

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2017**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 2:00 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 Deputy Municipal Clerk:

Councilman Charles Frattini	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present

The Deputy Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Mayor Ken Palmer and Director of Public Works Al Yodakis.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Fusaro asked Bob Chilton from Gabel Associates to give a synopsis of the bid process. Mr. Chilton advised that four companies submitted bids and he reviewed them. Mr. Chilton said Tri-Eagle Energy’s bid provided the lowest rates and were the most qualified. He said this was the lowest price he had ever seen. He gave Council four options that combined price and duration and it was up to them on how they wanted to award the contract. Residents would be saving money no matter what Council decided.

#17-138 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO A THIRD PARTY POWER SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE TO MANCHESTER COMMUNITY ENERGY AGGREGATION (MCEA) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MCEA PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 ET. SEQ.

Mr. Fusaro asked if any member of Council had any comments on this resolution. Mr. Fusaro is of the opinion that many of the homes in Manchester are all electric. This will be a great cost savings for residents. Mr. Vaccaro asked Mr. Chilton to explain the difference in what his actual electric bill would look like. Mr. Chilton said the only item on the bill that would change would be the Basic Generation Line item. An average homeowner would save about 15% on their electric bill. Mr. Wallis said he was originally opposed to this. However seeing the rates, he has to support Council because this is in the best interest of the residents. Mr. Frattini is opposed to energy aggregation. He sees the difference in the rates but feels it will be too difficult for seniors who want to opt-out.

Seeing no further 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 asked how reliable the supplier is. Mr. Chilton said he has worked with them in the past and has not had any issues.

Elaine Baumeister – 30C Buckingham Dr.: Ms. Baumeister commented that she will have to do her own research to see if it makes sense to opt-out or stay in the program.

Ginny Martin 29 Gabriella Cr.: Ms. Martin wanted to opt-out of the program and asked Mr. Chilton to take her name and address to make sure this was done.

Karen Vaccaro – 20 Anjou Ct.: Ms. Vaccaro was concerned that if someone was out of the country and they did not get the card how can they opt-out of the program. Mr. Chilton said you could opt-out at any time with no penalty.

Larry Lee – Country Walk: Mr. Lee said that the Manchester Coordinating Council did their best to educate residents on the aggregation program. Mr. Fusaro said that he would be offering all villages a one on one session to explain the program. The Clerk's Office will be setting up dates in the coming weeks.

Judy Kuhmichael – Country Walk: Ms. Kuhmichael is concerned about remaining on the budget plan. Mr. Chilton said if you have the budget plan it would remain.

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

Council agreed that the best option was to go with Tri-Eagle Energy for 24 months at the rate of \$0.07994 per kilowatt-hour.

Resolution #17-138 was considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea. Mr. Frattini voted no.

REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmen Frattini, Wallis, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

Sam F. Fusaro, Jr.
Council President

Jodi L. Pellicano, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk

Date Approved