

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2021**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Councilman Craig Wallis. The following statement was read by Teri Giercyk, Deputy 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 in the lobby of the Municipal Building.”

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Deputy Municipal Clerk:

Councilwoman Michele Zolezi	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilwoman Joan Brush	- present
Councilman Sam Fusaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present

The Deputy Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Township Attorney Jerry Dasti, Acting Business Administrator Brandon Umba, and Capt. Manco.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The executive meeting minutes of June 28, 2021 and July 8, 2021, special meeting minutes of July 8, 2021 and July 19, 2021, and regular meeting minutes of July 12, 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. Ms. Zolezi abstain due to absence.

The special meeting minutes of July 13, 2021 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, and Wallis; yea. Mr. Fusaro and Ms. Zolezi abstain due to absence

The regular meeting minutes of July 26, 2021 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, and Fusaro; yea. Mr. Wallis and Mrs. Brush abstain due to absence.

LAND SALE

Land Sale of Block 85.03 Lot 6 (Manchester Blvd) – Mr. Dasti asked for a minimum bid of \$1,042.00 and one offer was made by Mr. Matthew Stapon.

Authorizing acceptance of proposal of \$1,042.0 submitted by Mr. Stapon was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

Land Sale of Block 85.03 Lot 19 (105 Central Avenue) – Mr. Dasti asked for a minimum bid of \$1,042.00 and one offer was made by Mr. Matthew Stapon.

Authorizing acceptance of proposal of \$1,042.0 submitted by Mr. Stapon was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

Land Sale of Block 1.252 Lot 20 (1232 Madison Avenue) – Mr. Dasti asked for a minimum bid of \$45,000.00 and one offer was made by Mr. Jeffrey Jerman.

Authorizing acceptance of proposal of \$45,000.00 submitted by Mr. Jerman was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

Land Sale of Block 1.304 Lot 18 (728 Monmouth Avenue) – Mr. Dasti asked for a minimum bid of \$20,000.00. No bidders.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#21-330 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$10,064,456.08 was offered by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea. Ms. Zolezi abstain from Check #s 66888 and 66889.

#21-331– Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$161,087.65 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-332 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$174,611.36 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#21-28 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 101, ARTICLE IV OF THE TOWNSHIP 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 Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brush, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro to rescind the adoption of the above ordinance by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

Councilman Wallis asked if there were any comments from the public.

Judy Noonan 25A Stoneybrook Road: Mrs. Noonan asked for clarification regarding the animals that will be affected by this ordinance.

Mr. Wallis gave clarification about the ordinance.

Seeing no further 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 Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-29 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 6 IN BLOCK 85.11 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (202 Pine Street)

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

#21-30 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 12 IN BLOCK 85.11 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (302 Central 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 Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-31 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 14 IN BLOCK 85.11 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (304 Central 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 Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-32 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 32 IN BLOCK 85.11 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (316 Central 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 Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-33 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM” 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 Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#21-34 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING CHAPTER 316 TO THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED “INVASIVE PLANTS”

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, 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 #21-333 through #21-337 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilwoman Brush seconded by Councilman Fusaro and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A. FINANCE

#21-333 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFUNDING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEE TO CHRISTOFER CRUZ

B. PURCHASING

#21-334 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING POLICE UNIFORM DRY CLEANING SERVICES

C. BONDS/ESCROWS

#21-335 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROWS POSTED BY MICHAEL OSTROWSKI, FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS

D. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#21-336 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FUNDS PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION ACT OF 1987

#21-337 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ACCESS AGREEMENT FOR BLOCK 1.02, LOT 16, AKA 840 FIRST AVENUE, TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY 08757

REPORTS:

Ms. Zolezi: Ms. Zolezi stated she has no report but she looks forward to working with everyone.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro attending various meetings and events including the concert, luau, and Planning Board meeting. He stated the next concert will be on August 11 and thanked Tracy Lynch and her staff for their work on the summer camp program. He discussed the ten year master plan is still being worked on to include green energy options. Mr. Vaccaro stated there will be a public hearing on Pinelands comprehensive plan on September 1.

Mr. Fusaro: No report

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush stated that she attended the Luau, which was well attended.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis mentioned that he test-drove a Tesla and he was impressed.

Brandon Umba: Mr. Umba stated he is getting used to the Township and the various projects going on. His office open to Council for anything they need.

Mr. Dasti: Mr. Dasti stated that the Township has an agreement with a company to close the landfill and install solar panels, but COVID has caused significant delays. This project is a great benefit to the township and it looks like it is finally ready to get started.

Capt. Manco: No report.

Mr. Umba thanked the Police Department for the youth academy they just held.

PUBLIC

Judy Noonan, 25 A Stoneybrook: Mrs. Noonan brought up pending bill S3607 regarding the responsible dog ownership act. She stated that she attended a recent Planning Board meeting and inquired about how that board relays information to the public regarding meeting information. Mrs. Noonan asks some various questions regarding the project on Route 37. She stated that she would like more Township publications in local newspapers.

Mr. Umba discussed that the various projects are not approved by Council, but is done at the Planning Board level.

Mr. Fusaro discussed the various plans that Council approves and that the Planning Board approve actual building plans.

Hank Glen, 29 Wycliffe: Mr. Glen went into further discussion about more Township publications in local newspapers.

Mr. Umba stated that it costs the Township money to public notices, and additional publications would mean more advertising costs. He stated that the applicant pays for the fees at the Planning Board level.

Margaret Ulis, 2101 Ridgeway Road: Mrs. Ulis commented on speeding issues at Beacon Street and Ridgeway Road. She asked if a traffic light could be placed at that location because there is a park in that area for children.

Mr. Wallis asked Capt. Manco to look into it and perform a traffic study.

Karen Argenti 61 Clear Lake Road: Mrs. Argenti stated that she attended the most recent Planning Board meeting regarding the project on Route 37. She discussed her environmental concerns and submitted paperwork to Council to review.

Ms. Zolezi commented that there has been numerous reports provided to the Township. She stated that the NJ DEP is very detailed and that project has been signed off from the NJDEP.

No further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

Craig Wallis
Council President

Teri Giercyk, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Date Approved