

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2020**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 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 in the lobby of the Municipal Building.”

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 Martin Buckley, Mayor Palmer, Assistant Business Administrator Jim Gant, Nick Dickerson from Maser Engineering, Capt. Dolan, and Capt. Malland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2020 were offered upon a motion by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#20-141- Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$6,602,829.11 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.

#20-142- Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$107,591.04 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.

#20-143 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$77,932.93 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

#20-008 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 2199 IN BLOCK 4 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (2909 Wilbur Avenue)

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction

#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"

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, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

#20-010 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE WHITING LANDFILL REDEVELOPMENT AREA, BLOCK 116 LOT 14 (1501 HWY 70)

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, 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 #20-144 through #20-161 and #20-163, 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. LAND USE

#20-144 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE DECLARATION AND FINDINGS OF THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD, BLOCK 38, LOT 4 (2132 Route37) ISAN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

B. FINANCE

#20-145 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#20-146 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 61.13, LOT 224 (48 FLORENCE DRIVE) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#20-147 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2020

#20-148 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WATER EAST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2020

#20-149 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEWER EAST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2020

#20-150 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WATER WEST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2020

#20-151 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEWER WEST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2020

#20-152 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH EDMUNDS AND ASSOCIATES FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE OF FINANCE, TAX AND UTILITY PACKAGE

C. RECREATION

#20-153 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH LA GUARDIA AND ASSOCIATES FOR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT MANCHESTER CONCERT SERIES

#20-154 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SEASHORE AMUSEMENTS

#20-155 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO D&M FIREWORKS, LLC FOR A FIREWORKS EXHIBITION TO BE CONDUCTED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

D. PURCHASING

#20-156 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID #20-01 AUTO REPAIR AND TOWING BID

#20-157 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF BID SUBMITTAL IN RESPONSE TO BID #20-01 AUTO REPAIR AND TOWING BID

#20-158 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PLAY POWER LT FARMINGTON INC. THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #030117-LTS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT HOLLY OAKS PARK

#20-159 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CONTRACT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT VENDOR BEYER FORD THROUGH #65MCECCPS - ESCNJ 17/18-21

E. MISCELLANEOUS

#20-160 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADVISING THE OCEAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF OUR INTENT TO RESUME DISPATCHING OF FIRST AID PERSONNEL, SERVICES AND APPARATUS BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

#20-161 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, UPDATING THE DESIGNATED AUTHORIZED VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICE REPORTS:

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak attended the Planning Board Meeting; Dollar General on Rt. 530 and other applications were approved. Attended Read across America event at Whiting School.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended various meetings and events including the Zoning Board Meeting, ribbon cutting ceremony for secondary access road for the Renaissance, bi-weekly meeting, Planning Board Meeting, and neighborhood meeting at the Renaissance. He stated that the EMS service has been up and running since March 1st and congratulated Chief Parker and the Police Department. He encouraged Council to ban vaping, and the growth/distribution/selling of marijuana in Manchester Township.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush attended the opening of secondary access road for the Renaissance. She read to the kindergarten class at the Whiting School for Read across America. Mrs. Brush also mentioned that the Ocean County prosecutors' office recognized Chief Parker for International Women's day.

Mr. Wallis: None.

Mr. Fusaro: None.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer updated the public on the Manchester girls' basketball game currently being played. He gave an update on the call stats for the first eight days for EMS service. Mayor Palmer also attended Read across America day. The Police Department and Township Administration is developing a Corona virus protocol.

Capt. Dolan: Capt. Dolan gave an EMS update, the service and personnel are doing well. Jackson ems is available for mutual aid.

Sabina Martin – Mentioned for the record that this year is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and women's right to vote.

PUBLIC

Edward Lynch Country Walk – Mr. Lynch gave kudos to the town for the solar panel project.

Judy Kuhmichel 45 Michael Court - Mrs. Kuhmichel wanted to clarify the status of the Whiting First Aid rigs, and what the building will be used for.

Capt. Dolan updated Mrs. Kuhmichel on the location of the EMS rigs around town.

No further public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#20-162 - 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 Councilwoman Brush, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, and Wallis; yea. Mr. Fusaro, absent.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 8:05 p.m. was made by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, and Wallis; yea. Mr. Fusaro; absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, and Wallis; yea. Mr. Fusaro, absent.

Sam Fusaro
Council President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

4/20/2020
Date Approved