

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2015**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Council President Brendan Weiner. 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	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present
Councilman Brendan Weiner	- present

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

DENIAL OF BAR I.D. HEARING – The bar identification hearing was adjourned for the Township Attorney to compile further information. A motion to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Wallis, Fusaro and Weiner; yea.

A motion to re-open the public meeting at 6:00 p.m. was offered by Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Wallis, Fusaro and Weiner; yea.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS:

Resolution #15-262 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$5,845,511.41 was offered by Mr. Frattini, seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Wallis, Fusaro, and Weiner; yea. Mr. Weiner abstained on check no. 52213 due to a perception of conflict.

Resolution #15-263 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$179,966.69 was offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Wallis, Fusaro and Weiner; yea.

Resolution #15-264 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Water and Sewer West Fund in the amount of \$109,891.39 was offered by Mr. Fusaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Wallis, Fusaro and Weiner; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing & Final Action

#15-015 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 9, BLOCK 1.158 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

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

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

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading and Introduction

#15-016 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PLATFORM AERIAL FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND APPROPRIATING \$1,515,000 THEREFOR AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,439,250 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TO FINANCE THE SAME

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

#15-017 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A BUILDING LOCATED ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AT BLOCK 33, LOTS 787 AND 788 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Mr. Fusaro seconded by Mr. Vaccaro and **adopted** by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Wallis, Fusaro and Weiner; 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. Weiner asked if any Council members had any comments on any items on the consent agenda.

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

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

Resolutions #15-265 through #15-277 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Frattini, seconded by Mr. Wallis and adopted by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Wallis, Fusaro and Weiner; yea.

A. FINANCE

#15-265 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

B. PURCHASING

#15-266 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2016 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR SEDAN UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT

C. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#15-267 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD

#15-268 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH NEOPOST USA INC. FOR POSTAGE MACHINE

#15-269 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPILLMAN TECHNOLOGIES COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SOFTWARE FROM SHI UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTACT

#15-270 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL COOPERATIVE

D. ESCROWS/BONDS

#15-271 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A CASH MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE AND A REVIEW AND INSPECTION ESCROW ACCOUNT POSTED BY COUNTRY ROAD ESTATES CORPORATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PROJECT KNOWN AS COUNTRY ROAD ESTATES

E. GRANTS

#15-272 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BROADWAY BOULEVARD-PHASE II IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

F. MISCELLANEOUS

#15-273 - 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 REMOVAL OF DEBRIS AND CLEAN UP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1741 COMMONWEALTH BLVD. (BLOCK 1.233 LOT 26), AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

#15-274 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DONATING TWO SCRAP FIRE HYDRANTS TO LEISURE VILLAGE WEST ASSOCIATION FOR USE IN ITS DOG PARKS

#15-275 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR FALL/WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS

G. LEGISLATIVE

#15-276 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING S-781 AND S-782 AMENDMENTS TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

#15-277 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE “WHARTON STATE FOREST MOTORIZED ACTION PLAN (M.A.P.)”

REPORTS

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended the last concert of the season on August 27, 2015. Mr. Vaccaro thanked the recreation department for all of their hard work. He attended the biweekly meeting on September 8, 2015 and reviewed the invoices that were on tonight’s agenda for Council’s consideration.

Mr. Frattini: Mr. Frattini toured the new enhanced JCP&L power center. You can now go on Facebook to report a power outage.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis thanked Tracy Lynch for a good job on the concert fest.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro announced that the Ocean County Library holds classes on how to use a tablet in the library to include downloading of magazines and books.

Mr. Weiner: Mr. Weiner said that a session was held on the Shop Manchester program. Over fourteen local businesses showed interest. Mr. Weiner addressed a suggestion that a resident brought up at a prior meeting about putting mussels in Pine Lake to clean it. Mr. Weiner spoke with someone who did research on the issue. The problem with Pine Lake is the geese and fecal coliform. Mussels filter water not sludge. Water is not the issue it is the sludge. The State Department of Environmental Protection said we can lower the lake and clean the western side of Pine Lake.

Ms. Markulic: Ms. Markulic advised that letters have gone out to owners of vacant land in Pine Lake Park asking them to clean up violations on their property. Hopefully they will take care of these violations.

Ms. Koutsouris: None

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo thanked the Manchester Times for a recent article they did on the Clerk’s Office.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer advised that the bond ordinance that is on the agenda is needed to purchase a new fire truck and to lock in at today’s prices. If we don’t do it now, prices will go up. The update of the CAD system is needed to replace a system that is over 25 years old. The Recreation Department will be holding a movie night at Pine Lake. The Township will be taking possession of the cheer barn at the football field. We will be making necessary repairs to the barn in exchange for using it as a recreational facility for the Township.

PUBLIC

Ginny Martin – 29 Gabriella Cr.: Ms. Martin commented with regard to revisions to the OPRA and OPMA laws. She was glad that Council opposed this legislation by passing Resolution #15-276.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. on motion by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote; Councilmen: Frattini, Vaccaro, Wallis, Fusaro and Weiner; yea.

Brendan Weiner
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk