

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 24, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Roxy Conniff, Council President. The following statement was read by Teri Giercyk, Municipal Clerk:

STATEMENT

“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 Joseph Hankins	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- present
Councilwoman Michele Zolezi	- present
Councilwoman Roxy Conniff	- present

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Mayor Arace, Township Attorney Lauren Staiger, Business Administrator Carl Block, Chief Dolan, and Director of Senior Services Melissa DePalma.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS - READ INTO THE RECORD

Mayor appointments read into the record by the Municipal Clerk.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Arace presented a Proclamation for Professional Municipal Clerks Week to Teri Giercyk.

Mayor Arace presented a Proclamation for Public Safety Telecommunicators week to Dispatch Supervisor Stephanie Norton and Dom Del Pino.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of April 10, 2023, were offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hankins and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hankins, Vaccaro, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea. Councilman Wallis abstained due to absence.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

#23-209– Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$2,125,397.07 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Wallis, and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hankins, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea.

#23-210 – Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$149,604.70 from the Utility Fund - ESA was offered by Councilman Vaccaro and seconded by Councilman Hankins and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hankins, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea.

#23-211 – Authorizing payment of bills in the amount of \$66,042.16 from Utility Fund - WSA was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hankins, and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hankins, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Action

#23-10 CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND APPROPRIATING \$225,000 THEREFOR, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY

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

Seeing no comments from the public. The comment period was closed, and the ordinance was approved upon a motion by Councilman Wallis seconded by Councilman Hankins and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hankins, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; 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 Conniff asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda.

Seeing no comments from Council, Councilwoman Conniff asked if there were any comments from the public on any items on the consent agenda.

No comments from the public.

Resolutions #23-212 through #23-222 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Vaccaro seconded by Councilman Wallis and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hankins, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea.

A. FINANCE

#23-212- RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROVE THE SELF- EXAMINATION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 BUDGET AS ALLOWED BY NJSA 40A:4-78b AND NJAC 5:30-7.2 THROUGH 7.5

#23-213- RESOLUTION OF THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR WESTERN SERVICE AREA WELL#6 AND EASTERN SERVICE AREA WELL#11 OVERBOARD CONTRACT #22-08

B. MUNICIPAL CLERK

#23-214 - 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. GRANTS

#23-215 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT, SUSTAINED ENFORCEMENT FY2024, AND APPLYING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT GRANT FROM THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

D. RECREATION

#23-216 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WILLSCOT MOBILE MINI SOLUTIONS

#23-217 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH LAGUARDIA ENTERTAINMENT & PRODUCTIONS FOR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT MANCHESTER CONCERT SERIES

#23-218 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR SPRING/SUMMER RECREATION CAMP & PROGRAMS

E. PURCHASING

#23-219 - 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 MAGIC TOUCH CONSTRUCTION THROUGH #65MCESCCPS - ESCNJ 22/23-16 REGION 4

#23-220 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF ION EXCHANGE UNITS FOR PFOA/ PFOS REMOVAL AT THE EASTERN SERVICES AREA WELL # 4

F. APPOINTMENTS

#23-221 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS, PLANNING & HOUSING (CGP&H) AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ.

#23-222 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING RICHARD CHEVRIER TO FILL THE POSITION OF SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASS III IN THE DIVISION OF POLICE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER FOR THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REPORTS:

Mr. Hankins: Attended LEAD graduation for the 5th grade at the Manchester Elementary School.

Mr. Vaccaro: Attended various meetings, including Senior Advisory Committee. Reminded seniors that there is a lock box program, life protection, and personal safety buttons. Please contact Senior Services for more information. Mr. Vaccaro requested a summary of our 10-year energy plan and EV infrastructure needs for the next meeting. Being a firefighter for 55 years, he wanted to thank everyone for the excellent job they did with the fires. There was mutual aid from both Ocean and Monmouth counties. God bless everyone who helped in our hour of need. Thank you everyone! He reminded the public to protect yourself and others against COVID and other variants.

Mr. Wallis: Commended Mayor with his communication in regard to the fire, and to the dispatchers and everyone who helped. He thanked the Mayor for appointing Bob Ippolito to Mayors Veterans Advisory Committee.

Ms. Zolezi: Again, thank you to everyone for their help with the fire. Excellent communication. Thank you, Mayor, and others, for keeping everyone abreast of the situation. Great community who works together. She stated that she had the honor of presenting a proclamation to a veteran on his 105th birthday. Joseph C. Luongo lives in Aristicare. Earth Day was just celebrated, and there is an Environmental Commission tomorrow and a Municipal alliance meeting.

Mrs. Conniff: Echoed everyone's comments regarding the fires. We have the best fire and police in the State. Attended a risk management seminar for state and county K-9 demo.

Mayor Arace: Thanked everyone. If you drive down Beckerville Rd., you can see how close the fire was and everyone did an excellent job.

Chief Dolan: A lot of hands were involved with the fire. Remember, you do not fight with water, you fight fire with fire. Forest fighters did an excellent job. Chief Dolan thanked the Whiting Ladies auxiliary, who kept food and drinks available, Dickie's BBQ, Wawa in Whiting, and the extra Ocean County Sheriff department officers. Rob Krohn and Joe Jubert with County Fire did an excellent job coordinating. Heroic effort by everyone. I have a tabletop meeting on May 2nd on Forest Fires. He welcomed back Officer Chevrier as a Class III officer. Also, if anyone notices, PD cars will have a magnet on them for Crime Victims' Rights.

PUBLIC:

Edward Lynch, County Walk – He thanked everyone that fought the fire. Excellent job.

Gail Apgar, 53 Columbus Blvd. – Thanked Councilman Vaccaro and Councilwoman Zolezi for directing her in the right direction. She stated that she contacted Public Works, and they came out immediately and corrected the issue with curbing. She did see Beckerville Road, and it was amazing. Everyone did an excellent job.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. Motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilman Hankins, and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Hankins, Vaccaro, Willis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea.

Roxy Conniff
Council President

Teri Giercyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

5/8/2023
Date Approved