

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2021**

The reorganization meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Sabina T. Martin. 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

OATHS OF OFFICE

Oath of Office – Councilmen Sam Fusaro, James a Vaccaro, and Robert Hudak Present with Councilman Vaccaro was his wife.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

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

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Township Attorney Jerry Dasti, Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Assistant Business Administrator James Gant, Mayor Ken Palmer, Director of Public Works Al Yodakis, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Martin called for nominations for Council President.

Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to nominate Councilman Wallis for Council President, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

At this time, Municipal Clerk Sabina Martin handed the control of the meeting over to Council President Wallis. Council President Wallis asked for nominations for Council Vice-President.

Councilman Fusaro made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Brush for Council Vice President, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board:

Class IV member – Michele Zolezi
Class II member – Bill Foor
Alternate member #1 – Frank Stavalo
Alternate member #2 – Dave Borowski

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Member – Martin Dwyer
Alternate member #1 – Stacie Brustman
Alternate member #2 – Robert Arace

Environmental Commission:

Member – Bill Foor
Member – Genevieve Stavalo
Alternate member #1 – Gabrielle Fox

Senior Advisory Committee:

Pat Graber
Bette Chosak

Rhoda Augenbraum
Blanche Doran
Georgette Amoroso
Alternate #1 – Veronica Lech
Alternate #2 – Ann LaBoy
Brenda Sloan

Wildfire Safety Council: Lou Prosperi
Joe Hankins
Sandra Drake
Alissa Gregory
Art Abline

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Police Chief Lisa Parker
Utility rep - Jeff Ruerup
Fire Dept – Joe Leone
EMS Director – Robert Baran
Public Info Officer – Todd Malland
Deputy EMC – Robert Sharry
DPW Director – Al Yodakis
EM Coordinator – Art Abline
CERT – Vacant

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee: Sam Fusaro
James Vaccaro
Emergency Management: Craig Wallis
Alternate Emergency Management: James Vaccaro
School Liaison: Joan Brush
Senior Advisory Board: James Vaccaro
Veterans' Committee: Craig Wallis
Joint Base Committee: James Vaccaro
Wildfire Safety Council: Craig Wallis
Alternate Wildfire Safety Council: James Vaccaro

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#21-001 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$829,128.18 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-002– Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$90,147.18 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-003 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$8,500.45 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#21-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion to TABLE until January 25, 2021 by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea. TABLED TO JANUARY 25, 2021.

#21-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

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, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-03 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$990,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$990,000 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 Councilwoman Brush, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; 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. Wallis asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilman Wallis asked if there were any comments from the public on any items on the consent agenda.

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

Resolutions #21-004 through #21-060 were 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, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A. FINANCE

#21-004 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES AND UTILITIES CHARGES

#21-005 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CHARGE A FEE FOR PAYMENTS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

#21-006 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF REAL ESTATE TAXES AND UTILITIES CHARGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.1 et seq.

#21-007 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL OPEN BALANCES LESS THAN \$1

#21-008 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS

#21-009 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER RATES, CHARGES, RENTALS, AND FEES

#21-010 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT A MUNICIPAL LIEN SALE

#21-011 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A DEBT MANAGEMENT AND FUND BALANCE POLICY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

#21-012 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH A PETTY CASH FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00

#21-013 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

#21-014 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

#21-015 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WATER UTILITY BUDGET EASTERN SERVICE AREA APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

#21-016 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY SEWER UTILITY BUDGET EASTERN SERVICE AREA APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

#21-017 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WESTERN SERVICE AREA WATER UTILITY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

#21-018 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WESTERN SERVICE AREA SEWER UTILITY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

B. MUNICIPAL CLERK

#21-019 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING LEGAL NEWSPAPERS FOR MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

#21-020 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING THE ANNUAL MEETING DATES OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

C. GRANTS

#21-021 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COORDINATOR AND AN ALTERNATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COORDINATOR

D. PURCHASING

#21-022 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH TAYLOR MADE CABINETS FOR TWO BATHROOM CABINETS WITH COUNTER-TOPS AND SINKS INSTALLED AT THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUILDING

#21-023 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”), AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ACESPLUS PROGRAM FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSULTING SERVICES

E. APPOINTMENTS

#21-024 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING ROBERT A. HUDAK AS A CLASS III MEMBER OF THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

#21-025 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING SAM FUSARO AS TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#21-026 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH J. FACCONI, R.M.A., OF SAMUEL KLEIN AND COMPANY AS TOWNSHIP AUDITOR PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-027 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING AN ALTERNATE FORM OF CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SEAN P CANNING OF THE CANNING GROUP LLC. FOR QPA CONSULTING SERVICES AS PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5

#21-028 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

#21-029 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT MULLIN OF MASER CONSULTING, INC. AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-030 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALAN DITTENHOFER OF REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SEWER AND WATER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-031 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL O'DONNELL OF VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR ALTERNATE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SEWER AND WATER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-032 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CME ASSOCIATES AS SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-033 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF T&M ASSOCIATES AS SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-034 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CENTER STATE ENGINEERING AS SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-035 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JERRY DASTI OF DASTI, MURPHY, MCGUCKIN, ULAKY, KOUTSOURIS & CONNORS AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-036 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER DASTI OF DASTI & ASSOCIATES, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-037 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR AS THE AGENT TO FILE PETITIONS OF APPEAL/COMPLAINTS WITH THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION AND NAMING THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO ACT AS ALTERNATE AGENT

