

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2021**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 12:00 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 Public Law 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 Municipal Clerk:

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, Mayor Robert Hudak, CFO Diane Lapp, Greg Kyriakakis, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#21-311 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Capital Fund in the amount of \$509,445.11 was offered by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

#21-312– Authorizing payment of bills from the Capital Utility Fund - Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$28,243.81 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

#21-313 - Budget Amendment Resolution

Mr. Wallis asked if any member of Council had any comments on this Resolution. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilman Wallis asked if there were any comments from the public on this resolution.

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilman Wallis closed this portion of the meeting.

A motion to approve Resolution #21-313 was made by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

BUDGET ADOPTION

#21-314 - Budget Adoption

Mr. Wallis asked if any member of Council had any comments on this Resolution. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilman Wallis asked if there were any comments from the public on this resolution.

Hank Glen, 29 Wycliffe: Mr. Glen inquired about the current reserve in surplus. He asked why Budget went up \$2 million dollars, what percentage is that, and what is the reason behind the increase.

Diane Lapp replied that there was \$5.5 million in surplus at the end of 2020, using \$4,750,000 to offset this 2021 budget leaving \$1.2 million in surplus. Diane replied the increase was 6%, and we are within the range for the tax levy. The State will not let us put in our anticipated revenues from EMS. Diane stated that the goal is to be able to replenish the surplus with a little more each year.

Seeing no further comments from the public, Councilman Wallis closed this portion of the meeting.

A motion to approve Resolution #21-314 and adopt the amended budget was made by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

PUBLIC

Hank Glen, 29 Wycliffe: Mr. Glen asked if the Township has reduced the billing by 10% as promised by the former Mayor.

No further public comment.

Mr. Fusaro thanked Diane Lapp on her hard work on this year's budget. Mrs. Brush thanked our CFO and Mayor Palmer for working hard on this year's budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

Craig Wallis
Council President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

8/9/2021
Date Approved