

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 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, Business Administrator; James Gant, Assistant Business Administrator and Ken Palmer, Mayor.

PRESENTATION

Bowker Field Improvements Public Hearing – Kelsey Howard from Maser Consulting presented a power point presentation. She discussed the past use of the field and the new upgrades; including a repaved parking lot and nature trail, tennis courts which will also be outlined for pickle ball, reorienting the playground, and new fencing for the baseball fields.

Ms. Howard opened the session for questions from Council and the public. Councilman Vaccaro inquired as to whether there will be padded fencing for the baseball fields. Mr. Mullin of Maser consulting confirmed that there will be padded fencing. Mr. Mullin also stated that the fields can be used during the improvement process. Councilman Fusaro inquired about the nature trail, and the anticipated completion date of the project. Mr. Mullin stated that the trail will be paved, and the project should be completed by summer’s end.

PUBLIC

Frank Stavola 12 Charles Avenue – Inquired if there will be cameras, Mayor Palmer confirmed that there will be.

Jennifer White 58 Cabot Avenue – She mentioned that the area is used for a helicopter landing zone, and inquired if it will no longer be used. Mr. Mullin stated that there will be sufficient space for a landing zone.

Hank Glen 29 Wycliff – He suggested instead of tennis and basketball courts, wanted pickle and bocce ball courts. Mr. Mullin pointed out that the tennis courts will be lined for pickle ball.

No further comments from Council or the Public.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Energy Aggregation Update – Councilwoman Brush stated that the current contract is about to expire. There was only one bid received, and the numbers were just not there. Council is not giving up, and will go out to bid again.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The executive session meeting minutes of October 15, 2018 were offered upon a motion by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Wallis and Brush; yea. Fusaro and Vaccaro; abstain.

The regular meeting minutes of December 10, 2018 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 organization meeting minutes of January 2, 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 executive session meeting minutes of January 14, 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 January 22, 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. Wallis; abstain.

The regular meeting minutes of February 4, 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.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#19-161 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$934,789.22 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-162 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$154,186.77 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-163 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$80,297.15 was offered by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#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)

The above ordinance 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.

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. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilwoman Brush asked if there were any comments from the public on any items on the consent agenda.

Mr. Edward Lynch - County Walk - Inquired about food handling resolution for the Fire Department.

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

Resolutions #19-164 through #19-176 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

#19-164 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#19-165 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 99.198, LOT 1 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#19-166 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAIVING THE FOOD HANDLER'S LICENSING FEES FOR MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENTS

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#19-167 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL OF RADIUM FROM THE HOLLY OAKS TREATMENT FACILITY

#19-168 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC.

#19-169 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RAIL CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH CONRAIL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SANITARY SEWER LINE ON OCEAN COUNTY ROUTE 571

C. GRANTS

#19-170 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION- GREEN ACRES FOR A GRANT

D. RECREATION

#19-171 - 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 THE BEASLEY MEDIA GROUP, INC. OWNER AND OPERATOR OF RADIO STATION WJRZ-FM

#19-172 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SEASHORE AMUSEMENTS

#19-173 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PARAMETRIX AUDIO & LIGHTING

#19-174 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR SPRING/SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

E. MISCELLANEOUS

#19-175 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PINE LAKE FOR A POLICE DEPARTMENT FISHING DERBY

#19-176 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF A FORFEITED/SEIZED VEHICLE(S) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

REPORTS

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended the soft opening of Terry's Café, and then the ribbon cutting with Mayor Palmer. He also attended the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting. He said it was a very productive, positive meeting, and the superintendent of schools was the guest speaker. The vote on the marijuana bill was cancelled, and he would like the Council to pass an ordinance banning the sale/growth of marijuana in Manchester Township.

Mr. Wallis: None

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro along with Mayor Palmer and several other employees met with Manchester Development Group regarding minor building changes, which will still need Planning Board approval. It was just an introductory meeting. At the Manchester Coordinating Council meeting the superintendent commented, that based on the new State aid formula, Manchester will now receive less than 10% funding for the first time. They are trying not to have any layoffs by not replacing retirees. Mr. Fusaro reported that the Township reassessment with going as scheduled and will be completed by the mandatory date of January, 2020. Councilman Wallis commented that under 10% is a ridiculous low number.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush thanked Ed Lynch and Caroline for their EMS coverage with the Penguin Plunge, and appreciated their assistance.

Ms. Markulic: None

Ms. Zografos: None

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo introduced new staff member to the Clerk’s Office, Teri Giercyk, who is present at the meeting tonight.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer commented on the terrific performance of the Manchester Township High School Lady Hawks Basketball Team this season.

Mr. Gant: None

PUBLIC

Ed Lynch, Country Walk - Mr. Lynch said he did not realize that the Regional Day School in Jackson was run by Manchester Township. The funds generated by the Polar Bear Plunge will be used for a prom and dinner for the students. Mr. Lynch also commented on the maintenance of the Nicholas Ott Memorial, and thanked the Township.

Hank Glen, 28 Wycliff – Mr. Glen inquired about the town providing recycling containers with the recycling money. Mayor Palmer said it would be a very expensive proposition, and the income from recycling has decreased. Mr. Glen suggested that the bidders could provide the containers in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 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