

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 9, 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 Teri Giercyk, Deputy Municipal Clerk:

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 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 Deputy Municipal Clerk:

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

The Deputy Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Asst. BA James Gant, Mayor Palmer, Township Attorney Martin Buckley.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The regular meeting minutes of October 26, 2020 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.

**SUBMISSION OF BILLS**

**#20-407-** Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$11,758.529.14 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.

**#20-408-** Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$194,991.82 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.

**#20-409 -** Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$136,922.95 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.

## RESOLUTIONS:

### A. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

**A motion was made by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Hudak to remove #20-399 from consent agenda and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.**

**#20-399 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING RATES FOR SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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.

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

**A motion to table was made by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Hudak and adopted 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.**

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**Resolutions #20-410 through #20-430 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. FINANCE

**20-410 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 99.107, LOT 26 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#20-411 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 109.03, LOT 11 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#20-412 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 109.01, LOT 60 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#20-413 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 38.88, LOT 1086.02 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#20-414 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 1.329, LOT 39 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#20-415 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 1.167, LOT 22 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#20-416 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 38.49, LOT 667.02 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**#20-417 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO MAKE TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET**

**#20-418 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF TAX SALE PREMIUMS OVER FIVE YEARS OLD FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND AS REQUESTED BY**

**#20-419 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TO MOVE UNRETURNED VOUCHER REQUESTS TO THE GENERAL FUND**

**#20-420 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL NEEDS FUNDING LIMIT WAIVER FOR MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CASE  
# MAN-2064**

**#20-421 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR A DOT GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## **B. PURCHASING**

**#20-422 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) CHEVROLET TAHOE PPV'S 4WD UNDER CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING CONTRACT #20-01 SYSTEM IDENTIFIER # 47-CPCPS**

### C. BONDS/ESCROWS

**#20-423 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROW POSTED BY WAYNE MARCHLEWSKI BLOCK 1.68 LOT 9 (590 BROADWAY BOULEVARD)**

**#20-424 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROW POSTED BY ANGELO RICHICHI BLOCK 1.68 LOT 4.01 (580 BROADWAY BOULEVARD)**

**#20-425 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROW POSTED BY BURTON W. PORTER JR. BLOCK 1.307 LOTS 26-34 (1041 WELLINGTON AVENUE)**

### D. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

**20-426 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING, ACCEPTANCE, AND EXECUTION OF A RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR SURVEY AND EXPLORATION AND A RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR CONSTRUCTION INVOLVING BLOCK 72.01, LOT 15 AKA 2344 HIGHWAY 547, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**

**#20-427 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CENTRAL JERSEY HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**

**#20-428 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND OPEIU LOCAL 32**

### E. MISCELLANEOUS

**#20-429 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BIRCHWOOD AT WHITING**

**#20-430 - 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**

### REPORTS:

**Mr. Hudak:** Mr. Hudak attended the Planning Board meeting on 11/2/2020. He thanked the Municipal Clerk's staff and the County Clerk staff for their work on Election Day. He thanked everyone for his re-election and he thanked the Veterans for their service.

**Mr. Vaccaro:** Mr. Vaccaro thanked all the voters who voted last week. He stated that it was a difficult campaign to manage due to COVID. Proud to be reelected as a council member and personal quest to make Manchester Township the best place to reside in Ocean County. Thanks Mr. Hankins for running an

honorable and meaningful campaign. Mr. Vaccaro attended various meetings including the Bi-weekly meeting, Zoning Board meeting, Manchester Coordinating Council meeting. He attended the Pinelands Municipal Council meeting on October 27 where they prepared and submitted a resolution to the Governor, opposing the cuts of PILOT payments funding to municipality after their municipal rate had already been set. Now that COVID cases are increasing in New Jersey and Ocean County, he reminded the public to wear their PPE, wash hands, and continue practicing social distancing. He wished everyone to be well and stay safe. He was thankful for the opportunity to speak.

**Mrs. Brush:** Mrs. Brush congratulated the three Councilmen on their re-election. She stated it was a very clean and honorable election, and she looks forward to working with them.

**Mr. Wallis:** Mr. Wallis congratulated the three Councilmen on their re-election, and he stated there was no negativity spread during this election campaign.

**Mr. Fusaro:** Mr. Fusaro stated that this was his seventh election and it was probably the cleanest election compared to previous elections. He told Mr. Hankins that his time will come. At the last Master Plan Committee meeting, they went through all the permitted and conditional uses in zoning just for CAFRA. He again thanked all the voters.

**Mrs. Markulic:** Mrs. Markulic congratulated the re-elected Councilmen.

**Mayor Palmer:** Mayor Palmer congratulated the re-elected Councilmen. He informed the public that Al Yodakis won the Municipal Engineer of the year award. Veterans Day ceremony on Wednesday.

**Mr. Gant:** Mr. Gant congratulated the re-elected officials, and he commended the Municipal Clerk's office for their work on Election Day.

#### **PUBLIC:**

**Rory Wells, 208 Oak Lane:** Mr. Wells congratulated the re-elected officials. He stated he is against the legalization of marijuana and discussed his history and reasons why. He is also against personal sales or growing marijuana in the Township.

Mr. Fusaro states that at the next biweekly a committee will be formed regarding marijuana.

**No further public comment.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Hudak seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Hudak, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

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Sam Fusaro  
Council President

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Teri Giercyk, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

11/23/2020  
Date Approved