

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
March 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 Kelsey McGuckin Anthony, 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 February 22, 2021 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. Mr. Hudak, abstain due to absence.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#21-131 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$5,487,735.32 was offered by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-132 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$564,193.95 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.

#21-133 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$358,848.35 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.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading and Final Action

#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.

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 Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, 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.

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.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#21-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING AND SETTING THE SALARY RANGE FOR A NEW JOB TITLE

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilwoman Brush, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro 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.

A motion to remove resolution #21-144 from consent agenda 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.

A. RECREATION

#21-144 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH HAWAIIAN LUAU ENTERTAINMENT

A motion to table resolution #21-144 to March 22, 2021 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.

Resolutions #21-134 through #21-153 minus #21-144 , were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

B. FINANCE

#21-134 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#21-135 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 52.02, LOT 27 (46 BUCKINGHAM DRIVE) FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-136 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 38.96, LOT 1230.02 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-137 - 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 668.01 (668A FARRINGTON COURT) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-138 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 99.156, LOT 6 (1601 DELAWARE AVENUE) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-139 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2021

#21-140 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WATER EAST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2021

#21-141 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WATER WEST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2021

#21-142 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEWER EAST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2021

#21-143 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEWER WEST FUND CALENDAR YEAR 2021

C. PURCHASING

#21-145 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT TO STEFFEN DRILLING FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF WELL # 10

#21-146 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID 21-05 COVID CLEANING SERVICES TO SERVPRO OF TOMS RIVER

#21-147 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PHILIP L. BEGUN, DVM LLC FOR VETERINARY SERVICES

#21-148 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #060920-KTC FOR KENWORTH T880 AND REAR LOADING ACCESSORIES

D. BONDS/ESCROWS

#21-149 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ZONING BOARD ESCROWS POSTED BY K PADUCH CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS

E. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#21-150 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR THE USE OF THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIREARMS RANGE FACILITY

#21-151 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION #21-097 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2021 FOR CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT PROGRAM

F. MISCELLANEOUS

#21-152 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF A FORFEITED/SEIZED VEHICLE(S) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

**#21-153 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM
REPORTS**

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak thanked everyone for their condolences for the passing of his brother. He attended the most recent Planning Board meeting, where they approved a storage facility on Lake Road.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro stated that he attended the Zoning Board meeting on February 25th. 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. 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: Mr. Fusaro commended Tax Collector and her department for a great job on the examination on cash receipts. He stated that the percentage of taxes collected this year was over 99%. This is the first year since 2003 that we hit 99%. Mr. Fusaro commented on the resident's having difficulty getting appointments for vaccine and he recommended "njcovidvaccineinfomation" on Facebook for information.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush congratulated the new police officers and stated that they won numerous awards in the academy. She wished them a safe and long career in our Police Department. Mrs. Brush stated that she has heard that if you go to the vaccine site at the end of the evening, before they close, sometimes vaccines are available.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis agreed with Mrs. Brush on her statement regarding end of the day vaccine appointments. He congratulated the County on their outstanding job on coordinating the vaccine appointments. Mr. Wallis stated that a fire barrier was created in Whiting, put together by Artie. It is a good thing for Roosevelt City.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer commented on the availability of vaccines in Ocean County. He stated that Ocean County has had their vaccine supply cut in half. He commented on the boil water alert in Whiting which had a chlorine water pump replaced quickly. He recognized the need to get these important messages out quickly and he will be working on a way to get these messages out in a more efficient manner. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th at Pine Lake Park. Mayor Palmer stated that we have invested a significant amount of time in finding locations for solar and it has fallen through. Electric battery charging stations will be taken on by the Environmental Commission for details. Lastly, an offer for the Humane Resources position has been accepted.

Mrs. Markulic: No Report

Mrs. McGuckin Anthony: No report.

Mrs. Martin: Mrs. Martin stated that she is in planning stages for the Primary Election in June. She is trying to find locations, and there may be some changes, so please pay attention to your polling location.

PUBLIC

Rory Wells, 208 Oak Lane – Mr. Wells states that the Environmental Commission will study the electrical charging stations, and will submit a proposal to the Township for the 2022 budget. The Commission will look for the best locations for charging stations and for grant money. Goal is for a solid plan for the next fiscal year and he will be in touch with Councilman Vaccaro.

No further public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#21-154 - 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 6:42 p.m. was made by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Brush, seconded by Councilman Hudak and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 9:30 p.m. was made by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush 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 9:30 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

3/22/2021
Date Approved