

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 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, Interim Business Administrator Michael King, Mayor Ken Palmer, Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk, and Data Processing Director Joshua Schnoor as moderator.

PROCLAMATIONS

Police Appreciation Week Proclamation read by Municipal Clerk Sabina Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of April 26, 2021 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.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#21-207 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$10,783,889.56 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.

#21-208 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$154,313.68 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..

#21-209 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$150,266.53 was offered by Councilman Hudak, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#21-17 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF 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 Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-18 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 133 UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES, ARTICLE II 133-3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER ENTITLED CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM

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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

#21-19 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 245-22 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT"

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.

#21-20 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 35 IN BLOCK 1.318 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (1325 Monmouth Avenue)

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

Councilman 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 #21-210 through #21-229 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 Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A. FINANCE

#21-210 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 61.41, LOT 8 (15 WYCLIFFE DRIVE) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-211 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 71.09, LOT 10 (20 ABERDEEN LANE) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-212 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 1.320, LOT 30 (1125 MONMOUTH AVENUE) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-213 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#21-214 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#21-215 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#21-216 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PAYMENT FOR PROPERTY CHANGE REQUEST FEE

#21-217 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR OVER PAYMENT OF A RE-OCCUPANCY INSPECTION FEE

B. MUNICIPAL CLERK

#21-218 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAIVING DOG LICENSE LATE FEES FOR 2021 LICENSE YEAR

C. RECREATION

#21-219 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PARAMETRIX AUDIO & LIGHTING

#21-220 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR RECREATION THEATER TRIPS

#21-221 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO D&M FIREWORKS, LLC FOR A FIREWORKS EXHIBITION TO BE CONDUCTED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

D. PURCHASING

#21-222 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD TO SEAL MASTERS PANJ FOR RESURFACING CONSULTING, COLORING AND STRIPING AT BOWKER MEMORIAL FIELD

#21-224 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) SCOTT SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS AIR PAKS AND TWELVE (12) AIR CYLINDERS FOR THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT

#21-223 - 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

#21-225 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #060920-KTC FOR TWO KENWORTH T880 TANDEM CHASSIS AND ACCESSORIES

#21-226 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED CONTRACT FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC. FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS UNDER STATE CONTRACT

E. APPOINTMENT

#21-227 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 2B:12-4(b)

F. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#21-228 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC., FOR A YEARLY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

G. MISCELLANEOUS

#21-229 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY 2021 EDF CLIMATE CORPS PROGRAM APPLICATION

REPORTS:

Mr. Hudak: Mr. Hudak stated that he had a meeting with the Township Planner regarding marijuana uses in the Township. He believes the entire issue needs a review, and encouraged the Township to ban it at this time. We can always make the ordinance less restrictive in the future. Mr. Hudak stated that they are restarting the Master Plan committee meetings tomorrow at noon. He attended Planning Board meeting last week where they only reviewed a legal matter in closed session. Wished all the Mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro stated that on May 4th he attended a meeting with various staff and discussed the plans for the fire department. He thanked Mayor Palmer, Marge, Brenda Sloan, the staff of Senior Services and Ocean County Health Dept. for setting up vaccination sites in Manchester and assisting residents with vaccine and other doctor appointments. Mr. Vaccaro stated that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church in Whiting COVID vaccine clinic on May 14th. Preregistration is required and the second dose will be on June 4th. Mr. Vaccaro reminded the residents to stay diligent once vaccinated. He thanked Mr. Hudak for his hard work on studying the cannabis industry and work on the marijuana ordinance. For 2021, he encouraged Council to adopt more energy efficient methods such as solar use, geothermal, electric cars, and charging stations. He would like to continue working with Mr. Rory wells on these topics. He thanked council for allowing him to speak.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro stated that the Master Plan committee meetings will be restarted tomorrow as Mr. Hudak stated. We still have 4-5 years to complete the update, and they will look into energy efficient methods as suggested by Mr. Vaccaro. Manchester rabies clinic will be held on June 5th and details are on the Township website.

Mrs. Brush: No report.

Mayor Palmer: Mayor Palmer stated that recreation department is open and taking reservations for summer programs via the RECDESK registration portal. Stripping for Bowker Field resolution was approved tonight. He commented that the grass on fields look great. Thanked Council for the reappointment of the Municipal Judge Sahin. Mayor Planer thanked Mikey King for putting together a plan for reopening the building to the public by June 14th and he thanked all the employees for working.

Mr. King: No report.

Mrs. Martin: Mrs. Martin stated that the upcoming primary election will be in person with some new location which will be on our website. She mentioned that the Ocean County Board of Election is very short of poll workers; please contact 732-929-2167 if anyone is interested in working on election days. Mrs. Martin stated that at the Rabies clinic, cats will be vaccinated the first half hour at each location.

PUBLIC

Barbara Stickman – She thanked everyone for opting out of cannabis for Manchester Township. She stated that if municipalities did not opt out, they could not make any changes for five years, but a municipality can opt in at any time.

Joel Freedman, Leisure Ridge – He thanked everyone for the jobs they are doing every day. Voiced his concerns against the new cannabis law. He does not think it would help Manchester Township and only create problems.

Kathy, Cedar Glen Homes – She thanked Council for their work and for banning the cannabis law at this time.

Municipal Clerk Sabina Martin stated that if any member of the public were not able to speak during the public portion to please email comments to her.

No further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Vaccaro, 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

5/24/2021
Date Approved