#21-038 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JERRY DASTI OF DASTI, MURPHY, MCGUCKIN, ULAKY, KOUTSOURIS & CONNORS FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-039 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES HOLZAPFEL, ESQ. OF CITTA, HOLZAPFEL & ZABARSKY AS LABOR COUNSEL, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-040 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ARMANDO V. RICCIO, LLC AS SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-041 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MCKENNA, Jr. OF HIERING, GANNON & MCKENNA AS SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-042 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JEAN L. CIPRIANI OF ROTHSTEIN, MANDELL, STROHM, HALM & CIPRIANI AS COUNSEL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-043 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS, PLANNING & HOUSING (CGP&H) AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-044 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GLUCKWALRATH, LLP AS BOND COUNSEL, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-045 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-046 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW SAGE, ESQ. OF THE LAW OFFICE OF MATTHEW SAGE AS PUBLIC DEFENDER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-047 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN ZABARSKY OF CITTA, HOLZAPFEL & ZABARSKY AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-048 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BONNIE R. PETERSON, ESQ. AS CONFLICT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-049 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN CORLEY WHITE OF THE LAW OFFICE OF BRIAN CORLEY WHITE AS CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-050 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN RUMPF AND DEBRA H. RUMPF OF RUMPF LAW, P.C. AS CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-051 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL BLOCH & NICHOLAS DICKERSON OF MASER CONSULTING, INC. AS TOWNSHIP PLANNERS, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-052 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN J. DI STEFANO, LLC. AS CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#21-053 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MERIDIAN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43(b), AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR MEDICAL SERVICE TO MERIDIAN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

#21-054 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING ART ABLINE TO THE POSITION OF COORDINATOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

#21-055 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING ROBERT SHARRY TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

F. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#21-056 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHEDULE "C" AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2021

#21-057 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN ALTERNATE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF A LICENSED WATER OPERATOR

G. MISCELLANEOUS

#21-058 - 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

#21-059 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND OCEAN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES INC. TO CREATE THE ON P.O.I.N.T. PROGRAM

#21-060 - 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

REPORTS

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for being present for this meeting. He congratulated Council President Wallis and Vice President Brush. Lastly, Mr. Hudak thanked all the appointed professionals.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro congratulated Council President Wallis and Vice President Brush. He stated that he proudly took the oath of office earlier, and this year he is going to encourage Council to adopt more energy efficient methods. After the November General election, where 2.7 million voters voted to approve legalizing marijuana, New Jersey now became the 13th state to legalize marijuana. He again asked and encouraged 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. Mr. Vaccaro thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro congratulated the Council President Wallis and Vice President Brush. He stated that last year was a difficult year, but everyone did a tremendous job. He thanked all the employees and the residents.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush congratulated everyone and wished everyone a healthy New Year. She stated that she is looking forward to working with everyone and hoping for a better 2021.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis congratulated the reelected officials, and thanked everyone for this opportunity to serve as Council President. He thanked Councilwoman Brush for being Vice President. Mr. Wallis stated that the employees really stepped up last year to provide a great service to the town and he thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer congratulated the reelected officials and congratulated Council President Wallis and Vice President Brush. This year the Township will be working on projects that was not done last year such as restarting in house paving, finishing Bowker field, starting Holly Oaks playground, and addition of solar projects. Mayor Palmer noted that this would be the last Council meeting for Jim Gant, who is leaving for a Business Administrator position at Sea Girt. He congratulated Mr. Gant and stated that he is a tremendous leader, professional, organized, and wished him good luck at his new job.

Mrs. Martin: Mrs. Martin reminded everyone that the next Council meeting would be on January 25th at 6 p.m. She stated it was a challenging year for elections, but everyone was very professional, and thanked everyone for their cooperation. Mrs. Martin congratulated the reelected Councilmen, Council President Wallis and Vice President Brush. She congratulated Mr. Gant, and wished him well. Lastly, Mrs. Martin wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Mrs. Markulic: Mrs. Markulic congratulated the reelected Councilmen, Council President Wallis, and Vice President Brush. She stated that Mr. Gant leaving is a tremendous loss.

Mr. Dasti: Mr. Dasti stated that he read an article stating Manchester Township is the best town to retire in the United States. He stated that he loves working with everyone and he is honored to represent Manchester.

Mr. Gant: Mr. Gant thanked everyone and stated that he was lucky to serve the Township he was born, raised, and grew up in. He thanked the Mayor for his kind words, and stated that he enjoyed working with everyone.

PUBLIC:

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#21-061 - 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 1:45 p.m. was made by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 2:27 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 2:30 p.m. was made by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-062 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED AN ALTERNATE FORM OF CONTRACT TO THE CANNING GROUP LLC. FOR EXECUTIVE SEARCH SERVICES PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5

A motion to approve #21-062 was made by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

Craig Wallis
Council President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

1/25/2021
Date Approved