

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2021**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Councilman Craig Wallis. 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 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, Mayor Ken Palmer, Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk, and Data Processing Director and Joshua Schnoor as moderator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of January 25, 2021 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.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#21-107 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$13,594,425.54 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-108 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$250,428.67 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.

#21-109 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$665,923.02 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading and Final Action

#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

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

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilman Wallis 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, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF WHITING FIRST AID SQUAD AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 86, LOT 5, A/K/A 78 LACEY ROAD, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13

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

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilman Wallis 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, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-05 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 34 IN BLOCK 1.78 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (1525 Fourth Avenue)

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

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

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

#21-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTERS 133, 179 AND 242 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TO ADD “RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS, REALES AND REOCCUPANCY”

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

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilman Wallis 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, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 31.02 LOT 2 (2643 RIDGEWAY RD.)

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

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

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.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#21-08 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 245-12E(1) “NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS”

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

#21-09 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW HERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 245 ENTITLED “LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT” OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER CODE

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.

#21-10 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 133 AND CHAPTER 179 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER ENTITLED UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES AND FIRE PREVENTION

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, 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 #21-110 through #21-120 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, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A. LICENSING

#21-110 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING TOWING LICENSES FOR A THREE YEAR LICENSING PERIOD

B. GRANTS

#21-111 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE YEAR 2021

#21-112 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE HTS FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT, SUSTAINED ENFORCEMENT 2021, AND ACCEPTING THE ENFORCEMENT GRANT FROM THE NHTSA

C. APPOINTMENT

#21-113 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION #21-036 AWARDED 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- 20.5

D. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#21-114 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2021 PROSECUTOR'S PROGRAM

#21-115 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE INSTALLATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE ELECTRIC CHARGES FOR A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD 571 AND RIDGEWAY BOULEVARD

E. MISCELLANEOUS

#21-116 - 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

#21-117 - 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

#21-118 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF VEHICLE(S) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP THAT HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT THE TOW COMPANY IMPOUND YARD

F. PURCHASING

#21-119 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CC# 21-04 TO GARDEN STATE LABS FOR THE WATER & SEWER UTILITY LAB TESTING SERVICES

#21-120 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF SCADA SYSTEM REPAIR

REPORTS

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak thanked the Public Works Department for their work snow plowing the recent snowstorms, and stated that they did a great job. Sent copy of ordinance regarding legalizing marijuana, he believes the ordinance is a good start. Mr. Hudak stated that it is difficult for the kids not able to attend school, and he urged the Governor and school superintendents to get our kids back into the schools. He congratulated the Villanova wildcats on their recent win.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attended the Zoning Board meeting on January 28. The next Pinelands Municipal Council Meeting will be on March 9th and he will provide meeting info when the date becomes closer. For 2021, he encouraged Council to adopt more energy efficient methods such as solar use, geothermal, electric cars, and charging stations will be needed. Mr. Vaccaro stated that a lot of residents are having issues with obtaining vaccine appointments. He encouraged the Township to establish Covid testing sites, establish Township vaccination sites preferably one on east and west, drive through COVID test sites, and encouraged the Township to hand out PPE. 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. Be safe and monitor your health. He again asked and encouraged an ordinance or resolution banning the growth of marijuana and distribution of marijuana in Manchester Township. Mr. Vaccaro thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro congratulated the Department of Public works for doing a fantastic job on keeping the roads safe and clean. He stated that our Zoning Officer has been submitting ideas to update the master plan.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush suggested to the residents to try to make an appointment for the COVID vaccine at one of the mega sites. She went and stated it was very organized at the Moorestown Mall. Mrs. Brush stated that there are 13 mega-site locations throughout the state; keep trying and good luck.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis commented that he knows some residents have difficulty getting on the internet for an appointment. He stated that the vaccines are not controlled by the Township, but by the County Health Department, and please visit their website because there is a lot of information. Mr. Wallis stated that the County has been doing a great job providing the vaccines.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer spoke with Ocean County Health Department Director and suggested sites for vaccination sites in Manchester. He stated that the County vaccine supply is very limited. Marge has been in contact with the Health Department every day. He has signed up residents in his law office, and stated that the County is aware of the lack of internet access for Manchester seniors. Whiting first aid aids in health and wellbeing for the western part of town. EMS response times have been great but he expects them to improve with the purchase of the whiting first aid. Almost 40 years of whiting first aid and thanked them for providing service for almost 40 years. The building is going to be used for many various services. Donna and mayor have been doing interviews and they have made an offer to a young lady, hopefully by the 24th.

Mrs. Martin: Mrs. Martin stated that in person elections will be held in April and May and we are preparing for the June Primary elections by confirm polling locations.

Mrs. Markulic: Mrs. Markulic gave an update on the solar initiative. They met with the ACESPLUS energy consultant, researched the potential sites and learned a lot. She stated that they are having issues with finding locations, parking lot canopy not very cost effective, and roofs are difficult too. Mrs. Markulic stated that we may be able use garage on Route 70, but we cannot use Green Acres locations for any solar projects.

Mr. Dasti: No report.

PUBLIC:

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilwoman Brush 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

2/22/2021
Date Approved