

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
March 27, 2017**

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

FLAG SALUTE

OATH OF OFFICE

Joan Brush was sworn in as Councilwoman by the Municipal Clerk to fill the vacancy left by Councilman Brendan Weiner. Mrs. Brush took the oath with her husband holding the family bible and her children and grandchildren looking on. Mrs. Brush then joined Council on the dais.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

Councilwoman Joan Brush	- present
Councilman Charles Frattini	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- absent
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present

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

PROCLAMATIONS

The Clerk read a proclamation for National Library Week into the record. Erin DeLuccia from the Manchester Branch of the Ocean County Library was present to receive the proclamation from Mayor Palmer.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Palmer presented proclamations to the Manchester High School Girls Varsity Basketball team for winning the South Jersey Group 2 Sectional Championships.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of January 23, 2017 and February 13, 2017 and the special meeting minutes of February 7, 2017 were offered upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro; yea. Mrs. Brush abstained.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#17-166- Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$886,568.98 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro, Fusaro; yea.

#17-167 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$126,000.41 was offered by Mr. Vaccaro, seconded by Mr. Frattini and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

#17-168 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$99,079.24 was offered by Mr. Frattini, seconded by Mrs. Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#17-006 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

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.

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

The above ordinance was **approved** upon a motion by Mr. Vaccaro seconded by Mrs. Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro 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 asked if there were any comments from the public on any items on the consent agenda.

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

Resolutions #17-169 through #17-184 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Mr. Vaccaro seconded by Mr. Frattini and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

A. FINANCE

#17-169 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#17-170 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF OPEN TAXES FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWNSHIP

B. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#17-171 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH STOCKTON UNIVERISTY FOR AN INTERN IN THE OFFICE OF THE TAX ASSESSOR

#17-172 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT FOR SUPPORT TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR SERVICES RENDERED

#17-173 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PREVENTION SPECIALISTS INCORPORATED FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

#17-174 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE GYPSY MOTH AERIAL SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

#17-175 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

#17-176 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT - DRIVING WHIL INTOXICATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM 2016

C. MUNICIPAL CLERK

#17-177 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

D. RECREATION

#17-178 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL

#17-179 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PARAMETRIX AUDIO & LIGHTING

E. BONDS/ESCROWS

#17-180 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE PENDING THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS THE FOREST AVENUE WATER MAIN EXTENSION BLOCK 60.01 LOT 21.03

F. MISCELLANEOUS

#17-181 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF TOWNSHIP OWNED VEHICLE(S) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

#17-182 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF FORFEITED/SEIZED VEHICLE(S) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

#17-183 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF FORFEITED/SEIZED VEHICLE(S) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

#17-184 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE PAINTING OF EASTERN SERVICE AREA ELEVATED WATER STORGE TANK

REPORTS

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush attended the Penguin Plunge at Harry Wright Lake to raise money for the prom at Regional Day School. It is a worthwhile cause.

Mr. Frattini: Mr. Frattini mentioned that he recently received a productivity report from the Police Department. He thanked them for the outstanding job they do.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended various meetings and events throughout the Township including interviews to fill the vacant Council seat and the Manchester Coordinating Council.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro mentioned that meetings will be held throughout the Township in the next coming weeks to discuss the energy aggregation process. There will be public sessions at the Whiting Firehouse and Manchester Township High School. Council has also offered to go to all of the senior villages to discuss energy aggregation. Mr. Fusaro mentioned the process that Mrs. Brush had to go through to be chosen to fill the vacant Council seat. Mrs. Brush has been a resident of Manchester for over forty years and had volunteered many hours to Township events. Mrs. Brush founded the Municipal Alliance and was a lake supervisor for many years. She will be a wonderful asset to the Council.

Ms. Koutsouris: None

Ms. Skibo: Ms. Skibo welcomed Mrs. Brush to Council and told her the Clerk's office is always available if she needs anything.

Ms. Pellicano: Ms. Pellicano welcomed Mrs. Brush to Council.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer welcomed Mrs. Brush to Council and said she will be a tremendous asset. The Township recently purchased tasers for the Police Department which were utilized and the Mayor felt it saved the life of the person who was actually tased. Lastly, the Affordable Housing hearing was held last Friday and the plan was not approved. The basis for the objection of the Township's plan was that the MDG site was not developable. The Mayor said that was not the case. The next hearing will be in two weeks.

Ms. Lapp: Ms. Lapp congratulated Art Abline for receiving the Thomas Renkin award given through the Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund for his dedication to safety. Due to Mr. Abline's efforts, the Township received \$1,000.00 to use toward safety initiatives.

Mr. Gant: Mr. Gant congratulated Mrs. Brush on her appointment to Council.

PUBLIC:

Dave Applegate – Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity: Mr. Applegate thanked Council for approving a Developer's Agreement to build an Affordable Housing unit in the Township.

Bridget Semanski – Country Walk: – Ms. Semanski spoke on behalf of her mother Carmen Semanski who is blind and uses a seeing eye dog named Yodel. Ms. Semanski lives in Country Walk. She has walked Yodel for years in the common space and has always picked up Yodel's waste. However, Ms. Semanski was given a complaint from the Board for not picking up after Yodel. The association has placed a sign up advising "No Dogs Allowed" in the common area where she has always walked Yodel. The same sign was not placed on any other common area throughout the village. Ms. Semanski asked Council for their help to have the association remove the sign and allow her mom to walk Yodel in the common area. Mr. Frattini asked Ms. Koutsouris asked if this should be brought to the attention of the ADA. Ms. Koutsouris advised that any ADA rule would supersede any Township or homeowner association ordinance. She said she would look into the ADA law and reach out to the attorney who represents Country Walk.

Edward Lynch – Country Walk: Mr. Lynch said speaking as a resident of Country Walk, he has seen Mrs. Semanski walk Yodel and she always picks up the dog's waste.

Hank Glen – 29 Wyecliffe Rd.: Mr. Glen asked what goals Mrs. Brush had for the Township. Mrs. Brush said she would like to have more rateables in the Township and hoped to see Pine Lake be used for swimming again.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Frattini, seconded by Mrs. Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Brush, Frattini, Vaccaro and Fusaro; yea.

Sam F. Fusaro, Jr.
Council President

Sabina T. Skibo, RMC
Township Clerk

Date Approved