

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 24, 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, Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk, and Data Processing Director Joshua Schnoor as moderator.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The regular meeting minutes of May 10, 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**

**#21-230** – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,175,960.07 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.

**#21-231** – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$655,631.53 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..

**#21-232** – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$442,987.57 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 - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action**

**#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"**

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.

**#21-20 - 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)**

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 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.**

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 #21-233 through #21-241 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilwoman Brush seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.**

**A. GRANTS**

**#21-233 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF GRANT FOR GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2021 – JUNE 2025**

**#21-234 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF GRANT FOR LOCAL RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

**B. PURCHASING**

**#21-235 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT TO PIZZO CONTRACTING INC. dba/CARL'S FENCING AND DECKING FOR VARIOUS FENCING SUPPLY FOR PARKS AND FIELDS**

**C. BONDS/ESCROWS**

**#21-236 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE BOND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WELL #7 REHABILITATION PROJECT**

**#21-237 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING PLANNING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY THE HAVEN AT MANCHESTER, INC. BLOCK 40 LOT 1 (1700 RT 37)**

**D. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

**#21-238 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MODERN GROUP POWER SYSTEMS FOR PLANNED MAINTENANCE OF THE WHITING ANNEX, SITE 3A GENERATOR**

**E. MISCELLANEOUS**

**#21-239 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE RATE INCREASE REQUESTED BY NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

**#21-240 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAIVING THE PERMIT FEES FOR WHITING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**

**#21-241 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, UPDATING THE DESIGNATED AUTHORIZED VOLUNTEER AND CAREER EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**REPORTS:**

**Mr. Hudak:** Mr. Hudak wished everyone a safe and happy start to the summer season. He reminded the residents of the Memorial Day ceremony 10 am, at the WW2 Memorial Park. The Master Plan Subcommittee met and many topics were discussed. New shopping plaza opening on Route 70 by DPW building. It will include a food pantry, ice cream store, coffee shop, deli, country store, and life skills teaching center.

**Mr. Vaccaro:** Mr. Vaccaro stated that on May 25 he will be attending the Pinelands Municipal Council Meeting at Buena Vista Township. He attended other various meetings. Mr. Vaccaro stated that the COVID vaccination progress is going well, but he encouraged everyone to continue wearing face masks, wash hands and continue to social distance. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, senior services will restart transportation by appointment. He stated that Council may be passing an ordinance banning the sale, cultivation, manufacture, and distribution of marijuana in Manchester Township. He recommends the passing of that 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 Mr. Vaccaro and he have been reviewing the budget and the first reading will be on June 2. Diane Lapp did a fine job as always. Master plan committee met on May 11 and they picked up where they left over before the winter. Congratulated the high school girls track team on shore championship win this past Saturday.

**Mrs. Brush:** Mrs. Brush stated that there will be no Memorial Day parade, but the lakes open this weekend. She thanked Municipal Clerk Sabina Martin for her 25 years of service, she is always there for us, works 7 days a week, and thanked her for her efforts. Mrs. Brush wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day weekend.

**Mr. Wallis:** Mr. Wallis stated that the water restrictions are in effect today. He also stated that Sam does a great job and she is always there for us.

**Mrs. Martin:** Mrs. Martin thanked everyone for recognizing her 25-year anniversary. She stated that she has great council, wonderful residents, loves her job.

**Mr. King:** Mr. King discussed the reopening plan for the Municipal Building. All staff will return on June 1 and on June 14 soft opening for residents by appointment only.

**PUBLIC**

**Hugh Giordano 57, Blackwood NJ, UFCW Local 152 representative:** Mr. Giordano spoke on behalf of the union stated that they are opposed to any opt or plan as suggested by the League of Municipalities. Garden state dispensary. He encouraged the Council to not opt out. He spoke about an ordinance Bayonne passed that was on

**Edward Lefty Grimes from SativaCross.org:** Mr. Grimes stated that SativaCross is a non-profit group advocating for cannabis rights for patients. He made a comment on a statement he thought Mr. Hudak made. He later apologized at the end of the public comment period.

**Marina:** Spoke about her history of suffering from a severe birth defect, PTSD, and being diagnosed with Cancer in 2017. Spoke in support of medical cannabis and medical dispensary in the township.

**Jeff King 24 Elizabeth Parkway, Eatontown:** Urged Council to allow medical marijuana in the Township.

**Mr. Edward Lynch:** Mr. Lynch stated that he did not hear Mr. Hudak say anything about cannabis.

No further public comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. 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.

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Craig Wallis  
Council President

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Sabina T. Martin, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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6/14/2014  
Date Approved