

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
November 22, 2021**

The meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.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

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, Business Administrator Brandon Umba, Mayor Robert Hudak, Chief Dolan, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of November 8, 2021 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.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#21-435 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$6,629,933.63 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. Councilwoman Zolezi voted affirmatively but abstained from check #67626.

#21-436 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$1,371,218.29 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.

#21-437 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$475,614.40 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. Councilwoman Zolezi voted affirmatively but abstained from check #22687.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#21-41 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS TO WATER EASTERN SERVICE AREA AND APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFOR FROM THE TOWNSHIP’S WATER CAPITAL EAST IMPROVEMENT FUND

Councilwoman Brush asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Councilwoman Brush asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no comments from the public, Councilwoman Brush 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, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#21-42 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPLEMENTING SECTION A OF CHAPTER 160 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER ENTITLED FEES

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Seeing no comments from the public, Councilwoman Brush 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, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

ORDINANCES –First Reading and Introduction

#21-43 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP’S FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$100,000 THEREFOR FROM THE TOWNSHIP’S CAPITAL FUND BALANCE

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 #21-438 through #21-442 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, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

A. FINANCE

#21-438 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR SENIOR OUTREACH GRANT THROUGH COUNTY OF OCEAN

#21-439 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

B. CONTRACTS

#21-440 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT CALLOUT PROGRAM FY 2021/2022

#21-441 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ATTEST TO THE SIGNING OF CONTRACT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CELLULAR ANTENNAS ON THE ROUTE 37 WATER TOWER

C. PURCHASING

#21-442 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID 21-21 DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES MOBILITY TRANSPORT VAN TO CREATIVE BUS SALES

REPORTS:

Ms. Zolezi: Ms. Zolezi attended the Veterans Day ceremony at Town Hall and an afternoon ceremony at the High School. She thanked the various departments for their work. She attended an awards luncheon at NJLM, where Manchester won 1st place for Bowker field project. Ms. Zolezi congratulated Al Yodakis for his work on the project. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and thanked the Veterans for their service. He stated that Mayor Hudak did a great job as key note speaker at the Veteran's day ceremony. Mr. Vaccaro attended various meetings, and reviewed the bills for tonight's meeting. He stated that tomorrow he will attend the Pinelands Municipal Council meeting tomorrow in Washington Township, Burlington county he will report at next meeting. Mr. Vaccaro stated that 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. He stated that progress has been made with 10-year master plan to include wind, geothermal, solar energy, and high speed charging stations for the Township. He suggested this be placed on hold pending the recently passed federal infrastructure bill. Thanked everyone for the time to speak.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro stated that the Veteran's day ceremony was a wonderful event. He gave residents info on how to find Township ordinances or told them to call the Clerk's office for assistance. Mr. Fusaro wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush commented on Kevin's kids toy and clothing drive, and stated that items can be dropped off at Oliverie funeral home and Crossroads Realty offices on route 530 in Whiting. She stated that the Veteran's ceremony was a great event and it was well attended by the Veterans. Mrs. Brush wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chief Dolan: Chief Dolan stated that the coffee with Cop event at Martucci's Flashback Diner had a good turnout. He stated that the Police Department will not be hosting an event in December, but will restart in January. The department hopes to have one every month. Chief Dolan gave an update on the No Shave November campaign update. He wished everyone a safe holiday.

Sabina Martin: Mrs. Martin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Brandon Umba: Mr. Umba thanked Council for adding and approving last minute Ordinance #21-43. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kelsey McGuckin-Anthony: Kelsey wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Hudak: Mayor Hudak spoke about the Veteran's day ceremony and he commented on helping our Veterans. He gave a brief update on some recent legislative bill. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Mayor Hudak thanked Council for approving Ordinance #21-43.

PUBLIC

Judy Noonan 25A Stoneybrook: Mrs. Noonan inquired about permits for fire pits and if there was a Shade Tree law in the Township. She asked for an update on cell tower. Ms. Noonan stated there was a complaint with the dollar delivery truck and traffic. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sabina Martin stated that she could provide her all the information she needs regarding the fire official for the fire pit permits.

Brandon Umba gave an update on cell tower with regard to Verizon and said it is the same update as last meeting.

No further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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

12/20/2021
Date Approved