

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
April 24, 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 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	- absent
Councilman James Vaccaro	- 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 Angela Koutsouris, Mayor Kenneth Palmer and Chief Financial Officer Diane Lapp.

PRESENTATION - Councilman Brendan Weiner

Mr. Fusaro presented a mantel clock to Councilman Brendan Weiner for his years of service to the Township. Mr. Weiner is one of only five Councilmen who have served ten consecutive years or more on Council. He has done so much for Manchester including spearheading the energy aggregation program. Mr. Weiner will be greatly missed.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Municipal Clerk read proclamations into the record for National Day of Prayer to be celebrated on May 4, 2017 and Walk MS Seaside Park on April 29, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of February 28, 2017, March 13, 2017 and closed session minutes of January 23, 2017 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmembers Wallis, Vaccaro, Fusaro; yea. Mrs. Brush abstained.

BUDGET INTRODUCTION

Presentation by Mayor Palmer of Introduced Budget to the Public

Mayor Palmer gave a power-point presentation to the residents on the high lights of the 2017 CY Municipal Budget. Salaries and Wages encompass about forty four percent of the budget with the second highest being operating expenses at thirty one percent. Projected revenues include Host Community Benefits, State Aid and UCC and Inspection fees to name a few. In 2016 there was \$5,755,828.40 left in surplus. Surplus in the amount of \$2,750,000.00 was used to offset the local levy. Manchester Township will pay \$4,000,000.00 toward employee health insurance after the employee share. The amount in the Levy Cap Bank or “Rainy Day Fund” is \$2,536,496.00. The Utilities Department – Eastern and Western Service Areas also have their own operating budgets. The Eastern Service Area will be purchasing capital items to include eight vehicles, booster pumps, fixed

base meter read, guns and radios. Beyond 2017, the Township hopes to purchase a new tanker truck for the Whiting Fire Company and implement a paving plan among other things.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#17-202- Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$4,292,955.21 was offered by Mrs. Brush, seconded by Mrs. Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Wallis, Vaccaro, Fusaro; yea.

#17-203- Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$102,123.70 was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#17-204 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$93,142.34 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Wallis, 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.

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

Resolutions #17-205 through #17-214 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. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#17-205 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GEESE CHASERS LLC FOR GEESE CONTROL AT HARRY WRIGHT AND PINE LAKES

B. LICENSING

#17-206 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING A SENIOR CITIZEN MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE FOR PINE RIDGE SOUTH, LP

C. RECREATION

#17-207 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR SPRING/SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

D. BONDS/ESCROWS

#17-208 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ROAD OPENING ESCROWS POSTED BY ARYA PROPERTIES, LLC FOR 580 & 590 BROADWAY BLVD.

#17-209 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY THE KOKES ORGANIZATION FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS WOODLANDS OF LAKE RIDGE BLOCK 109 LOTS 6, 14, & 15 PHASE 1 & PHASE 3

#17-210 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING UTILITY PERFORMANCE BONDS AND ESCROWS POSTED BY THE KOKES ORGANIZATION FOR THE WOODLANDS OF LAKE RIDGE

E. MISCELLANEOUS

#17-211 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING UTILITY PERFORMANCE BONDS AND ESCROWS POSTED BY THE KOKES ORGANIZATION FOR THE WOODLANDS OF LAKE RIDGE

#17-212 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF A FORFEITED/SEIZED VEHICLE(S) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

#17-213 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF A 55KW DIESEL GENERATOR AND TRANSFER SWITCH IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVE DEALS.COM

#17-214 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO A CONTRACT APPOINTING EDWARD PURCELL ESQ. OF DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, KUNZMAN, DAVIS, LEHRER& FLAUM, PC LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 ET SEQ.

REPORTS

Mrs. Brush: None

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended a recent meeting of the Manchester Coordinating Council where Senator Holzapfel spoke about the school funding formula.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis thanked everyone for all the well wishes during his recent illness and congratulated Mrs. Brush on her appointment to Council.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro gave an update on energy aggregation and said about three percent of the residents did not received an energy aggregation letter because JCP&L did not have the correct addresses. Mr. Fusaro also attended the Manchester Coordinating Council where they asked for Council's support for a turning lane into Cedar Glen Lakes from Route 70.

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo mentioned thanked her staff for fielding all of the energy aggregation questions from residents. She has had positive feedback regarding the program.

Ms. Markulic – None

Mayor Palmer: None

PUBLIC:

Larry Lee – Country Walk: Mr. Lee thanked Council for their with the Country Walk evacuation route.

Frank Stavolo – Charles Ave.: Mr. Stavolo spoke regarding 7 Michael Ct. There are dogs constantly barking and a fence falling down. Last weekend they had half the street blocked off for a party with a lot of alcohol. Mr.

Stavolo hoped Council could aid him in taking care of the problem. Ms. Markulic took down the information and would look into it.

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

Sam F. Fusaro, Jr.
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Date Approved