

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 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 Teri Giercyk, 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 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 Deputy Municipal Clerk:

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

The Deputy Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Township Attorneys Jerry Dasti and Pat Varga, Mayor Palmer, and Data Processing Director Josh Schnoor as moderator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of June 8, 2020 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, , and Fusaro; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#20-265-Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,216,347.96 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, and Fusaro; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#20-266- Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$78,925.76 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, and Fusaro; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#20-267 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$72,609.31 was offered by Councilwoman Brush, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, and Fusaro; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#20-016 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE LAND DONATION OF LAND KNOW AS BLOCK 86, LOT 2.06 (82 LACEY ROAD), LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

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

#20-020 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF NON –BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction

#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

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

#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

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 Fusaro; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#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

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

#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)

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

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 #20-268 through #20-275, 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, and Fusaro; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

A. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- #20-268 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HOMETOWN TOWERS LLC**

B. GRANTS

- #20-269 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SCHOOLHOUSE/WRANGLEBROOK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3 PROJECT**
- #20-270 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE COLT PLACE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**
- #20-271 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN ENABLING RESOLUTION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

C. PURCHASING

- #20-272 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT WESTERN SERVICE AREA PHASE 2 REPLACEMENT OF SELECTED METERS**
- #20-273 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO RECEIVE CERTAIN BIDS IN ACCORD WITH N.J.A.C.5:34-5.1, E-PROCUREMENT**
- #20-274 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF SCHOOLHOUSE/WRANGLEBROOK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 2–2020 MUNICIPAL AID (BID NO. 20-11) TO SWIFT AND SON INC.**
- #20-275 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH OCEAN COUNTY POWER SPORTS FOR PROCUREMENT OF A POLARIS VEHICLE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

REPORTS:

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak Congratulated the graduating class of 2020 and wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush attended Sgt. Ellis's welcome home party, he looked very well and she wished him a speedy recovery. Fireworks will be on August 26th at the Harry Wright Lake. Happy 4th of July.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended various meetings. He encouraged the public to continue wearing facemasks, gloves, washing hands, and using hand sanitizer as needed. 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 Luau will be on Friday August 7th at Harry Wright Park.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer attended Sgt. Ellis's welcome home parade, which was well warranted and a good moment for everyone. He mentioned the upcoming recreation events. Mayor Palmer discussed the imposed water restrictions for irrigation. He hopes this is last summer we have to do it as the new water tower construction will begin next month starting with the lines. The Municipal Building will open to public

on June 29th. He is pleased to see the Landfill solar project moving along as it is a great project. Mayor Palmer commended Donna Markulic for her great job with moving project forward

Mrs. Markulic: Mrs. Markulic stated that when the building is opened on June 29th, there will be staff outside limiting the public to departments and the building. Temperatures will be taken, and PPE will be required for access. Township received a grant reimbursing the township for a \$604,000 Green Acres purchase and \$103,000 for Clean Communities.

Mr. Dasti: Mr. Dasti commented that Donna Markulic, Township Business Administrator, job has done a great job with her work on the grants and the landfill project.

PUBLIC:

Craig Hubbard, 5 Haddington Lane: Mr. Hubbard commented on the water restrictions already in effect and inquired about the time frame for the new elevated water tower and will it eliminate the need for future water restrictions.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer stated that the delay is because of the bureaucratic steps required with regard to bidding process for the project. There is a two-step process for this tower; lines will be done first and then the construction will begin. Tower should be up and running by next summer, so hopefully there will be no restrictions next summer.

Mr. Hubbard: Mr. Hubbard commented on the Ridgeway Blvd. construction. He read a piece of correspondence from the NJ Board of Public Utilities and inquired about the status of reopening Ridgeway Blvd.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer stated that we received Mr. Hubbard's letter and followed up with Ocean County requesting an updated timeline. As of right now, Ridgeway Blvd will not be reopened by the end of the summer; looks like the end of the year.

No further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Hudak seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, and Fusaro; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

Sam Fusaro
Council President

Teri Giercyk, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

7/13/2020
Date Approved