

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 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:

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| Councilman Robert Hudak | - absent |
| 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 Kelsey McGuckin Anthony, Business Administrator Donna Markulic, Township Engineer Bob Mullin, Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk, and Data Processing Director and Joshua Schnoor as moderator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of February 8, 2021 was offered upon a motion by Councilwoman Brush, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#21-121 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$188,900.82 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-122 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$716,024.11 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-123 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$6,259.44 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading and Final Action

#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”

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 Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers 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

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 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

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 Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#21-11 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A TEMPORARY EASEMENT OF BLOCK 48, LOT 4 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.

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

#21-12 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A TEMPORARY EASEMENT OF BLOCK 48, LOT 3 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers 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 #21-124 through #21-129 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A. LICENSING

#21-124 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PRECIOUS GEM LICENSES FOR CRESTWOOD JEWELERS FOR LOCATIONS LOCATED AT 108 LACEY ROAD AND 1009 ROUTE 70

B. GRANTS

#21-125 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AN OCEAN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

C. BONDS/ESCROWS

#21-126 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING AN ESCROW POSTED BY TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED LLC FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 6 LOT 1965 (2114 Highway 70)

D. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#21-127 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH EDMUNDS AND ASSOCIATES FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE OF FINANCE, TAX AND UTILITY PACKAGE

#21-128 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PREVENTION SPECIALISTS INCORPORATED FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

E. MISCELLANEOUS

#21-129 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT FOR 899B STRATFORD COURT.

REPORTS

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro stated that 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. He stated that now is the time to begin to plan for electric charging stations for the future. Mr. Vaccaro inquired about what protections the Township has in place to protect our water, police, fire, and EMS. He noted that the residents are stressed regarding trying to obtain COVID testing and 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: No report.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush stated that the number of COVID-19 deaths in the United States has surpassed 500,000. She informed the residents that the Ocean County Health Department has two phone lines dedicated solely for COVID 19 issues: 732-380-5079 and 833-544-0288 (call center).

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis commented on 2nd shots reactions and how people have recovered. Numbers are going down maybe because people are getting vaccinated. Complemented the County Health Department on their effectiveness on administering the vaccine. Mr. Wallis also stated that the County website is very informative regarding tracking COVID in Ocean County.

Mrs. Markulic: Mrs. Markulic stated that pop up tents for potential COVID-19 testing is currently in the process of being set up. She stated that Marge calls the health department daily and we are prepared for a mass vaccination site if it becomes available. Mrs. Markulic stated that in the new stimulus bill, Manchester could possibly get 8 million dollars. That money could be used for various things such as salaries for police, fire, EMS, teachers, municipal employees, and lost income/revenue.

Mrs. Martin: Mrs. Martin stated that Rite Aid offers COVID testing by appointments. It is a drive through test, and appointments can be made online.

Mrs. McGuckin Anthony: No report.

Mr. Bob Mullin: No report.

PUBLIC:

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#21-130 - 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 6:29 p.m. was made by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Brush, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 8:13 p.m. was made by Councilman Brush, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, and Wallis; yea.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, and Wallis; yea.

Craig Wallis
Council President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

3/8/2021
Date Approved