

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2025**

The special meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Council Vice President James Vaccaro. The following statement was read by Teri Giercyk, 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 Sandy Drake	- present
Councilman James Vaccaro	- present
Councilman Craig Wallis	- absent
Councilwoman Michele Zolezi	- present
Councilwoman Roxy Conniff	- absent

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Business Administrator Carl Block and Loren from Gabel and Associates.

Loren of Gabel updated the council. We had one qualified bidder of Constellation. It is an 18-month term. Starting November of 2025 and ending May 2027.

There was another company who submitted a day late to qualify, and the purchasing agent said we could not accept it.

14.644 cents per kilowatt per hour
Average of 5.1% savings (depending on the season)

Constellation has a condition request for price change depending on market price and changing market.

Councilwoman Zolezi – do we have to accept.

Loren – it has to be below tariff rate.

Mr. Vaccaro – with the credit being issued to customers, will it be affected?

Loren – no.

Carl – it will go into effect November, but you will not see it until December bill.

Public Comment:

Is it an opt in or opt out?

Loren – it is an automatic opt in. You will have to opt out if you want. That can be done at any time.

#25-342- RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO A THIRD-PARTY POWER SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE TO MANCHESTER ENERGY AGGREGATION PROCUREMENT COOPERATIVE (MEAPC) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEAPC PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 ET. SEQ.

#25-343 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, REJECTING BID SUBMITTALS IN RESPONSE TO TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER ENERGY AGGREGATION BID

Approving Resolutions #25-342 and #25-343 upon a motion made by Councilwoman Drake, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, and Zolezi; yea. Absent: Wallis, Conniff.

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, motion to adjourn meeting at 2:19 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Zolezi, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro and Zolezi; yea. Absent: Wallis, Conniff.

Carl asked if we could reopen the meeting. The resolution says to be signed by Mayor, and since Loren needs it today and the mayor is not here, we can amend it by stating mayor or designee.

The meeting was reopened by Councilwoman Zolezi, seconded Councilwoman Drake at 2:22 pm. Roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro and Zolezi; yea. Absent: Wallis, Conniff.

Motion to amend Resolution #25-342 to state to be signed by mayor or designee was approved upon a motion made by Councilwoman Zolezi, seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro and Zolezi; yea. Absent: Wallis, Conniff.

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, motion to adjourn meeting at 2:22 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Zolezi, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro and Zolezi; yea. Absent: Wallis, Conniff.

James A. Vaccaro, Sr.
Council Vice President

Teri Giercyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

9/8/2025
Date Approved