

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2021**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Councilwoman Joan Brush. 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

Moment of silence was held for past Councilman Charles Frattini who recently passed away.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was taken by the Municipal Clerk:

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

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Township Attorney Kelsey McGuckin-Anthony, Acting Business Administrator Brandon Umba, Mayor Hudak, Chief Robert Dolan, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

PROCLAMATIONS

Usher Syndrome Awareness Day Proclamation read over by Municipal Clerk Sabina Martin.

National POW/MIA Recognition Proclamation read over by Municipal Clerk Sabina Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of August 23, 2021 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

LAND SALE

Land Sale of Block 85.11 Lot 6 (202 Pine Street) – Mrs. McGuckin-Anthony asked for a minimum bid of \$4,795.00. No bidders.

Land Sale of Block 85.11 Lot 12 (302 Central Avenue) – Kelsey McGuckin-Anthony asked for a minimum bid of \$1,042.00 and one offer was made by Mr. Solomon Warren.

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

Land Sale of Block 85.11 Lot 14 (304 Central Avenue) – Kelsey McGuckin-Anthony asked for a minimum bid of \$1,042.00 and one offer was made by Mr. Solomon Warren.

Authorizing acceptance of proposal of \$1,042.00 submitted by Mr. Warren was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

Land Sale of Block 85.11 Lot 32 (316 Central Avenue) – Kelsey McGuckin-Anthony asked for a minimum bid of \$9,486.00 and one offer was made by Mr. Solomon Warren.

Authorizing acceptance of proposal of \$1,042.00 submitted by Mr. Warren was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#21-352 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$5,797,385.67 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Councilwoman Zolezi abstained from check #67118 but otherwise yes. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#21-353 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$82,278.43 was offered by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#21-354 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$172,942.47 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#21-35 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 313-25(B) TO INCLUDE NEW SECTION 313-25(B)(5) REQUIRING THE DE-REGISTRATION OF ABANDONED PROPERTIES AND AMEND SECTION 313-25(B)(4) TO INCLUDE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UPON ANY CHANGE IN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#21-36 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

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, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#21-37 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 99.31 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (851 Highway 539)

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, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#21-38 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 99.31 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (1723 Hegstrom Avenue)

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, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#21-39 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 17 IN BLOCK 99.31 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (1701 Hegstrom Avenue)

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, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

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.

Councilwoman Brush asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilwoman Brush asked if there were any comments from the public on any items on the consent agenda.

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilwoman Brush closed this portion of the meeting.

Resolutions #21-355 through #21-368 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 Zolezi, Vaccaro, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

A. FINANCE

#21-355 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#21-356 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 109.01, LOT 69 FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-357 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 61.30, LOT 9 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-358 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 99.138, LOT 1 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-359 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 75.08, LOT 1 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#21-360 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR CHECKS ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

B. RECREATION

#21-361 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR FALL/WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS

C. PURCHASING

#21-362 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CONTRACT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT VENDOR DETCON THROUGH #65MCESCCPS - ESCNJ 20/21-55

#21-363 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #050119-VRM FOR ONE VERMEER WOODCHIPPER AND ACCESSORIES

#21-364 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #060920-KTC FOR ONE KENWORTH T480 CHASSIS AND ACCESSORIES

#21-365 - 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

D. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#21-366 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTION OF A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THE 2021 CDBG FOR THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN PARK PROJECT

E. APPOINTMENT

#21-367 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANDON E. UMBA AS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, BRANDON E. UMBA

F. LEGISLATION

#21-368 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CALLING ON THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO ENACT REVISIONS TO VETERAN AND SURVIVING SPOUSE PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTIONS

REPORTS:

Ms. Zolezi: Ms. Zolezi thanked the Veterans and the first responders for their service. She attended the last concert of the season, which was well attended, and she thanked the recreation department for their hard work.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro congratulated Mr. Umba on his appointment. He attended various meetings and events including the Planning Board meeting and the September 11th ceremony. Mr. Vaccaro stated that the following comments are his opinion and he does not speak for all of Council. COVID has increased nationwide and cases are increasing in New Jersey and Ocean County, he reminded the public to wear their PPE, wash hands, and continue practicing social distancing. Mr. Vaccaro stated that progress has been made with the 10 year master plan to include wind, geothermal, solar energy, and high speed charging stations for the Township. Thanked for the time to speak.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro stated that the next master plan meeting will be held next Tuesday. He spoke about former Councilman Frattini who recently passed. Mr. Fusaro stated that he went to historian club meeting and met with a woman who wrote about the history of Whiting. He left some copies for public if they are interested.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush congratulated Brandon on his re-appointment and stated that he is a huge asset to Manchester. She stated that there will be a movie night this Friday at 7:30 p.m., and recycling will be picked up tomorrow.

Mrs. Martin: Mrs. Martin welcomed Brandon and stated that she is happy to work with him. She was sad to hear of Mr. Frattini passing and she stated that she appreciated the moment of silence. He was a very accomplished man, an asset to the Township, and award winning photojournalist.

Mr. Umba: Mr. Umba discussed the recycling delay, which was previously mentioned. He discussed the current tax collection rate. Mr. Umba stated that he will be submitting an ordinance for review at the next bi-weekly regarding electronic vehicles.

Mayor Hudak – Mayor Hudak commented on the passing of Charles Frattini. He read a statement regarding the September 11th Ceremony, which will be published. Mayor Hudak discussed some updates to the drainage issues in Pine Lake Park. He stated that he knows this is an important issue and will continue work on any updates.

PUBLIC

Judy Noonan, 25 A Stoneybrook: Mrs. Noonan gave some updates on various topics includes Mule Road, recently passed legislative bills, and recent settled lawsuits. She stated that she will monitor those situations further. She asked if there was any information on the Afghan refugees.

Mayor Hudak stated the he reached out to the Joint Base regarding an update; they are not giving us much information. He wants to know what is going on and their plans and he will follow up.

Mr. Umba gave an update, and stated there was no guidance on the long-term strategy.

Mrs. Noonan inquired about the development on Route 37 and if the housing is age restricted.

Mr. Vaccaro stated that they are not age restricted.

Mrs. Noonan asked about the development at the end of Commonwealth and discussed the affordable housing requirements.

Mayor Hudak stated that he believes communication between a township and developer is needed for a more positive outcome for the Township. He does not support the way the State enforces affordable housing requirements for municipalities.

Larry Lee, Country Walk: Mr. Lee stated that the upcoming Manchester Coordinative Council meetings may not happen, and said he will let them know. Questions on warehouse on Route 539 and new dollar general.

Judy Kuhmichel, County Walk: Mrs. Kuhmichel asked for clarification about the PFAS zone.

The Municipal Clerk explained the zone.

No further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

Joan Brush
Council Vice President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

9/27/2021
Date Approved