

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 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	- absent
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, Business Administrator Brandon Umba, Mayor Hudak, Chief Dolan, Capt. Manco, Director of Public Works Al Yodakis, Director of Recreation Tracy Lynch, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes of July 25, 2022 was offered upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea. Mr. Vaccaro, absent.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#22-315 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$10,779,866.97 was offered by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea. Mr. Vaccaro, absent.

#22-316 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$239,315.10 was offered by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea. Mr. Vaccaro, absent.

#22-317 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$963,843.57 was offered by Councilman Fusaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea. Mr. Vaccaro, absent

ORDINANCES - Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#22-22 - 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 Fusaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, no. Mr. Vaccaro, absent.

#22-23 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, CHAPTER 430 AND ESTABLISHING ARTICLE XIV CHAPTER 2 OF TOWNSHIP CODE TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

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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 Fusaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Fusaro, and Brush; yea. Mr. Wallis, no. Mr. Vaccaro, absent.

ORDINANCES - First Reading and Introduction

#22-24 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 1.32 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (112 CHAMPLAIN STREET)

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

#22-25 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 10 IN BLOCK 1.113 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (1410 SIXTH AVENUE)

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

#22-26 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 1.113 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. (1408 SIXTH AVENUE)

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

#22-27 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 1 AND CHAPTER 288

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

A motion to remove resolution #22-346 from consent agenda was made by Councilman Fusaro seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea. Mr. Vaccaro, absent.

#22-346 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE LEASING OF PUBLIC SPACE AND ADVERTISEMENT CONCESSION AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A motion to table resolution #22-346 from consent agenda was made by Councilman Fusaro seconded by Councilman Wallis and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea. Mr. Vaccaro, absent.

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.

Edward Lynch, 5 Bridle Way: Mr. Lynch inquired about resolution #22-345.

Hank Glen, 29 Wycliffe: Mr. Glen inquired about resolution #22-336 and #22-344.

Edward Lynch, 5 Bridle Way: Mr. Lynch congratulated the Police Department on their accreditation.

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

Resolutions #22-318 through #22-345 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Fusaro seconded by Councilman Brush and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea. Mr. Vaccaro, absent.

A. FINANCE

#22-318 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 41.03, LOT 10 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-319 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 75.143, LOT 15 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-320 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 61.13, LOT 183 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-321 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 52.29, LOT 20 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-322 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 1.284, LOT 17 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-323 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 38.11, LOT 256.02 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-324 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 38.35, LOT 540.02 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-325 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 52.23, LOT 21 FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-326 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 2, LOT 43 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-327 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 75, LOT 85 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-328 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 62, LOT 4 FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-329 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 62, LOT 4 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-330 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 111, LOT 8 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-331 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 71.03, LOT 3 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-332 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 98.07, LOT 8 FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-333 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 97, LOT 3 FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#22-334 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

B. MUNICIPAL CLERK

#22-335 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE ONE NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

C. LICENSING

#22-336 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO RESCIND APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR IRPINIA ASSOCIATES LLC (1518-33-013-001) AS NOTED IN RESOLUTION #21-274

D. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#22-337 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FUNDS PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEMAND REDUCTION ACT OF 1987

#22-338 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

E. MISCELLANEOUS

#22-339 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BIRCHWOOD AT WHITING (1110 ROUTE 70 UNIT 219)

#22-340 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT BIRCHWOOD AT WHITING (1110 ROUTE 70 UNIT 213)

F. BONDS/ESCROWS

#22-341 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REDUCTIONS OF UTILITY PERFORMANCE AND CASH SURETY BONDS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PROJECT KNOWN AS BRENTWOOD ESTATES (BLOCK 21 LOTS 621,622, AND 1712)

#22-342 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING A ZONING BOARD ESCROW POSTED BY LEISURE VILLAGE WEST FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 38.75 LOT 1 (959 BUCKINGHAM DRIVE)

G. PURCHASING

#22-343 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION #22-275 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT THROUGH LIFELINE EMERGENCY VEHICLES HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COOPERATIVE (HGAC), NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #AM-10-20

#22-344 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT FOR ACCREDITATION CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE RODGERS GROUP, LLC

#22-345 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO VER-MAC PCMS-548-CP VARIABLE MESSAGE BOARDS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS:

Ms. Zolezi: Ms. Zolezi stated that she appreciated the work the Police Department has done at the Heritage Minerals site, and she has received a lot of positive feedback from residents.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Wallis stated that he agreed with the statements made by Councilwoman Zolezi regarding Heritage Minerals.

Mr. Fusaro: Mr. Fusaro stated that the efforts made by the Police Department at the Heritage Minerals site have been the best the Township has had to date.

Mrs. Brush: Mrs. Brush stated that she attended National Night Out, which was a well-attended event. She thanked the Police Departments and the recreation department. She mentioned the Luau was rescheduled to August 19th at 7 p.m.

Mayor Hudak: Mayor Hudak thanked the Police Department for their efforts at Heritage Minerals. He stated that he attended Matilda presented by the recreation department, and it was a great program. Mayor Hudak stated that in July, he wrote letter to Ocean County regarding the intersection at Commonwealth and Northampton, and he just received news that they will be installing a signal light at that intersection.

Brandon Umba: Mr. Umba stated that JCP&L is in the process of installing gates at the Heritage Minerals site and he thanked the Police Department and Chief for their efforts at that site.

Chief Dolan: Chief Dolan thanked everyone for acknowledging their work at Heritage Minerals and stated that all the officers did a great job. He said that we will continue to work with the property owner, and gates went up on Route 37 Friday night. Chief Dolan stated that Pizza with Police at Linda's Pizza and it was a great event. He thanked Chief Kline of Lakehurst for his support at Heritage Minerals and National Night Out.

Sabina Martin: Mrs. Martin commented that she is happy to hear about the signal light at Commonwealth and Northampton.

Tracey Lynch: Mrs. Lynch gave update on upcoming recreation events and mentioned that the concert this Wednesday may have to be rescheduled due to weather.

PUBLIC

Michael Filipone 1478 Welles Circle: Mr. Filipone stated that there are still many cars making their way back to Heritage Minerals by his neighborhood, and asked Chief Dolan to look into it.

Chief Dolan stated that those gates are up in his neighborhood.

Judy Noonan 25A Stoneybrook: Ms. Noonan commented about Heritage minerals. She thanked Brandon for meeting with Keith regarding the TV channel. She asked for clarification regarding resolution #22-338, and commented about electric cars. Ms. Noonan made comments about Stop and shop is gauging prices for food, storage pipe update, update of light at Congasia, and comment on recent bills

Brandon Umba stated that we are still waiting joint agreement for Comcast, and waiting on BPU approval to merge the two together.

Mayor Hudak stated that yes, they are working on the storage pipe, and he has not heard anything about light at Congasia.

Frank Stavola 12 Charles Avenue: Mr. Stavola thanked everyone their work at Heritage Minerals. He stated that Bone Hill gates were installed today, and asked if gates can be installed at the High School entrance and Summit Road. Mr. Stavola asked that the enforcements continue.

Chief Dolan stated that we will enforce when we can, but not every weekend.

Jonathan Holmes, 308 Pemberton Street: Mr. Holmes comments on a letter he previously wrote to Council and administration regarding some changes at Harry Wright Lake. He demanded that if the dock cannot be replaced than the deep-water swimming area should be re-opened immediately. He felt that these decisions should have had public input first.

Cara Rulli, 308 Pemberton Street: Ms. Rulli inquired if the Township can open up more swimming area for shallow areas.

Brandon commented on the various circumstances that affected the decision to change some swimming options at Harry Wright Lake. There was also recommendations from the JIF and Ocean County Health Department that influenced their decision. He stated that the lake is a Green Acres funded lake, so all New Jersey residents are allowed to enjoy the lake.

Tracey Lynch, Director of Recreation stated that she does not have the proper staffing at the Lake to open up more swimming areas, in addition to all the other safety issues with having the dock and the deep water swimming areas. They are applying for a permit with the State to lower the lake this year, so they can map the bottom, possible dredge, and hopefully next year will be different.

Councilwoman Zolezi stated that safety is the Townships number one priority, and we will revisit the lake situation in the future.

No further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Fusaro seconded by Councilwoman Brush and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Zolezi, Fusaro, Wallis, and Brush; yea. Mr. Vaccaro, absent.

Joan Brush
Council President

Sabina T. Martin, RMC
Municipal Clerk

8/22/2022
Date Approved