

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2017**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Sam Fusaro. 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

This was followed by following roll call:

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

Councilwoman Joan Brush	- present
Councilman Charles Frattini	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- 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 Attorney Robin LaBue and Mayor Kenneth Palmer.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Deputy Clerk read a proclamation for National Volunteer Week into the record. Mayor Palmer presented the proclamation to Edward Lynch of the Manchester First Aid Squad.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Deputy Clerk read correspondence into the record from the Chief Financial Officer regarding the sale of bond anticipation notes (BANS).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of January 23, 2017 and February 13, 2017 and the special meeting minutes of February 7, 2017 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmembers Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro; yea. Mrs. Brush abstained.

BUDGET INTRODUCTION

16-185– Authorizing Reading the CY 2017 Municipal Budget by Title

The above resolution was offered upon a motion by Mr. Frattini and seconded by Mrs. Brush and **approved** by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#16-186 - CY 2017 Municipal Budget

Mayor Palmer gave a very brief overview of the budget and would be giving a power point presentation at the next meeting. The public hearing and final adoption will be held on May 8, 2017.

The above budget resolution was offered upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and **adopted** by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

LAND SALE – Block 1.325 Lot 16

Township Attorney Robin LaBue initiated the sale asking if anyone was interested in bidding on the property. Jefferey Jerman offered the minimum bid. There were no other bidders. Mr. Jerman provided the 10% down payment.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#17-187- Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$5,317,866.37 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro; yea.

#17-188- Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$72,871.91 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#17-189 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$50,753.03 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mrs. Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro 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.

Mr. Fusaro asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda. Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Fusaro asked if there were any comments from the public on any items on the consent agenda.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen commented with regard to Resolution #17-193 and asked if there was any cost to the Township for Beasley Media Group. Mr. Fusaro informed him that they provide funding and entertainment for us. There are no fees involved.

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

Resolutions #17-190 through #17-202 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Vaccaro seconded by Mrs. Brush and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

A. FINANCE

#17-190 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#17-191 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF OPEN TAXES FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWNSHIP

B. RECREATION

#17-192 - 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 MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

#17-193 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT WITH THE BEASLEY MEDIA GROUP, INC. OWNER AND OPERATOR OF RADIO STATION WJRZ-FM

#17-194 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT WITH TD BANK, N.A.

#17-195 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH HAWAIIAN LUAU ENTERTAINMENT

C. PURCHASING

#17-196 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BROADWAY BOULEVARD – PHASE II

D. BONDS/ESCROWS

#17-197 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REDUCING A PERFORMANCE BOND (LETTER OF CREDIT) AND CASH PORTION POSTED BY HOMES FOR ALL IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECT KNOWN AS AUTUMN RIDGE BLOCK 30 LOT 1.01 & BLOCK 52, LOTS 2 AND 4

#17-198 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A PERFORMANCE BOND AND ASSOCIATED CASH PORTION PENDING THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE BOND AND INSPECTION ESCROW FEE IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECT KNOWN AS MANCHESTER SENIOR LIVING BLOCK 100 LOT 10

#17-199 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING UTILITY APPROVAL ESCROWS POSTED BY HOMES FOR ALL FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS AUTUMN RIDGE BLOCK 30 LOT 1.01 AND BLOCK 52 LOT 2 & 4

#17-200 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REDUCING WATER AND SANITARY SEWER PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED BY HOMES FOR ALL FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS AUTUMN RIDGE BLOCK 30 LOT 1.01 AND BLOCK 52 LOT 2

E. APPOINTMENT

#17-201 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD PURCELL, ESQ. AS SPECIAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5

F. MISCELLANEOUS

#17-202 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF MISCELLANEOUS POLICE EQUIPMENT IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

REPORTS

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush had the privilege of going to opening day of the Manchester Lakehurst Little League. The weather was uncooperative, but the children were enthusiastic. She also attended the Easter Egg Hunt at Pine Lake. It was a good day and Mrs. Brush heard so many positive comments about the event.

Mr. Frattini: Mr. Frattini spoke with Recreation Director Tracey Lynch. There were over 170 kids registered for the Easter Egg Hunt and there was a golden egg in each of the categories. The lucky winners received a basket.

Mr. Vaccaro: On April 4, 2017, Mr. Vaccaro attended the Office of Emergency Management Meeting. The discussion was on tasers and free fire safety visits. Due to the dedication of our volunteer fire and first aid personnel, 346 smoke alarms were tested.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro spoke about the letters that were sent regarding energy aggregation. Some residents thought it was a scam and tossed the letters. Their neighbors filled them in and they want to participate. Councilman Fusaro announced several of the upcoming meetings to educate residents. The Affordable Housing Spending Plan was approved last week.

Ms. LaBue: Ms. LaBue said it was with great pleasure that the housing plan was approved.

Ms. Pellicano: None

Mayor Palmer: None

PUBLIC:

Larry Lee – Country Walk: Mr. Lee heard that the property tax deduction for seniors and veterans' deductions may be done away with. Mr. Fusaro read the same article and said it was at the Federal level not State level. Mr. Lee said he was going to ask a State Senator.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked Capt. Malland if the firing range was almost complete. Captain Malland said it was almost finished. Mr. Glen was of the opinion that we should get the word out to other police agencies that they could use our firing range. Captain Malland said it is common knowledge and it is widely known that Manchester has a firing range.

Mr. Glen stated that Stavola is at a standstill regarding the Renaissance back road. There are about 3,500 residents who would like to see Council send a letter taking the bond and having someone else do the work. Mr. Glen inquired if the attorney could draw up a letter. Councilman Vaccaro asked to get Mayor Palmer's input. Mayor Palmer said supposedly Stavola sent everything to Jackson Township and if acceptable, should be an easier process. If the road opening permit works it should be happening within 35-40 days. Mr. Glen said he has heard that so many times. Mayor Palmer said he understands Mr. Glen's frustration, but he does not want to spend money on attorney's fees if it can be avoided. Mr. Glen asked why doesn't Stavola start on the Manchester side first and be done with it. Mayor Palmer indicated that if it is done that way, the road would have to be modified to get into Manchester. Mr. Glen said even if it has to be changed, it is on Stavola.

Ginny Martin – Renaissance: Ms. Martin asked about the elusive letter for energy aggregation and said she did not receive one. Mr. Fusaro informed her that there was a bulk mailing the end of last week and the beginning of this week. Ms. Pellicano pointed out to Ms. Miller that she opted out prior to the mailing. Ms. Miller was also concerned with safety at the high school. She has heard that children have to be escorted to the restrooms. Captain Malland stated there is one uniformed officer assigned to the high school. The Board of Education hired security guards and they follow the lead of the Administration. No police officer escorts students to the restroom. If there was an impending fight issue, it could prompt an escort, but to his knowledge, it has not happened.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

Sam F. Fusaro, Jr.
Council President

Jodi L. Pellicano, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk

Date Approved