should be reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and the approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Weiner, Fusaro and Wallis; yea.

Craig Wallis
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, R.M.C.
Township Clerk

Date Adopted