

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2019**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Councilwoman Joan Brush. 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.”

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

Councilman Charles Frattini	- absent
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present
Councilwoman Joan Brush	- present

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Angela Koutsouris-Zografos, Township Attorney, Donna Markulic, Administrator, James Gant, Assistant Business Administrator, Ken Palmer, Mayor, Capt. Todd Malland, and Lt. Robert Dolan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of November 19, 2018 were offered upon a motion by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

The regular meeting minutes of February 25, 2019 were offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

The regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2019 were offered upon a motion by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#19-194 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,517,256.20 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-195 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$405,931.59 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-196 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$96,190.06 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#19-010 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE SALARY RANGES OF SWORN POLICE PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Brush asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilwoman Brush asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilwoman Brush closed this portion of the meeting.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-011 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR CONTAINERIZED YARD WASTE

Councilwoman Brush asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilwoman Brush asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilwoman Brush closed this portion of the meeting.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-012 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE TOWNSHIP DIVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,350,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TO FINANCE THE SAME

Councilwoman Brush asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilwoman Brush asked if there were any comments from the public.

Judy Olbrys, Monroe Township – Ms. Olbrys stated that Monroe Township was in the same situation in the early 1990s, and moved to a Township paid EMS. Last year Monroe Township had over 10,000 calls, 46% non- transport, and income last year was three million dollars. The volunteers are still very active with the EMS service. Monroe has a good director, well trained people, and two officers that are highly dedicated to the cause.

Joan Tarr, Whiting First Aid – Ms. Tarr introduced their Attorney Mr. Richard Braslow who wanted to know the roles and future of the volunteers. Lt. Dolan stated that roles of the volunteers will be determined. The Township receives 12,000 calls for assistance per year, and there is a need for service dedicated to the Township. The volunteers are unable to answer the volume of calls. Mr. Braslow inquired about the particulars such as manpower numbers, monetary analysis, and health care.

Lt. Dolan responded that there is no way to recoup costs with career Fire, but EMS has the ability to do so. Private EMS vendors also do the same thing to cover their costs. Mr. Braslow asked if there could be additional meetings with involvement from both squads, and also asked if an independent study was done. Mr. Fusaro stated that the volunteers can be involved, and the analysis was of the number of calls responded to by the squads and the vendor.

Carolyn Bruckell, 632 Bedford Lane/Manchester First Aid Squad – Ms. Bruckell stated that after the April 8th meeting she left very unsatisfied. She has several questions including, if the volunteers can be dispatched first, and will the township still continue their annual donation. She discussed the estimated costs of equipment, and wants to know where those numbers came from, and asked where the ambulances will be stationed.

Lt. Dolan responded to her questions. There are not enough volunteers to be dispatched first, as they are only responding to 25% of the calls. He disagreed with her statement on the estimated costs of equipment, his estimates were NJ State Contract. The ambulances will be relocated as needed, or stored at the police department.

Capt. Malland is a Qualified Purchasing Agent and stated that any service provided to the residents has to go through an open and transparent process. A contract cannot just be awarded without concessions. Also, requests for proposals are needed. No agreements with Quality Medical Services can be found.

Mr. Braslow commented that squads have been part of the community for many years, and asked that they be included in future discussion and process.

Sal Murante, Quality Medical Services – Mr. Murante stated that he has dedicated employees that live in town, and he has a contract with the squads independently which he can provide. With regard to their billing policies, balance billing is required by law. There are not issues with the response times for Quality, as he has a rig in Whiting and Manchester 24/7.

Joe Hankins, Pine Lake Park – Mr. Hankins stated that patient care is the number one priority, and he believes the Police Department would be better at staffing and maintaining calls. He feels

that the paid service should be dispatched first, he supports the paid service, and he feels the Police Department does a great job.

Jen White, 1580 Camden Avenue – Ms. White stated that volunteer EMTs obtain more training than paid EMTs, and often exceed expectations of training.

Al Damato, Leisure Village West – Mr. Damato asked about the \$1.4 million breakdown for homeowners, life expectancy, and personnel for the service.

Mr. Fusaro responded that the money will be issued as bonds or notes, and payment will not be due at once, but rather spread out over a few years. The cost will be recouped through the billing of health insurance and Medicare. Salaries for personnel will be under State limits.

Lt Dolan stated staffing will consist of 24-27 paid EMTs.

Mayor Palmer commented that the budget impact will be minimal, and our tax rate will decrease again for the fifth year. The Township has eight million dollars in surplus. He has spoken with mayors from other municipalities where they have implemented a paid EMS, and they say the costs do even out.

Nathan, Stafford First Aid – Supports the bond ordinance, and stated that even when he was the most active in the squad, he was not able to keep up with the calls. Accountability and 24-hour coverage is needed.

