

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 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	- present
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, James Gant, Assistant Business Administrator, Ken Palmer, Mayor, Capt. Todd Malland, and Lt. James Komsa.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Municipal Clerk read the Proclamation for 2019 National Library Week. Mayor Palmer presented the Proclamation to Erin Batalla from the Manchester Branch of the Ocean County Library.

Assistant Business Administrator James Gant read the Proclamation for the Multiple Sclerosis Walk on April 27, 2019. Sabina Skibo expressed her appreciation as someone suffering with MS and will present the proclamation at the MS Walk.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Traffic Safety - Wranglebrook Road & Schoolhouse Road – Councilwoman Brush stated that there has been an increase in complaints regarding the situation and the police department preformed a traffic study. They issued citations to commercial vehicles, and in the future there will be no overnight parking. This should resolve the issue.

Councilwoman Brush asked if there were any comments from the public regarding the matter of traffic safety on Wranglebrook Road and Schoolhouse Road.

Laurel Errington – The Meadows – Ms. Errington travels down Schoolhouse Road at least once a day and has noticed an increase in vehicles parked in the area. She spoke with a manager in Village IV and was told they cannot park in the Village. Councilwoman Brush said residents can park a second car, but there is a fee. Ms. Errington was under the impression that the matter would be adjudicated today and requested that management be informed. Lt. Komsa assured Ms. Errington that the administration will be notified to stop telling residents to park there. Councilwoman Brush said there will be signs posted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of February 11, 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. Councilman Frattini abstained due to absence.

The special meeting minutes of March 12, 2019 were offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Councilmen Frattini and Wallis; abstained due to absence.

The executive session meeting minutes of March 12, 2019 were offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Councilmen Frattini and Wallis abstained due to absence.

The regular meeting minutes of March 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. Councilman Frattini abstained due to absence.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#19-177 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$8,865,836.74 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-178 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$56,066.81 was offered by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-179 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$58,335.70 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#19-009 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 21 IN BLOCK 1.142 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (636 Eighth Avenue)

Councilwoman Brush asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilwoman Brush opened this portion of the meeting to 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 Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#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

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

The second reading of #19-010 will be on April 29, 2019 due to a meeting change.

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

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

The second reading of #19-011 will be on April 29, 2019 due to a meeting change.

#19-012 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, 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

Mayor Palmer addressed the public regarding Ordinances #19-012 and #19-1013. He said Chief Parker raised some questions a couple of month ago and looked into the situation and made recommendations to Council. This is the first step to get the finances in order to move forward with the project.

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

The second reading of #19-012 will be on April 29, 2019 due to a meeting change.

#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

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

The second reading of #19-013 will be on April 29, 2019 due to a meeting change.

#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)

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

The second reading of #19-014 will be on April 29, 2019 due to a meeting change.

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.

Councilman Wallis stated that he would like to remove Resolution #19-192 from the consent agenda for further discussion, this was seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

Resolutions #19-180 through #19-191, and #19-193 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

A. FINANCE

#19-180 - RESOLUTION OF TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REQUEST THE FORECLOSURE LIST OF LIENS TO BE FORECLOSED

#19-181 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#19-182 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WATER EAST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2019

#19-183 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEWER EAST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2019

#19-184 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WATER WEST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2019

#19-185 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEWER WEST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2019

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#19-186 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH 2317 ROUTE 70, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (Block 15, Lot 1.02)

C. GRANTS

#19-187 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE 2019 "CLICK IT OR TICKET" SEAT BELT

MOBILIZATION AND ACCEPTING THE ENFORCEMENT GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

D. RECREATION

#19-188 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH HAWAIIAN LUAU ENTERTAINMENT

E. PURCHASING

#19-189 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SURFACE FOR THE BOWKER FIELD PLAYGROUND

F. BONDS/ESCROWS

#19-190 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING UTILITY ESCROWS POSTED BY WHITING REALTY PARTNERS, LLC FOR BLOCK 111, LOTS 4 (1200 HWY 70 WEST)

#19-191 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING WATER UTILITY CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE AND ESCROW POSTED BY SARAMA HOMES INC, FOR FOREST ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION BLOCK 60.01, LOT 21.03 (141 FOREST ROAD)

G. LEGISLATION

#19-192 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S-2776

H. MISCELLANEOUS

#19-193 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING NJ LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK, APRIL 7th – 13th, 2019.

I. LEGISLATION

#19-192 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S-2776

#19-192 - Councilman Wallis discussed the history of Bill S-776, ten cent charge per bag, five cents will go to the State, and the other five cents will go to a plastics committee. He does not agree with the bill.

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

Peggy Middaugh - 33 Churchill Road - Ms. Middaugh agrees with S-2776, and respectfully disagrees with Mr. Wallis. She believes that plastics have a huge impact on marine environment.

