

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2022**

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:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of January 24, 2022 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#22-095 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$11,477,000.99 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Councilwoman Zolezi abstained from check #68050 but otherwise yes. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#22-096– Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$290,336.09 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#22-097 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$113,526.02 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#22-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VI, “PERMIT FEES FOR AREAS OF RECREATION AND BEACHES” OF CHAPTER 288 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE CONCERNING RECREATION

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

#22-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF NON –BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

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

#22-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

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

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#22-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF VACANT PROPERTY FOR NO CONSIDERATION, BLOCK 99.30, LOT 15, A/K/A 1681 HEGSTROM AVENUE, MANCHESTER, NEW JERSEY

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

#22-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS REGARDING DEPLOYMENT OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#22-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO 2065 HIGHWAY 37 OWNERS, LLC (BLOCK 44 Lot 15.05) AND REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS, AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES

The above ordinance was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, and Brush; yea. Mr. Fusaro, abstain. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#22-07 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 15 IN BLOCK 1.347 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (620 Grinnell 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 Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

#22-08 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" TO PLACE THE DIVISION OF PERSONNEL AS A DIVISION UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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, Zolezi, 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.

Mrs. 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 #22-098 through #22-112 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 Hudak, Vaccaro, Brush, Fusaro, and Wallis; yea.

A. FINANCE

#22-098 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 38.43, LOT 609.02 (609B DEVONSHIRE LANE) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-099 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 75.138, LOT 9 (1D BERWICK STREET) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-100 - 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 89 (6 WOODLAKE DRIVE) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-101 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 1.239, LOT 34 (1125 COMMONWEALTH BLVD.) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-102 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 38.91, LOT 1128.01 (1128A THORNBURY LANE) FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-103 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#22-104 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#22-105 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A DISCHARGE OF A THIRD PARTY TAX LIEN AFFECTING BLOCK 1.362, LOT 24 SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

B. MUNICIPAL CLERK

#22-106 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR USB DRIVES

C. GRANTS

#22-107 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR OCEAN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

D. BONDS/ESCROWS

#22-108 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROW POSTED BY JEFFERS REALTY LLC FOR BLOCK 72.01 LOT(S) 10, 11, 12 (2486 RIDGEWAY BLVD)

#22-109 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY JACQUELINE AND

E. APPOINTMENT

#22-110 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE PLAN ENDORSEMENT CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

F. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#22-111 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT FOR SUPPORT TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR SERVICES RENDERED

#22-112 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GOOSE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY FOR GEESE CONTROL AT HARRY WRIGHT AND PINE LAKES

REPORTS

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day. He attended various meetings. Mr. Vaccaro encouraged the public to contact the Senior Services department for information on their services. He inquired with the business administrator regarding the status of a dog park in the proposed Ocean County Park in Manchester. Mr. Vaccaro discussed electronic vehicle charging stations and ask for the Township's status with implementing them. He reminded the public to continue protecting themselves from COVID.

Ms. Zolezi: Ms. Zolezi attended various meetings including Planning Board, Economic Advisory committee, and the recent swearing in of new police officers and fire department personnel. She thanked the first responders and mentioned that February is Black History month. Ms. Zolezi reminded the residents to shop local, and to support our neighbors. She commended our municipal employees who go above and beyond for our residents.

Mr. Fusaro: No report.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush attended the police award ceremony and stated that the Police Department go above and beyond for our residents. She stated that Manchester Day will be back for this year; June 25th at Harry Wright Lake.

Mrs. Martin: No report.

Chief Dolan: Thanked the Councilmembers for their comments regarding the officers, and he appreciates the recognition. He talked about the new officers for fire department personnel, and the officer that recently retired.

Brandon Umba: Mr. Umba stated that it does not appear that a dog park was a part of the original plan for the County Park, but they have submitted a request to include it. He stated that an electronic vehicle ordinance has not been introduced because we are still waiting for Pinelands approval. Mr. Umba gave an update on the Homeland Tower in Whiting; Verizon installed equipment at the end of January and we are still waiting for a go live date. Still waiting for AT&T.

Mr. Vaccaro asked also for a bird sanctuary to be included in the County Park as well.

Brandon Umba stated that raised platforms usually needed for that; the County is in the early stages in developing the new county parks.

PUBLIC:

Judy Noonan 25A Stoneybrook Road, Whiting: Ms. Noonan thanked Mr. Umba for supporting recent bills. She inquired about several items including the original zone designation for Surf and Stream, information about 5G, and if Township ordinances apply to homeowner associations. She stated that the owner of the Barn establishment on Route 70 does a lot of work with the seniors and hopes the Township can work with her. She attended a recent Association meeting and the residents want to get more competition between Comcast and Verizon. Ms. Noonan stated that she does not agree with the electric cars and the charging stations.

Mr. Fusaro stated that Surf and Stream was designated as RA zone.

Brandon Umba commented on the situation with the Barn status and stated that there are laws to follow and the request should be coming from the property owner. He asked Ms. Noonan to reach out to him regarding the homeowner association issue. He also stated that the 5G ordinance is for establishing regulations and that Comcast renewal is up for a portion of the town.

No further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, absent.

Joan Brush
Council President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

2/28/2022
Date Approved