

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 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 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 in the lobby of the Municipal Building.”

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

Councilwoman Michele Zolezi	- 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, Acting Business Administrator Brandon Umba, Mayor Hudak, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of August 9, 2021 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.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#21-338 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,264,400.98 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. Councilwoman Zolezi abstain from check #66995.

#21-339– Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$614,322.01 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.

#21-340 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$1,297,769.19 was offered by Councilwoman Brush, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#21-34 - 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"

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.

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 #21-341 through #21-351 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 Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A. FINANCE

#21-341 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR PAYMENT OF A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE

B. PURCHASING

#21-342- RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

#21-343 -RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TRADE IN OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT TO OFFSET COST OF NEW EQUIPMENT

#21-344 -RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MID ATLANTIC INC. THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #032119-CNH-1 FOR CASE 812G WHEEL LOADER AND ACCESSORIES

#21-345 -RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER 5G SITING AND CAPABILITY MANAGEMENT THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING

#21-346 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF WATER/ SEWER UTILITY EASTERN SERVICE AREA WELL # 4 REPAIR

#21-347 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF UTILITIES WELL DRILLING AND REPAIR SERVICES

#21-348 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE AWARD TO HECHT TRAILERS LLC FOR ENCLOSED MOWER TRAILERS

#21-349 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A PURCHASING MANUAL AND VENDOR MANUAL TO ESTABLISH THE PURCHASING POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

#21-350 - AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING POLICE UNIFORM DRY CLEANING SERVICES

C. MISCELLANEOUS

#21-351 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE CLEAN UP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1016 COMMONWEALTH BOULEVARD (BLOCK 1.218 LOT 13), AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS

REPORTS:

Ms. Zolezi: Ms. Zolezi stated she has been very busy talking to residents and was invited to BINGO at Whiting Fire House. She encouraged everyone to support our volunteer Fire Departments. Ms. Zolezi mentioned that this Wednesday is the next concert with fireworks are scheduled.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro reminded everyone about the concert this Wednesday. He stated that the Planning Board meeting on August 16 was cancelled by the applicant another meeting was rescheduled for September. Mr. Vaccaro attended various meetings including the Renaissance Men's Club where he introduced Chief Dolan and EMS Director Bobby Baran. He reviewed bills for this meeting. Mr. Vaccaro stated that progress is being made with the 10-year master plan including green energy options. Thanked everyone for the time to speak.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro discussed that the master plan committee has two parts. First, the committee reviews the township code, which is nearly finished. Council will review at the first bi-weekly in September and should be passed by the end of this year. Second phase is planning/zoning review, which will be starting in early 2022.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush stated there was house fire last week and the owner was very impressed with the response time from our fire departments. Great job done by all the responding fire departments.

Brandon Umba: Mr. Uma stated that the Mayor will bring up his comments. He stated that he is still meeting with department heads

Mayor Hudak: Mayor Hudak gave an update on the cell tower in Whiting. The tower was sold to American Tower that has a contract with Verizon to install equipment on the tower. American Tower is paying full rent for the tower and we are told that the Verizon equipment is scheduled to be installed by the end of the year. AT&T is requesting to co-locate their equipment on the tower also. Mayor Hudak had a meeting with the recycling hauler regarding recycling issues around town and he directed them to contact the BA or DPW if there are going to be any delays in service.

PUBLIC

Judy Kuhmichel 55 Winkle court: Mrs. Kuhmichel inquired what the process was for carriers to install equipment on the tower. She stated that she has Boost Mobile and would like to see if they could co-locate on that tower.

Mr. Umba stated the he will follow up with her Boost Mobile request.

Judy Noonan, 25 A Stoneybrook: Mrs. Noonan apologized for her behavior last meeting. She spoke about the Twin River lawsuit regarding political advertisements and campaigning in homeowner associations. She mentioned a publication she help initiate in Berkeley and is interested in starting something similar in Manchester. Mrs. Noonan mentioned that there was Bill recently passed that allows underage people to buy in senior communities, but are not allowed to live in that community. She inquired about the members on the master plan committee.

Mr. Fusaro told her who participates on the master plan committee.

John Betancourt, 632 Lawrence: Mr. Betancourt spoke about a parcel of township owned land next to his property. He stated that the location of the property was lot 17, block 1.276 and the trees and brush have grown considerable over his time here since the 1980s. He stated that on August 11th he wrote a letter to Al Yodakis and to this date he has not responded to his letter. He inquired about the property maintenance ordinances and if they apply to Township owned properties.

Mr. Wallis stated that our Business Administrator will handle this situation and please give Mr. Umba his contact information.

Donna McGlashan, 25D Medford Road: Mrs. McGlashan spoke about an accident she was in last month and stated it took 28 days to get police report.

Mr. Umba stated will talk to Chief Dolan regarding the length of time it took to get the Police Report.

No further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Brush seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

Craig Wallis
Council President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

9/13/2021
Date Approved