

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 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	- present
Councilman Brendan Weiner	- absent
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, Director of Public Works Al Yodakis, Lt. James Sharkey and Mayor Ken Palmer.

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of September 12, 2016 and Executive Session of September 12, 2016 was offered upon a motion by Mr. Frattini seconded by Mr. Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

PRESENTATION – Lt. James Sharkey – Security

Lt. Sharkey gave an update on Township security in light of the recent bombings that have occurred across the country. Lt. Sharkey said all police officers go through rigorous training. He has been doing law enforcement for over 23 years and basic training has increased significantly. The Township’s communication with county, state and federal agencies is better than ever. Several Township officers have SWAT team training as they are members of the regional SWAT team. Lt. Sharkey suggested that residents be vigilant with safety. If they see something suspicious, they need to contact the police.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#16-337 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$954,871.19 was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

#16-338 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$133,789.39 was offered by Mr. Frattini, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

#16-339 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$99,099.89 was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Fusaro, Wallis and Vaccaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#16-031 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

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

Larry Lee – Country Walk: Mr. Lee questioned the Emergency Management Coordinator position and asked why the salary was only five thousand dollars. Mr. Wallis explained it was only a stipend.

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

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, Wallis, Fusaro and Vaccaro; yea.

#16-032 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE #16-018 TO CORRECT A NUMBERING ERROR IN THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 101, ARTICLE IV

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

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

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, Wallis, Fusaro and Vaccaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – First Reading & Introduction

#16-033 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY 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

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

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

The Municipal Clerk advised that Resolution #16-340 needed to be removed from the consent agenda due to a conflict.

#16-340 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO NASSAU CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC, FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF N.J.S.A. 5:96 AND 5:97 BY THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (“MOUNT LAUREL IV”)

The above resolution was removed from the consent agenda upon a motion by Mr. Wallis seconded by Mr. Fusaro and **approved** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Wallis, Fusaro and Vaccaro; yea.

The above resolution was offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro seconded by Mr. Wallis and **defeated** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Wallis, Fusaro and Vaccaro; no.

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 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 the purchase of new trucks for the Public Works Department and asked how many bids were received. Mr. Yodakis explained that only one bid was received after calling several places. After careful research, Mr. Yodakis found that it was more cost effective to go out to bid than ordering from State contract.

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

Resolutions #16-341 through #16-345 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Wallis, Fusaro and Vaccaro; yea.

A. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#16-341 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ROBERT H HOOVER & SONS INC., PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.

#16-342 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS WESTERN SERVICE AREA WELL #10 REHABILITATION, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.

B. BONDS/ESCROWS

#16-343 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A PLANNING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY TAFF & DAVIES ESQUIRES FOR BLOCK 30 LOT 1.01 (3085 RIDGEWAY RD.)

#16-344 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A PLANNING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY ROBERT TAFF, ESQUIRE FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 52 LOT 4 (1091 HWY 70)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

#16-345 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 1988 GRUMAN AERIAL LADDER TRUCK TO THE MANCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36

REPORTS

Mr. Frattini: None

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis met with OEM Coordinator Art Abline and a member of the Ridgeway Fire Department to meet the builder of Ridgeway's new fire truck. The fire department did a lot of research to secure a grant for this fire truck. Mr. Wallis thanked the fire department for all of their hard work in securing the grant.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro announced that Shop Manchester starts on October 1, 2016. Cards can be obtained at local sponsors, town hall and participating businesses. Mr. Fusaro also mentioned the process of paying bills for the Township. Mr. Fusaro was the Chief Financial Officer for Ft. Monmouth. The process that the Township has to abide by is much harder. He commended Ms. Lapp and her staff for the wonderful job they did in the Finance department.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended several events throughout the Township to include the Leisure Knoll Veteran's Club for POW-MIA day and the Manchester Coordinating Council.

Ms. Koutsouris: None

Ms. Skibo: None

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer attended a remembrance ceremony held by the Leisure Knoll Veteran's Club for a member's brother who was missing in action. The Mayor commended the Veteran's Club for the wonderful job they did in honor of this missing soldier.

PUBLIC:

Hank Glen – 29 Wycliffe Rd: Mr. Glen commented on a recent article he read that mentioned Chromium 6 was found in drinking water in Ocean County. Chromium 6 is a cancer causing mineral made that was the subject of the Erin Brockovich movie. Mr. Glen was concerned by this news and asked what the Township was doing about it. Mr. Yodakis responded that the levels of Chromium 6 found in the Township water system are way under what the EPA allows. The levels have been published in consumer confidence reports. Mr. Yodakis said Chromium 6 is a naturally occurring mineral. His department is looking at ways that Chromium 6 can be filtered out.

Larry Lee – Country Walk: Mr. Lee thanked the Public Works department for clearing the development's secondary access road to make it passable.

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

James A. Vaccaro, Sr.
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Date Approved