

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
November 23, 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 on all entrances to the Municipal Buildings, on Township Website, and Township Facebook page in accordance with A3850/S2294.”

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, Mayor Palmer, Township Attorney Martin Buckley, Josh Schnoor as moderator, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of November 9, 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, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

The special meeting minutes of November 16, 2020 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Wallis, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea. Mrs. Brush abstain due to absence

LAND SALE

Land Sale of Block 1.325 Lot 9 (608 Amsterdam Avenue) - POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 14, 2020

Land Sale of Block 1.205 Lot 30 (1333 Tenth Avenue) - POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 14, 2020

BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST

Business Administrator Donna Markulic gave a brief explanation of the Best Practices Inventory. There is a total of 60 questions with only 28 being scored. Manchester's score was 23. The perfect score is 24.5. We will not be losing any state aid.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#20-432- Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$952,792.11 was offered by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

#20-433- Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$454,018.94 was offered by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

#20-434 - Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$412,327.21 was offered by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

ORDINANCES – First Reading & Introduction

#20-038 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, APPROPRIATING \$625,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$593,750 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY

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

#20-039 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE LAND DONATION OF BLOCK 99.34, LOT 32, A/K/A 400 MCMAHON AVENUE, LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

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.

RESOLUTIONS:

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.

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

Resolutions #20-399, and #20-435 through #20-451 considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

A. FINANCE

#20-435 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING UNEXPENDED GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

#20-436 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#20-437 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF OPEN TAXES FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWNSHIP

#20-438 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 38.81, LOT 987.02 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#20-439 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 75.102, LOT 2 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

B. GRANTS

#20-440 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES

#20-441 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES

C. PURCHASING

#20-442 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CONTRACT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT VENDOR MOHAWK RESOURCES LTD THROUGH #65MCESCCPS - ESCNJ 18/19-36

#20-443 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REQUIRED DISCLOSURE AWARD TO AC SCHULTES INC FOR WELL NO. 11 ACID TREATMENT - RFQ 20-14

#20-444 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID # 20-18 HVAC IMPROVEMENTS FOR POP WARNER COMPLEX CHEER BARN

D. BONDS/ESCROWS

#20-445 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING WATER AND SEWER UTILITY LETTERS OF CREDIT POSTED BY MDR DEVELOPERS, LLC FOR WOODS AT WHITING, BLOCK 111, LOT 11

#20-446 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING PERFORMANCE BOND AND WAIVING MAINTENANCE BOND POSTED BY MDR DEVELOPERS, LLC FOR WOODS AT WHITING BLOCK 111, LOT 11

E. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#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

#20-447 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE RESOLUTION AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF THE TOWNSHIPS NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

#20-448 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH EAST COAST DRILLING FOR MONITORING WELL INSTALLATIONS AT MANCHESTER LANDFILL

F. MISCELLANEOUS

#20-449 - 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

#20-450 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS IN THEIR SUPPORT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE SENIOR POPULATION

#20-451 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR ATTACKS AND CRIMES AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS

REPORTS:

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak attended the Master Plan Committee meeting last week where land development ordinances were discussed. He commended the teachers and students for the most recent changes with regard to learning. Mr. Hudak wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attending various meetings including the Renaissance meeting, bi weekly. The next meeting of the Pinelands Municipal Council is on November 24, which will be a call in meeting due to COVID and he plans to attend and report back on December 14th. The ballot question regarding the adult use of recreational marijuana passed by 2/3rd vote for effective January 2021. Various bills are being developed regarding the recreational use of marijuana. He again asked and encourage an ordinance or resolution banning the growth of marijuana and distribution of marijuana in Manchester Township. COVID has increased nationwide and 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 a happy Thanksgiving. He was thankful for the opportunity to speak.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and enjoy being with your families.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro stated the committee is doing a great job on Master Plan review and the municipal code will be cleaned up. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, be safe, and enjoy friends and family.

Mayor Palmer: No report.

Mrs. Markulic: Mrs. Markulic stated that Town Hall is currently closed to public, we are at half-staff, and the Township is operating similar to as in the spring. She commented that the staff is doing a great job.

Mr. Gant: Mr. Gant wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Martin Buckley: Mr. Buckley wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC:

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#20-452 - 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 6:27 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 7:55 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Brush, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:57 p.m. was made by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Hudak, Brush, Wallis, and Fusaro; yea.

Sam Fusaro
Council President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

12/14/2020
Date Approved