

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 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	- present
Councilwoman Joan Brush	- present

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Township Attorney Kelsey McGuckin-Anthony, Mayor Hudak, Chief Dolan, Capt. Manco, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

PROCLAMATIONS

Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation read by Mayor Hudak and presented to Communication Supervisor Dom Del Pino

National Service Recognition Day April 6, 2022 Proclamation read by Mayor Hudak. Blanch Doran was present to receive the proclamation for the Senior Advisory Committee.

National Volunteer Week April 17-23, 2022 Proclamation read by Mayor Hudak. Representatives from the Manchester, Ridgeway, and Whiting Volunteer Fire Departments were present to receive the proclamations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The executive meeting minutes of March 14, 2022 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea

The regular meeting minutes of March 28, 2022 and executive session meeting minutes of March 28, 2022 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, abstain due to absence.

LAND SALE

Land Sale of Block 1.347 Lot 15 (620 Grinnell Avenue) – Mrs. McGuckin-Anthony asked for a minimum bid of \$35,000.00 and one offer was made by Mr. Jeffrey Jerman.

Authorizing acceptance of proposal of \$35,000.00 submitted by Mr. Jerman was offered by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#22-169 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$5,783,567.58 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea

#22-170 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$115,984.01 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea. Councilwoman Zolezi abstained from check #6130 but otherwise yes.

#22-171 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$115,080.20 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea

ORDINANCES - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#22-11 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE LAND DONATION OF LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 79, LOT 40, AKA GOODWATER BRANCH, LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

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, Wallis, and Brush; yea.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#22-12 - AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AMENDING THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL SECTION 245-85 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT A NEW SECTION 245-85 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea.

#22-13 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

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, Wallis, and Brush; 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.

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.

A motion to removed resolution #22-178 from consent agenda was made by Councilman Wallis seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea.

Resolutions #22-172 through #22-183, minus #22-178 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 Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea.

A. FINANCE

#22-172 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING STALE DATED CHECKS FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER'S CURRENT FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

#22-173 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROVE THE SELF- EXAMINATION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 BUDGET AS ALLOWED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78B AND N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2-7.5

B. LICENSING

#22-174 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PRECIOUS GEM LICENSES FOR CRESTWOOD JEWELERS FOR LOCATIONS LOCATED AT 108 LACEY ROAD AND 1009 ROUTE 70

C. RECREATION

#22-175 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF A FORFEITED/SEIZED VEHICLE(S) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP AT AUCTION ON GOVDEALS.COM

#22-176 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING POLICE EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES CONTRACT PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT – DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY NUMBER T0106/17- FLEET-00738s

#22-177 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PARAMETRIX AUDIO & LIGHTING

D. PURCHASING

#22-179 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A COVID TESTING VENDOR THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACT PROCESS, CC#21RR-24

E. BONDS/ESCROW

#22-180 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROWS POSTED BY THE BANNETT GROUP LTD (BLOCK 90 / LOTS 9.01 & 24.01) SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD AND RTE 530 (WALGREENS)

F. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#22-181 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS, INC. FOR TNR SERVICES WITHIN MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

G. MISCELLANEOUS

**#22-182 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL NEEDS FUNDING LIMIT WAIVER FOR MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CASE
MAN-2184: (18A YORKSHIRE COURT)**

#22-183 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSION PREAPPLICATION TO THE NJDEP GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR THE DIVERSION OF THE HOCKEY RINK (P/O BLOCK 48, LOT 1; 0.46 ACRES) LOCATED AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

The following resolution was voted on separately.

#22-178 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PARKER McCAY P.A. FOR SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES PERTAINING TO OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT MATTERS

Mr. Wallis commented on the reasoning of why we need another attorney.

The above resolution was offered upon a motion by Councilwoman Zolezi, seconded by Councilman Fusaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Vaccaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis; no.

REPORTS:

Mr. Vaccaro: Mr. Vaccaro wished everyone a happy Passover and Easter. He attended the most recent Planning Board meeting. He congratulated and thanked everyone who received a proclamation. Mr. Vaccaro stated that Mayor Hudak, Council and Senior Advisory Committee are hosting a health fair for seniors in association with the Ocean County Health Department. Flyers are available and the dates are April 28, 2022 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Crestwood Village 7 and on May 23, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Renaissance. The Renaissance location is only available to Renaissance residents. He stated that they are working on more additional dates. Mr. Vaccaro reminded the residents to contact the Senior Services Department for assistance with their various programs. He commented on an Asbury Park Press article regarding electronic vehicle charging station, and commented on grants available. He asked if the we received an answer from the BPU regarding if Manchester is eligible for any of the grant funds. He reminded the public to continue protecting themselves from COVID and other viruses. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis thanked the volunteers for their service.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro attended the opening day of Little League, and commented that the park is almost 30 years old. He commented on certain people who really made a difference for the park.

Ms. Zolezi: Ms. Zolezi commented on the Little League field and stated that she attended the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday. She stated that Manchester is a great place to raise family. Ms. Zolezi thanked the volunteers for their service. She recommended that the public attend the Planning Board meetings. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush thanked the volunteers for their service. She stated that the Little League has an indoor training center as well. Mrs. Brush attended the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked Tracy and her team for their work, it was a good day.

Mayor Hudak: Mayor Hudak thanked the volunteers for their service, and stated that it is important to recognize the volunteers. He stated that the Easter Egg Hunt was a great event. Mayor Hudak commented on an Asbury Park Press article, Manchester has the lowest average property taxes and lowest tax rate in the County. He stated that his office has received calls regarding two intersections in town, and they have reached out to the NJDOT. Mayor Hudak comments on some upcoming programs, and wished everyone a happy Easter and Passover.

Chief Dolan: Chief Dolan thanked the volunteers for their service and stated that everyone works great together from the dispatchers, to the volunteers to the police officer. He stated that the next Coffee with a Cop event will be on April 27 from 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at QuickChek. Chief Dolan stated that the intersections mentions by Mayor Hudak was already brought up with the NJDOT and data is being reviewed and submitted to the NJDOT.

PUBLIC

Judy Noonan, 25A Stoneybrook: Mrs. Noonan thanked the volunteers for their service. She stated that she is a trustee for Crestwood Village 6 and brought up a drug issue in their development. She commented on the Township adopting an Ordinance regarding the senior communities. Mrs. Noonan commented on electric vehicles.

Mayor Hudak stated that his office will be reaching out to all the villages to discuss the potential ordinance on Senior communities. There are some villages who are not in favor of the potential ordinance.

No further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Vaccaro seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea.

Joan Brush
Council Vice President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

4/25/2022
Date Approved