

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2020**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Councilman Sam Fusaro. The following statement was read by Sabina T. Martin, 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

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

Councilman Robert A. Hudak	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilwoman Joan Brush	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Asst. BA James Gant, Township Attorney Martin Buckley, Lt. Komsa, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2020 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, and Fusaro; yea. Mr. Wallis abstain due to absence.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#20-358 -Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,261,733.40 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

#20-359 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$437,875.86 was offered by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

#20-360 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$91,721.27 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#20-032 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 1.325 (608 AMSTERDAM AVENUE) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.

40A:12-1 et seq.

Councilman Fusaro asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilman Fusaro asked if there were any comments from the public.

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

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

#20-033 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND APPROPRIATING \$750,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$712,500 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TO FINANCE THE SAME.

Councilman Fusaro asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilman Fusaro asked if there were any comments from the public.

Hank Glen, 29 Wycliffe: Mr. Glen asked if the Township was actively seeking out any grants to cover any costs associated with COVID. He also inquired if grant money could be used to pay off the municipal bonds.

Mr. Fusaro stated that the Township has hired a grant company and the funds may not be used to pay off the bonds. We would like to do what is best for the Township.

Mrs. Markulic stated that grants are often a reimbursement to funds expended and the OC CARES grant will reimburse us up to 300k on COVID expenses.

Mr. Hudak stated that the CARES act is directed from non-profits. It is narrowly tailored to what funds can be used for.

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

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

ORDINANCES –First Reading and Introduction

#20-036 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND APPROPRIATING \$3,918,500 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,722,575 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TO FINANCE THE SAME.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, 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.

Councilman Fusaro asked if any member of Council had any comments on these Resolutions.

Seeing no comments from Council, Councilman Fusaro asked if there were any comments from the public.

Joseph Hankins, 532 Commonwealth Blvd: Mr. Hankins asked if the town still performing inspections on the businesses applying for the outdoor heaters mention in Resolution #20-364.

Mrs. Martin stated yes, they still have to apply.

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

Resolutions #20-361 through #20-368 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

A. LICENSING

#20-361 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR IRPINIA ASSOCIATES, LLC

#20-362 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

#20-363 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

#20-364 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION #20-284 ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES TO PERMIT TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING

B. PURCHASING

#20-365 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT FOR POLICE UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

#20-366 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF BID AWARD FOR POLICE UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

C. LEGISLATION

#20-367 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A-4390 AND SENATE BILL S-2695

D. BONDS/ESCROWS

#20-368 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING WATER AND SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE POSTED BY HOMES FOR ALL FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS AUTUMN RIDGE BLOCK 30 LOT 1.01 AND BLOCK 52 LOT 2 (3085 RIDGEWAY BLVD.)

REPORTS:

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended various meetings this past month. He encouraged Council to consider a ban on the growth/distribution/selling of marijuana in Manchester Township if the ballot question passes. He reminded the public to wear their PPE, wash hands, and continue practicing social distancing. He wished every to be well and stay safe.

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak mail in ballots were received this week and thanked the Municipal Clerk and her staff for keeping the website up to date on election process.

Mr. Wallis: None

Mrs. Brush: None

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro stated that the Clerk's office has done an excellent job looking out for the residents with regard to the upcoming election. Extension 6101 is available for the residents to call regarding election information.

Mrs. Martin: Extension 6101 was created to inform the public on the current election process. We have two drop off boxes for ballots; The Manchester Branch of the Ocean Count Library and at the Stop and Shop and the Reading Room in Whiting. The website has been updated to include locations of all drop off box locations in Ocean County. Votes will be counted on Election Day if ballots are mailed or dropped off in a

ballot box. Provisional ballots will not be counted until at least a week later. Polling locations went from 20 down to 10 please so check the website for any information.

Mrs. Markulic: None.

Mr. Gant: None

Mr. Buckley: None.

Lt. Komsa: None

PUBLIC:

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#20-368 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. was made by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea. Mrs. Brush, absent.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:26 p.m. was made by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea. Mrs. Brush, absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Hudak seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Hudak, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea. Mrs. Brush, absent.

Sam Fusaro
Council President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

10/13/2020
Date Approved