

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 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 following roll call:

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 Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Township Attorney Angela Koutsouris, Mayor Ken Palmer, Lt. Robert Dolan, Capt. Todd Malland, Chief Financial Officer Diane Lapp, Auditors Joseph Faccone and Andrew Zabiega from Samuel Klein & Co.

FLAG SALUTE

AUDIT

#16-362 – Certification of the 2015 Municipal Audit

Andrew Zabiega of Samuel Klein & Company said the audit found nothing out of the ordinary. There were a few recommendations that he listed on the audit. Ms. Lapp will do the Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Vaccaro asked if any Council had any comments on the audit. Seeing none, Mr. Vaccaro closed this portion of the meeting.

The Certification of the 2015 Municipal Audit was offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Wallis and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#16-363 -Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$4,842,559.05 was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

#16-364 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$83,455.33 was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Weiner and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

#16-365 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$86,864.41 was offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction

#16-035 - AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-004 FINALLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 14, 2016 BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES THEREIN

The above ordinance was 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.

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. Vaccaro closed this portion of the meeting.

Seeing no comments from Council, Mr. Vaccaro 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 #16-373 authorizing the sale of ICOP equipment and asked what was the original purchase price and why wasn't it put on GovDeals. Lt. Dolan said he was not sure of the exact price but it had to be a few hundred thousand dollars. Lt. Dolan advised the Ramsey Police Department contacted him and he was happy to get \$1,000.00 dollars for it. The company that sold ICOP is out of business and the technology is outdated. Mr. Glen asked what is a T1 line. Lt. Dolan said it is a line that replaces the old microwave system. It will connect all three lines for the dispatch system in Manchester. It is cheaper to go fiber optic than using the existing lines.

Resolutions #16-366 through #16-374 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

#16-366 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR A US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM

B. BONDS/ESCROWS

#16-367 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A CASH WATER PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED BY M.S. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 57, LOT 719.03 (TORRY AVE. WATER MAIN EXT.)

C. LIENS

#16-368 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE CLEAN UP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 212 PARKVIEW BOULEVARD (BLOCK 1.44 LOT 5), AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

#16-369 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE CLEAN UP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2659 RIDGEWAY ROAD (BLOCK 31.01 LOT 4), AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

#16-370 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE CLEAN UP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 GREEN ACRES ROAD (BLOCK 61.01 LOT 3), AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

#16-371 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE CLEAN UP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1741 BROADWAY BOULEVARD (BLOCK 1.91 LOT 26), AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

#16-372 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE CLEAN UP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 900 BROADWAY BOULEVARD (BLOCK 1.72 LOT 5), AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

D. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#16-373 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF (15) VISION AND (13) 20/20W ICOP MVR INVENTORY AND ASSORTED BRACKETS, MOUNTS, MICROPHONES ETC. TO THE BOROUGH

OF RAMSEY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A MONETARY CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36

#16-374 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEDICATED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BLOCK LINE SYSTEMS, INC.

REPORTS

Mr. Weiner: At the last meeting comments were made by the public asking Council to oppose the Southern Reliability Link. They made statements regarding exportation of gas to foreign soils and a compressor station on the corner of Route 70 and Colonial Drive. Mr. Weiner said he reviewed all of the plans that were on file in the Township. The compressor station was not in any of the plans. Mr. Weiner emailed New Jersey Natural Gas and asked about the construction of a compressor station to export natural gas. Mr. Weiner received a response from New Jersey Natural Gas reiterating that they are not allowed by law to use the pipeline to export the gas nor will they be building a compressor station. Mr. Weiner also mentioned that leaf pick up will be done by the new leaf vacuum trucks purchased by Public Works. Residents do not have to bag leaves. They can just sweep them to the curb. Mr. Weiner also gave an update on a recent meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Control Commission and he suggested adding something to the Township website regarding what each Manchester park has to offer.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis attended the opening of the Senior Wellness Station at Harry Wright Lake. Shop Rite and Mr. Yodakis did a nice job. He also attended the recent movie night at Pine Lake Park. Ms. Lynch did a great job. He also suggested that movie night may be brought to the Senior Villages.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro mentioned that he attended a Firewise meeting at Country Walk and a Meet the Candidate night at the High school. The PTA did a nice job. However, he was disappointed in the attendance.

Ms. Markulic: None

Ms. Koutsouris: None

Ms. Skibo: None

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer mentioned all of the vacancies in strip malls located in the Township. He felt the Township needed to offer incentives to small business owners. Hopefully that would enable them to open business in the Township.

PUBLIC:

Ed Lynch – Country Walk: Mr. Lynch thanked everyone for their attendance at the Country Walk Firewise meeting. There were over 174 in attendance.

Mr. Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked for the status on the back road at Renaissance. Ms. Skibo said that she contacted Jackson and it is still not on the agenda. Mr. Glen asked what is happening with the property on the corner of Route 70 and Green Acres Rd. Mr. Fusaro explained that the current owner cleared the land to make it more appealing for potential buyers. Mr. Glen also asked about the status of Presidential Gardens. Mr. Vaccaro explained that it is in a hold status. The developer is having issues with the Department of Environmental Protection.

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. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Weiner, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

James A. Vaccaro, Sr.
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Date Approved