

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 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 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, Asst. BA James Gant, CMFO Diane Lapp, Township Planner Nick Dickerson, Township Attorney Jerry Dasti, Mayor Palmer, and Data Processing Director Josh Schnoor as moderator.

BUDGET INTRODUCTION

#20-276 – Budget Introduction – Municipal Clerk Sabina Martin read over Budget Summary.

Public hearing and adoption of the 2020 Budget will be on August 10, 2020 at 6 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of June 22, 2020 was 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 due to absence.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#20-277 -Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$2,715,324.76 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.

#20-278- Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$165,117.78 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.

#20-279 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$92,582.46 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#20-015 – CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER MAIN RELOCATION AND REPLACEMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$240,000 THEREFOR, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY

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

#20-017 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 102, LOT 2 (2121 LAKE ROAD) A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA

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, and Wallis; yea. Mr. Fusaro, abstain.

#20-018 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 38, LOT 4 (2132 ROUTE 37), A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA

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, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea. Mrs. Brush, abstain.

#20-019 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING AND REPLACING THE SALARY RANGES OF SWORN POLICE PERSONNEL

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

#20-021 – ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 44, LOT 15.01 (2065 ROUTE 37), A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA

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

#20-022 - 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 13 (1501 ROUTE 70)

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction

#20-023 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE LAND DONATION OF LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 90, LOT 20.02 (25 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD) LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

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.

#20-024 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 275 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER ENTITLED NOISE

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilwoman Brush 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.

Mr. Wallis commented on the resolution #20-285 for the temporary trailer, he felt it was unnecessary, as this has been done in the past with no issues. Mr. Vaccaro, Mr. Hudak, Mrs. Brush, and Mr. Fusaro all agreed with Mr. Wallis.

Seeing no further 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 #20-280 through #20-298, were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

A. FINANCE

#20-280 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS WITH THE OWNERS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS LOCATED AT BIRCHWOOD AT WHITING

#20-281 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#20-282 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENTIAL GARDENS AT MANCHESTER, LLC

#20-283 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE

C. LICENSING

#20-284 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION #20-258 ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES TO PERMIT TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING

#20-285 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF APPROVALS TO ALLOW FOR TEMPORARY QUARTERS TO BE LOCATED AT THE SITE OF A FIRE, 318 BECKERVILLE ROAD, A/K/A BLOCK 77, LOT 11, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY AND SON INC.

D. GRANTS

#20-286 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSAL OF FUNDING THROUGH THE OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES

#20-287 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSAL OF FUNDING THROUGH THE OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES

E. PURCHASING

#20-288 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 RAM 1500 SSV4WD CREW CAB UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00210

#20-289 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CC# 20-10 TO MITCHELL HUMPHRIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION, LAND USE, AND PLANNING MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

#20-290 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF RESOLUTION #19-189 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SURFACE FOR THE BOWKER FIELD PLAYGROUND

#20-291 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF RESOLUTION R20-158 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SURFACE FOR THE HOLLY OAKS PARK PLAYGROUND

#20-292 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES WELL NO 11 EASTERN DIVISION

#20-293 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE FOR SOLICITATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR

#20-294 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OMNIA PARTNERS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS US COMMUNITIES NATIONAL COOPERATIVE

F. LEGISLATION

#20-295 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING LEGISLATORS TO REINSTATE FULL FUNDING OF THE SENIOR TAX FREEZE PROGRAM

#20-296 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO REINSTATE THE HOMESTEAD REBATE PROGRAM

G. MISCELLANEOUS

#20-297 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF VEHICLE(S) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP THAT HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT THE TOW COMPANY IMPOUND YARD

#20-298 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE A NEW VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CLINIC IN OCEAN COUNTY

REPORTS:

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush concert last Wednesday at Harry Wright lake, everyone adhered to social distancing recommendations, went well and she felt very comfortable. She thanked Tracey Lynch and her staff for their work on the concert.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis also thought the concert was great. He attended Community meeting with Mayor Palmer and Chief Parker, it was a good meeting filled with good communication by all. Attended budget meeting with Mrs. Brush, he stated the budget is a good budget. There is an extra cost for ems, but that will all be recovered after they recoup costs covered by health insurance.

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak attended the Planning Board meeting last week, where applications and four ordinances for redevelopment were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended various meetings. He thanked Mayor Palmer for his Facebook presentations. Mr. Vaccaro stated that the joint Pinelands Municipal Council meeting has been canceled due to COVID 19. He thanked Council on passing the legislative resolutions. He thanked Mr. Joseph Hankins for speaking on July 10th informing firefighters of the benefits and assistance available to them. He encouraged the public to continue wearing facemasks, gloves, washing hands, and using hand sanitizer as needed maintain social distancing measures. Next month he will continue to encourage Council to consider a ban on the growth/distribution/selling of marijuana in Manchester Township.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro mentioned that the concert was excellent, and there are three more coming up during the summer months. He commented that the Mayor does a great job with his Facebook presentations. Town Hall was opened on June 29th, but he is still encouraging residents to utilize online or drop off methods for business. Mr. Fusaro stated that the budget is an estimate at this time, due to the state's delay in the budget. Lastly, this is hopefully our last zoom meeting, courtroom is being prepared for socially distance meetings.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer stated that he has gotten increased complaints about code enforcement in town. Code enforcement is out issuing curiosity notices and he is also letting DPW know of any brush or trees blocking signs and intersections. Our code enforcement officer is very flexible and understanding if the resident needs more time to comply. Mayor Palmer states that the concert was a success. He commented on Harry Wright Lake having some issues with people going into the water after hours. Police will be present to deter swimming after hours. There was also some issues with the dock, if the problems continue it will be removed. Mayor Palmer read over positive emails regarding two EMS employees. Thank you to those employees and the EMS staff. He has receive all positive comments, not a single negative comment regarding the Township EMS.

Mrs. Markulic: Mrs. Markulic commented on the temporary trailer ordinance, she would like Council to take a look to clear up any issues.

Mrs. Martin: Mrs. Martin stated that the Primary election was help on July 7th.

PUBLIC:

Elisha Ashley 21 Arden drive: Ms. Ashley inquired about the estimated tax bill she received in the mail, and why it was only for one quarter.

Mr. Fusaro answered budget is not final yet so that was an estimated tax bill for this quarter. We are waiting for all the data.

No further public comment.

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 Councilwoman Brush seconded by Councilman Fusaro 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

7/27/2020
Date Approved