Pam Perez, Manchester First Aid – Ms. Perez commented that she is not the only young member responding to calls. She works, has a child, and still can make time. They have a crew every day.

Felix Ortiz, 707 Oak Street, Lakehurst – He was a Manchester EMT for Manchester First Aid and lives two minutes from the squad. He commented that the paid EMS will never be sitting as the calls are non-stop.

Al Damato, Leisure Village West – Mr. Damato inquired if there are any EMTs on the police force. Lt. Dolan informed them that there are four EMTs left, and the Police Department cannot transport.

Karen Argenti, Whiting – Ms. Argenti suggested was to have conversations to prevent misunderstanding and hurt feelings.

Joe Hankins, Pine Lake Park - Mr. Hankins commented that the Township does meet quarterly with OEMs. This is not a new issue, and has been brought up by previous police chiefs.

Ray Hallock, 2484 Holly Hill Road – Mr. Hallock has been a paid EMT for 23 years and inquired if the Township is hiring EMT/Firefighters. He currently works as an EMT in Mercer County, and the paid EMS works. He also inquired as to how the billing would work, and are they going to use a billing company.

Lt. Dolan responded that in the future the Township may hire paid EMT/Firefighters. The Township will be outsourcing the billing.

Elizabeth Buccine, 840 Amsterdam Ave. – Stated that she recently called for EMS and Quality Medical Services responded. Her insurance was billed, and she is still paying for it. She was very uncomfortable with the situation, and thanked Council for starting a paid squad.

See no further comments from the public, Councilwoman Brush closed this portion of the meeting.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-013 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING AND REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY ARTICLE IX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OF CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT AND REPLACING WITH NEW ARTICLE IX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Brush asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilwoman Brush asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilwoman Brush closed this portion of the meeting.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-014 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE LAND DONATION OF BLOCK 85.14, LOT 22 LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER (306 Lacey Road)

Councilwoman Brush asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilwoman Brush asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilwoman Brush closed this portion of the meeting.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#19-015 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF VACANT LOTS, A TRUE COPY OF WHICH IS LISTED HEREIN AND ATTACHED HERETO, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, NJ PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-016 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019, 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

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-017 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHANGING THE NAME OF A CERTAIN STREET IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-018 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS PAVING PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$490,000 THEREFOR FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; 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.

Councilwoman Brush asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda.

Resolutions #19-197 through #19-210 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

A. FINANCE

#19-197 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#19-198 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC. FOR A POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION

#19-199 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH RING, LLC, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE RING GRANT PROGRAM

#19-200 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN ALTERNATE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF A LICENSED WATER OPERATOR

#19-201 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL NEEDS FUNDING LIMIT WAIVER FOR MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CASE # MAN-1952

C. GRANTS

#19-202 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT AND LOAN TO THE PINELANDS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FUND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER MAINS TO SERVE THE REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT AREA

#19-203 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE FY 2019 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS)

D. RECREATION

#19-204 - 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

#19-205 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT WITH TD BANK, N.A.

E. BOND/ESCROWS

#19-206 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROW POSTED BY CRESTWOOD VILLAGE SIX COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

F. APPOINTMENT

#19-207 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

G. MISCELLANEOUS

#19-208 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE CLEAN UP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 700 MORNINGSIDE STREET (BLOCK 1.157, LOT 1) AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

#19-209 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE CLEAN UP ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1600 SOUTHAMPTON BLVD. (BLOCK 1.309, LOT 1.01) AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

#19-210 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE CLEAN UP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1100 SEVENTH AVENUE (BLOCK 1.134, LOT 5) AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

Mr. Vaccaro: On April 22nd attended a Manchester Coordinating Council meeting where Capt. Malland and Lt. Dolan discussed the EMS schedule for 2020. He congratulated the Police Department on a job well done.

Mr. Wallis: None.

Mr. Fusaro: None.

Mrs. Brush: None.

Ms. Zografos: None.

Mrs. Markulic: None

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer stated that the Budget will be introduced at the next meeting.

PUBLIC

Rory Dunckley – Miss Dunckley stated that she is working on Girl Scout Gold Project and wants to change the name from South Colonial Drive to Hawk’s Way to improve school pride. She has approval from Wells Fargo Bank, Lakehurst Manchester Soccer Association, and the Ott Family Memorial will remain.

Pat Riley, Crestwood Village #2 – Mrs. Riley addressed the previous topic of no overnight parking on Schoolhouse Road. She believes this will have a negative impact to the hardworking residents and negatively affect the home resale values.

John Bakencoff, Tinton Falls – Inquired about a previous ordinance regarding Breeder’s Walk between Manchester Township and Jackson Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#19-211 - 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

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

Joan Brush
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved