

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2016**

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

This was followed by following roll call:

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

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

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Township Attorney Angela Koutsouris and Personnel Officer James Gant.

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of September 26, 2016 was offered upon a motion by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Frattini and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Weiner, Wallis and Fusaro; yea.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#16-346 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$4,564,563.79 was offered by Mr. Frattini, seconded by Mr. Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Weiner, Wallis and Fusaro; yea.

#16-347 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$1,228,360.46 was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Weiner, Wallis and Fusaro; yea.

#16-348 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$49,242.54 was offered by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Weiner, Wallis and Fusaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#16-033 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE APPARATUS FOR THE RIDGEWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$45,591.00 THEREFOR FROM THE TOWNSHIP’S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Mr. Fusaro asked if any Council members had comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Fusaro opened this portion of the meeting to the public.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked why the Township was contributing \$45,000.00 toward the Ridgeway Fire Truck. Mr. Wallis said that it is a condition of the grant that the Ridgeway Fire Department received.

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

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Wallis seconded by Mr. Frattini and **adopted** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Weiner, Wallis and Fusaro; yea.

#16-034 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 30 IN BLOCK 1.227 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (1933 ELEVENTH AVE.)

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The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr Frattini, seconded by Mr. Wallis and **adopted** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Weiner, Wallis 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 closed this portion of the meeting.

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 questioned Resolution #16-361 and asked if this incentive affects the union contracts. Mr. Gant said this resolution did not add a plan but only offered an incentive if the Omnia Plan was chosen. The employee must commit to this plan for two years and it lowers payroll deductions and premiums for the Township.

Resolutions #16-349 through #16-361 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Weiner and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Weiner, Wallis and Fusaro; yea.

A. FINANCE

#16-349 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR (overpayments)

#16-350 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 38.68, LOT 885.02 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#16-351 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JUSTEX SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE OF RENTAL OF EXAMINATION MATERIALS AND ANCILLARY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF A PROMOTION EXAMINATION FOR THE POSTION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT

#16-352 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNHSIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FRA TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SOFTWARE PROGRAMS FOR THE MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

#16-353 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GRAMCO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LIBERTY DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM AND COURTROOM SOUND SYSTEM

C. GRANTS

#16-354 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND GRANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

D. PURCHASING

#16-355 - 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 ELECTRICAL/HVAC SERVICES

#16-356 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE FOR SOLICITATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR

#16-357 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE 2017 HEAVY DUTY CAB AND CHASSIS WITH ROLL OFF HOIST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR RE-BID

E. BONDS/ESCROWS

#16-358 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE PENDING THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE BOND AND ADDITIONAL ESCROW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECT KNOWN AS RIVER POINTE PHASE 2 BLOCK 71 LOT 8

#16-359 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING UTILITY ESCROWS POSTED BY ROBERT TAFF, ESQUIRE FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 52 LOT 4 (1091 HWY 70)

F. MISCELLANEOUS

#16-360 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION #16-300 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

#16-361 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING INCENTIVES UNDER THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN

REPORTS

Mr. Frattini: None

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner attended the Ocean County Mosquito Commission meeting. August was a dry month and the Commission is focusing on storm drain treatment.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis advised that the Veterans’ Committee will unveil the new Veterans’ monument at the World War II Memorial Park. He invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro said the energy aggregation bids have closed and they are being reviewed. He hoped the contract would be awarded shortly. Leaf pick up is starting in November. Mr. Fusaro reminded everyone that they do not have to bag leaves because the Township just purchased a leaf vacuum truck. This will make leaf pick up easier and more economical.

Ms. Markulic: Ms. Markulic reminded everyone that Trick or Trunk will be at the high school on October 28, 2016. Monies raised will go toward project graduation for the senior class.

Ms. Koutsouris: None

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo recently watched a television show called “Timeless” where they mentioned the Hindenburg Disaster. They correctly stated that the Hindenburg tragedy happened in Manchester Township and not Lakehurst Borough. She was glad to see that the show producers did their homework.

PUBLIC:

Larry Lee – Country Walk: Mr. Lee mentioned that an accident occurred on Route 530 and residents were not notified by Nixle. He hoped that in the future this could be rectified.

Ed Lynch – Country Walk: The Manchester First Aid Squad covered a recent football game where they had an injured player on the opposing team. He commended the police and first aid for a job well done in aiding the injured player.

Agnes Marsala – Chesterfield, N.J. Ms. Marsala invited everyone to public hearings that are to be held in Bordentown on the proposed Southern Reliability Link. Ms. Marsala is opposed to this pipeline that would potentially end in Manchester on Colonial Dr.

Martha Veselka – Bordentown, N.J.: Ms. Veselka urged Council to attend the public hearing on the proposed Southern Reliability Link that will be held in Bordentown in the new few weeks. Ms. Veselka said the compression station will end on Colonial Dr. They are 30 inch pipes that will be near residences. She said the blast radius of these pipes could impact the schools and residences that are on or near Colonial Dr. This pipeline will be used for export and will not help us. Mr. Frattini asked who is spearheading the opposition. Ms. Veselka said the group is comprised of both residents and environmental agencies. Mr. Frattini asked how this proposed pipeline has gone this far. Ms. Veselka said that this it is the Federal Agency Regulatory Commission.

John Kocubinski – North Hanover Township Committeeman: Mr. Kocubinski shared his opposition to this project. He is concerned about the safety of residents as this pipeline will come within 100 feet of roadways. He said that if the pipeline would explode everything within a half mile radius would be gone. He feels these hearings are extremely important and asked Council to attend.

Charlie Morgan – Green Acres Rd.: Mr. Morgan asked who approved traffic lights. Mr. Fusaro said it depended on the location of the road. If it was a county road it would be the Ocean County Road Department and if it was a State road it would be the State Department of Transportation. Mr. Morgan asked if it was a Township road who would he contact. Mr. Fusaro said he should contact Ms. Markulic.

Elaine Baumeister – 30 C. Buckingham Dr.: Ms. Baumeister said she was aware of the pipeline and she had asked the Mayor to find out some more information. She said she never heard back from him. Ms. Baumeister asked who a resident should ask to get answers on the pipeline question. Mr. Weiner said this is the first time he has heard that the pipeline would be used for export. Mr. Fusaro said that he had reviewed the plans and there was no mention of a compression station. Mr. Weiner and Mr. Fusaro said they could not comment on something that there are no plans for.

Theresa Lettman – Pine Lake Park: Ms. Lettman felt that Council should be attending the meetings and hearings on the pipeline. A compression station at Colonial Dr. would be a danger to residents and businesses that are very close to that area.

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd. : Mr. Glen felt that the Township should have solicited more companies to submit bids for the roll off truck. Mr. Fusaro said that he bidding process was followed. The Township is part of cooperatives as far away as Houston. Mr. Yodakis said only one bid was received.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

Sam F. Fusaro, Jr.
Council Vice President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Date Approved