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

Resolution #19-192 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Frattini, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Frattini, Fusaro and Brush; yea. Councilmen Vaccaro and Wallis; nay.

REPORTS

Mr. Frattini: None

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro did not have any reports, but he would like the Council to pass an ordinance banning marijuana growth, sales, and distribution in Manchester Township.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis attended the Little League Opening Day ceremony, which was a very nice event. The coaches and administration did a great job and he is looking forward to a great season.

Mr. Fusaro: None

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush commented on the outstanding indoor training facility used by the Little League, high school and others.

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo expressed thanks once again for the MS Proclamation supporting the MS Walk on April 27, 2019 to be held in Seaside Park at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Zografos: None

Mr. Gant: None

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer thanked Art Abline and Capt. Malland for their recent assistance with two big emergencies in the area. There was a forest fire in Burlington County and a gas leak on Route 547. The Mayor extended thanks to them for keeping him on top of the matter.

The Mayor stated that we recently received notification from the Department of Transportation that the Township is receiving a \$319,000.00 grant for the paving of Schoolhouse Road. Also, the Green Acres reimbursement of \$186,000.00 has been approved. The Mayor announced that Manchester Township is in the top fifty cities in New Jersey (#41) and is the only Ocean County town that met the requirements. Mayor Palmer referenced Ordinance #19-012 and said one of the selling points in the ordinance is the plan to have an auxiliary and the volunteers can continue if they wish.

PUBLIC

Judy Kuhmichael, Winkle Court - Mrs. Kuhmichael asked for a landmark for the location of 306 Lacey Road and was informed that it is a small sliver near the Stop 'n Shop parking lot.

Ed Lynch, Country Walk - Mr. Lynch inquired as to whether the paid squad will be charging patients. Councilwoman Brush said we have not discussed that yet; money has been put aside in case that is the direction. Mr. Lynch commented on Mr. Ponticello's statements at a previous meeting and said that the Quality Medical Services rig had an eight-minute response time, and he wanted to know why there were no police at the scene. Mr. Lynch stated that the Chief commented on the volunteers not living in town, and he pointed out that she does not live in town either.

Carolyn Bruckell, 632 Bedford Lane/Manchester First Aid Squad - Ms. Bruckell stated that Council mentioned that the Township has the money from bonds for vehicles, equipment and supplies; but what about the \$98,500.00 approximate cost – where would it come from? Mayor Palmer stated that it would come from the general fund; it is modelled after other towns, and the insurance company is billed. Ms. Bruckell inquired who would man the emergency vehicles, EMT's or police with EMT training?

Councilwoman Brush replied that it would not be the police. Ms. Bruckell believes the volunteers were doing well with Quality's assistance. Ms. Bruckell stated that the squad is doing the best they can and do not want to see the squad crumble. Ms. Bruckell suggested a meeting with both the squad and the Township. She feels they are doing a good job, but nothing is ever perfect. Councilwoman Brush said there are not enough volunteers. Ms. Bruckell opposes this ordinance as a volunteer and citizen.

Sue, Leisure Village West – She stated she is not a volunteer and does not belong to any squad. She said the Mayor promised to lower taxes and will have to raise taxes to cover this. She feels this does not make sense.

Joan Tarr, The Meadows/Whiting First Aid Squad – Mrs. Tarr would like to see the figures for the purchases of the vehicles/equipment. She asked as a resident and volunteer, if the emergency services are going to be better and will taxes increase in order to provide this service? She would like answers to these two questions. Mrs. Tarr has spoken with the squad's lawyer, who will probably be at the next meeting. The Mayor and the Police Department are going to come to one of the squad meetings, and she feels the Manchester First Aid Squad should do the same. Mrs. Tarr feels the public needs to be made aware of the situation.

Hank Glen, 28 Wycliff – Mr. Glen stated at the last two meetings Councilman Vaccaro brought up the opposition of the marijuana issue and nothing has been done. Attorney Koutsouris-Zografos informed him that the matter has been discussed; however, if an ordinance had been passed it would have been invalid, null and void. Councilman Wallis said the State will have to reintroduce it and after that, it can be done. Mayor Palmer stated that we will wait until we know what the State is doing. Mr. Glen does not want this to fall through the cracks, and Councilman Fusaro assured him this will not happen.

Peggy Middaugh, 33 Churchill Road – Inquired about Ordinance #19-011, the yard waste definition seems confusing. It says just leaves, but she believes it should include brush. Councilman Fusaro stated it includes a lot to protect water runoff.

Ms. Middaugh wanted to bring to Council's attention that she is working with several people on a proposal looking into the possibility of vehicle charging stations in the Township. She will write a report about them.

Ms. Middaugh invited everyone to attend the Environmental Commission meeting on Thursday. Jillian Preslak, a high school student from Pine Lake Park will be presenting a report on the effect of geese feces at Pine Lake.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

Joan Brush
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved