

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 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 Deputy 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 Deputy Municipal Clerk:

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

The Deputy Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Angela Koutsouris-Zografos, Township Attorney, Donna Markulic, Administrator, Administrator, Capt. Malland, and Ken Palmer, Mayor.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

#19-226 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTMENT TO VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

The above resolution was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro to appoint Mr. Robert A. Hudak to fill the vacancy, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered by Deputy Municipal Clerk Marie Sailer Key. Present with Mr. Hudak was his son Michael. Mr. Hudak then took his seat at the dais. He thanked his fellow council members, mayor, and his family for their support and stated that he looks forward to serving in this position.

PRESENTATION

Chief Rodney Sloan, Jr. and Assistant Chief BJ Sloan presented Whiting Fire Company's new Sutphin Pumper Truck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of May 13, 2019 were 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.

LAND SALE

Block 1.142/Lot 21 (636 Eighth Avenue) is up for bid. Attorney Koutsouris-Zografos asked if there were any contiguous property owners present that wanted to place a bid. Mr. & Mrs. Myers bid was \$5,839.00 for the parcel. The bid was awarded to the Myers as they were the sole bidders.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#19-212 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,709,426.57 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-213 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$997,101.64 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

#19-214 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$417,254.20 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#19-019 - 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

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 Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#19-020 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 33 IN BLOCK 1.323 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (825 Monmouth Avenue)

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

#19-021 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 22 IN BLOCK 1.174 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (813 Middlesex Street)

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, 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 #19-230 through #19-235 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

A. FINANCE

#19-230 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#19-231 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER FOR THE USE OF THE SPILLMAN PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM AND SERVICES

#19-232 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND O.P.E.I.U. LOCAL 32 – WHITE COLLAR UNIT

#19-233 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND O.P.E.I.U. LOCAL 32 – SUPERVISOR UNIT

D. BOND/ESCROWS

#19-234 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A CASH PERFORMANCE ESCROW POSTED BY COUNTRY ROADS ESTATES, INC. FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS COUNTRY ROADS ESTATES (BLOCK 57/LOT 719)

#19-235 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROWS POSTED BY DAVIES CONSULTANTS INC., BLOCK 44, LOT 15.01 (2065 Hwy. 37)

REPORTS

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak thanked Council. He attended the Memorial Day celebration on Sunday, it was a moving service. Thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro congratulated Mr. Hudak and his family. He also congratulated the Whiting Fire Department on their new fire truck. Mr. Vaccaro attended the May 20th Coordinating Council meeting and the Memorial Day celebration at WWII Memorial Park on May 27th.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro reminded everyone of the annual fishing derby at Pine Lake Park on June 8th. He reminded everyone that pre-registration is required.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis commented on the water system notice on the east side of town; it was a great notification system. There was an issue, but there was never a threat of no water. He congratulated the Mayor and the other coordinating staff that organized the response. He congratulated Mr. Hudak, and thanked everyone that applied.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush congratulated Mr. Hudak. She attended the Memorial Day ceremony presented by the high school. It was a very moving ceremony. Mrs. Brush also judged a decorated bicycle contest.

Ms. Zografos: None.

Mrs. Markulic: None.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer stated that the Township received a \$115,000.00 clean communities grant, which will be used to fund equipment, salaries, and beautification in the Township. The recent water issue was handled very well.

PUBLIC

Ed Lynch, Country Walk – Mr. Lynch commented that he attended an emergency services class, and the instructor did a great job.

Hank Glen, – Mr. Glen inquired about an \$1,100 truck washing item on the bill list. Mayor Palmer stated that the truck car wash is not up and running for that service yet. Mr. Glen asked if the flooding problems in Pine Lake Park are resolved. Mayor Palmer commented that there are 15 different areas, and every year one or two get addressed. Mr. Glen inquired about all the land sales in Pine Lake Park. Mayor Palmer stated that these sales are to the contiguous property

owners, and keeps the developers from purchasing. Mr. Fusaro then commented that every land sale does go through a step by step evaluation, and it addresses the flooding issue. Mr. Hudak commented on his experience as a planner and being on the Planning Board. He has looked into other towns and their similar regulations. Lastly, Mr. Glen inquired if the Township submitted a grant application to the NJ DEP for municipalities surrounding Barnegat Bay. Mayor Palmer stated that we did submit an application and were not awarded a grant.

Joe Hankins, Commonwealth Blvd. – Mr. Hankins stated that he sent an email out late this afternoon about the Fireman’s Association funding resolution and would like Council to pass a resolution in support. Mayor Palmer and Mr. Wallis asked for more information. Mr. Hankins explained that the program benefits both paid and volunteer firefighters and their families. Mayor Palmer and Mr. Wallis stated they will read and look into it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Fusaro, Wallis and Brush; yea.

Joan Brush
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved