

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2016**

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

This was followed by the salute to the flag and the following roll call:

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

Councilman Charles Frattini	- absent
Councilman Brendan Weiner	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Township Attorney Angela Koutsouris, Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Mayor Ken Palmer and Captain Todd Malland.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Clerk read a proclamation into the records proclaiming August 21, 2016 as National Senior Citizen Day. There was also a proclamation proclaiming August 2016 as Police Appreciation Month. Council President Vaccaro presented the proclamation to Captain Todd Malland who accepted on behalf of the police department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of May 22, 2016 and June 13, 2016 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Weiner seconded by Mr. Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

LAND SALE - Sale of Property 2643 Ridgeway Rd. Block 31.02 Lot 2

Ms. Koutsouris advised that all adjacent property owners were notified of the sale according to law and advertised in the Asbury Park Press. She asked all interested parties who wanted to bid on the land to come up to the microphone and state their name for the record. At this time, no one showed an interest on the land. Ms. Koutsouris then advised that the land would be put back on the tax rolls.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#16-295 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$8,864,104.16 was offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

#16-296- Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$505,112.39 was offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

#16-297 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$798,812.93 was offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; 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. Vaccaro asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda.

Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Vaccaro asked if there were any comments from the public on any items on the consent agenda.

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

Resolutions #16-298 through #16-308 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

A. FINANCE

#16-298 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#16-299 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES FOR A PILOT AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 28, 2016

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#16-300 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM GRANTS

C. PURCHASING

#16-301 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE FOR AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) TRUCKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#16-302 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE SIXTH AVENUE PARK

BONDS/ESCROWS

#16-303 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REDUCING PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED BY PULTE HOMES FOR THE RETREAT AT MANCHESTER (RIVER POINTE) – BLOCK 71 LOT 8

#16-304 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REDUCING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY THE KOKES ORGANIZATION FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS MEADOWS WEST PHASES 2&3

#16-305 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR WATER & SEWER POSTED BY AM WHITING, LLC FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS WALGREENS BLOCK 90 LOTS 9& 24

D. MISCELLANESOUS

#16-306 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL NEEDS FUNDING LIMIT WAIVER FOR MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CASE # MAN-1609

#16-307 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAIVING TYPE 1 FIRE PERMIT FEE AND WAIVING A PROVISION OF PART OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 288-17(a) ENTITLED FIRES; FIREWORKS FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL NICK'S SMILE OF QUARTERS EVENT

#16-308 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

REPORTS

Mr. Weiner: None

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis went on a ride along with Officer Nick Greenwood. He was very professional and knew his job well. He also attended the Youth Academy Graduation. It is a two week summer camp held by the Police Department for children ages 8-14. It shows the kids the world of law enforcement. He also attended the luau at Pine Lake. He congratulated the Recreation Department for a job well done.

Mr. Fusaro: Nicole Ashkar and Township Planner Dave Roberts have been reviewing and incorporating items for an ordinance to implement a new re-examination report. Mr. Fusaro said council should expect the ordinance sometime in September.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended a Pinelands refresher seminar and attended a meeting of the Manchester Concerned Citizens Group where they discussed the Hovson's site.

Ms. Markulic: Ms. Markulic went with Mr. Yodakis to check on the paving project in Whiting. Streets in the worst shape will be given priority. This is being done through a capital project.

Ms. Koutsouris: None

Ms. Skibo: None

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer thanked Council for approving the purchase of new playground equipment for Sixth Avenue park. He hopes to improve one park a year over the next few years.

PUBLIC:

Ginny Martin – Renaissance: Ms. Martin posed a legal question to Council and Ms. Koutsouris. She asked if it was legal for a Councilman to expedite building permits for the development where he resides. Ms. Koutsouris said Councilmen were bound by the ethics law and thanked Ms. Martin for bringing this to Council's attention.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen mentioned the recent closing of Harry Wright Lake due to poor water quality. He wanted to know what is being done to rectify the situation. Mayor Palmer said they are looking at several different options. The geese are a big problem. The geese police have been used in the past and Mayor Palmer said we may have to bring them back again. Ms. Markulic added that several other Townships have had lake closures as well. Mr. Fusaro said that Pine Lake was lowered last year and stumps and debris were removed. That option proved successful.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis, Vaccaro; yea.

James A. Vaccaro, Sr.
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Date Approved