

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2020**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Councilman Sam Fusaro. The following statement was read by Sabina T. Martin, 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 on all entrances to the Municipal Buildings, on Township Website, and Township Facebook page in accordance with A3850/S2294.”

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

Councilman Robert A. Hudak	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilwoman Joan Brush	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Township Attorney Jerry Dasti, Mayor Palmer, Assistant Business Administrator Jim Gant, Data Processing Director Josh Schnoor as moderator, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of February 24, 2020 were offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, and Fusaro; yea. Mr. Wallis; abstain.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#20-164- Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$986,915.65 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

#20-165- Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$101,924.57 was offered by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

#20-166 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$88,105.43 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#20-009 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 380 "TAXATION" IN PARTICULAR ARTICLE II "REFUND FOR DISABLED VETERANS"

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

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilman Fusaro closed this portion of the meeting.

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction

#20-011 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE II OPENINGS AND EXCAVATIONS

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

Councilman Fusaro asked if any member of Council had any comments on these Resolutions. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilman Fusaro asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilman Fusaro closed this portion of the meeting.

Resolutions #20-167 through #20-178 and #20-180 to #20-185, were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Hudak and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

A. FINANCE

#20-167 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BIRCHWOOD AT WHITING

#20-168 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BIRCHWOOD AT WHITING

#20-169 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BIRCHWOOD AT WHITING

#20-170 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BIRCHWOOD AT WHITING

#20-171 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BIRCHWOOD AT WHITING

#20-172 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BIRCHWOOD AT WHITING

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#20-173 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE ASPHALT PAVEMENT, MILLING SERVICES, TACK OIL, AND TACK TRUCK SERVICES FOR PAVING OF VARIOUS TOWNSHIP ROADWAY

#20-174 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER FOR THE SPILLMAN PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

#20-175 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TRANSFER AND ACCEPTANCE OF DoD REAL PROPERTY DOCUMENT

#20-176 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2020 PROSECUTOR'S PROGRAMS

C. MUNICIPAL CLERK

#20-177 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE ONE NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

D. GRANTS

#20-178 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE 2020 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN "U DRIVE, U TEXT, U PAY" AND ACCEPTING THE ENFORCEMENT GRANT FROM THE NHTSA

E. RECREATION

#20-180 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PARAMETRIX AUDIO & LIGHTING

F. PURCHASING

#20-181 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH DISTINCTIVE GENERAL CONTRACTING LLC dba/ADVANCED POLISHED SYSTEM FOR FLOORING REPAIR AND INSTALLATION AT MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUILDING

G. BONDS/ESCROWS

#20-182 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROW POSTED BY CAMERON GENERAL CONTRACTORS, BLOCK 38 LOT 4 & 5 (2132&2156 Rt.37)

#20-183 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROW POSTED BY WALMART, BLOCK 44, LOTS 2-5 (1701 Rt.37)

H. MISCELLANEOUS

#20-184 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

#20-185 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF WATER CONNECTION FEES FOR CERTAIN HOMES LOCATED IN THE PINE LAKE PARK SECTION OF MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

REPORTS:

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak thanked Sabina Martin and Josh Schnoor and everyone else for organizing this meeting. He thanked the employees for working remotely, and wished for everyone to remain safe.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended the Pinelands Municipal Council Meeting. He thanked the Mayor and his staff, Sabina Martin and her staff, Police Department, EMS, Art Abline, and all the Township employees for their work.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush said that better times are come and to hang in there. She thanked the Police Department, Chief, and EMS.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis thanked the EMTs, Police Department, First Responders, Shoprite Employees, and everyone else who has stepped up during this situation.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro mirrored everyone's thanks to various departments and employees. He stated that the employees are doing a wonderful job. He wished for the residents to follow the rules and stay safe.

Mrs. Markulic: Mrs. Markulic stated that we are open in a sense, but the process is slower. She thanked Him and Josh for handling the whole process while she was away.

Mr. Gant: Mr. Gant commented that the employees are doing a great job, and so are the first responders.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer repeated everyone's thanks. He also thanked Council for their fast action regarding the water hook up resolution. They are monitoring the current situation with regard to Manchester Day at the end of June.

Mrs. Martin: Mrs. Martin commented that the 2020 Census has begun, letters have been mailed to respond online. Information is private and is not released. She asked for the public to be patient, especially with OPRA requests. Gave an update on recent changes in deadlines, and partial information may be released. Vital record requests can be fulfilled at the State.

Mr. Schnoor: Mr. Schnoor thanked everyone at Town Hall, he appreciates everyone, and everyone is doing a great job.

PUBLIC

Rory Wells, 208 Oak Lane – Mr. Wells thanked everyone for having this meeting. He is sad that the high school seniors are missing out on events, suggested maybe having something for them on Manchester Day.

Karen Argenti, 61 Clear Lake Road – Mrs. Argenti thanked everyone for having this meeting, and she commented that the Mayor's Facebook updates are very reassuring.

No further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Brush seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

Sam Fusaro
Council President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

4/20/2020
Date Approved

