

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2026**

The reorganization meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Municipal Clerk, Teri Giercyk. The following statement was read:

“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	- present
Councilwoman Michele Zolezi	- present
Councilwoman Roxy Conniff	- present

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Township Attorney Lauren Staiger, Mayor Hankins, Administrator Carl Block, Chief Ellis, Capt. Vega and various department heads.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Hankins was sworn in by Municipal Clerk Teri Giercyk.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Conniff for Council President, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and approved by the following roll call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, and Conniff; yea. Wallis and Zolezi; no. Councilwoman Zolezi stated she voted no because she was not happy with lack of transparency.

Councilwoman Drake made a motion to nominate Councilman Vaccaro for Council Vice President, seconded by Councilwoman Conniff and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, and Conniff; yea. Wallis and Zolezi; no.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS - READ INTO THE RECORD

Mayor appointments read into the record by Teri Giercyk

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

- 1. **Member** – DOMINICK TEDESCHI (Term expires 12/31/2029)
- 2. **Member** - JOSEPH MARKOWSKI (Term expires 12/31/2029)
- 3. **Member** - JOSEPH PETITO (Term expires 12/31/2029)
- 4. **Alternate #1** – NINA HAGEN CHARLTON (Term expires 12/31/2027)
- 5. **Alternate #2** – NEEDS REPLACEMENT *** (Fulfilling an unexpired term expiring 12/31/26)

RENT LEVELING BOARD:

- 1. **Member** – BRAD CRANMER (Term expires 12/31/2026)
- 2. **Alternate Member** – DIANE ORESTO (Term expires 12/31/2026)
- 3. **Member** – NINA CHARLTON (Term expires 12/31/2026)

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: (Term expires 12/31/2026)

- 1. **Member** – ROGER P. GRENIER
- 2. **Member** – MARK GALLAGHER
- 3. **Member** – ROBERT JACOBS
- 4. **Member** – STANLEY PERLMAN
- 5. **Member** – JOSEPH RUCCI
- 6. **Member** – AL ADLER
- 7. **Member** – BOB IPPOLITO
- 8. **Member** – BILL DAME

- 9. **Member** – JOE HODAPP
- 10. **Member** – VITO JADELIS

PLANNING BOARD:

- 1. **Member** – FELICIA FINN (Term expires 12/31/2029)
- 2. **Member** – JAMES TEAGUE (Term expires 12/31/2029)
- 3. **Class II Member** – JOHN FRANOLICH (Term expires 12/31/2026)
- 4. **Alternate #1** – COLLEEN GOETZ (Term expires 12/31/2026)
- 5. **Alternate #2** – NEEDS REPLACEMENT *** (Fulfilling an unexpired term expiring 12/31/26)
- 6. **Class IV Member** – PAUL CUGLIARI (Fulfilling an unexpired term ending 12/31/2028)
- 7. **Mayors Designee** – TIMOTHY UMLAUF (Term with Mayor)

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: (Term expires 12/31/2026)

- 1. **Member** – KATHLEEN KASIEWNIAK
- 2. **Member** – MATTHEW GRAU
- 3. **Member** – KARL SEEGER
- 4. **Member** – ANN MARIA RUSSO
- 5. **Member** – GAIL APGAR
- 6. **Alternate #1** –
- 7. **Alternate #2** -

ENVIROMENTAL COMMISSION:

- 1. **Member** – SANDY DRAKE (Term expires 12/31/2026)
- 2. **Planning Board Rep** – JOHN FRANOLICH (Fulfilling an unexpired term expiring 12/31/27)
- 3. **Alternate #2** –

WILDFIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE: (Term expires 12/31/2026)

- 1. **Class A Member** – RODNEY SLOAN, JR.
- 2. **Class B Member** – SGT ROBERT SHARRY
- 3. **Member** – ALISSA GREGORY
- 4. **Member** – LOUIS PROSPERI
- 5. **Member** – JUDITH KUHMICHEL
- 6. **Member** – DOMINICK AMOROSO

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

- 1. **Planning Board Rep** – TIMOTHY UMLAUF (Term expires 12/31/2026)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

- 1. **Member at Large.** – PAULA FAZIO-ESCUERDO (Term expires 12/31/2026)
- 2. **Member at Large** – FELICIA FINN (Term expires 12/31/2026)

PLAN ENDORCEMENT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE: (Term expires 12/31/2026)

- 1. **Governing Body Rep** – ROXY CONNIFF
- 2. **Class IV Planning Board Member** – WILLIAM BARRON
- 3. **Local Committee Rep** – DOMINICK TEDESCHI
- 4. **Resident Member** – GINA GEORGIANO
- 5. **Resident Member** – WADE DEW

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READ INTO THE RECORD

The following are Council appointments to various positions for 2026:

Finance Committee	- Mrs. Conniff and Mrs. Drake
Emergency Management Planning	- Mrs. Drake
Alternate Emergency Management	- Mr. Wallis
School Liaison	- Mrs. Conniff
Alternate School Liaison	- Mrs. Zolezi

Senior Advisory Board	- Mr. Vaccaro and Mrs. Drake
CCMC Council Representatives	- Mr. Vaccaro and Mrs. Drake
Veteran’s Advisory Committee	- Mr. Wallis
Alternate Veterans’ Advisory Committee	- Ms. Zolezi
Joint Base Committee	- Ms. Zolezi and Mrs. Drake
Wildfire Safety Council	- Mrs. Drake
Alternate Wildfire Safety Council	- Mr. Vaccaro
Open Space Committee	- Mrs. Conniff and Ms. Zolezi
Master Plan Committee	- Mr. Vaccaro and Mrs. Conniff
Plan Endorsement Citizen’s Advisory	- Mr. Vaccaro and Mrs. Conniff
Economic Development	- Mrs. Conniff and Ms. Zolezi

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal Clerk read into record notes sold - \$510,000.00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular and executive meeting minutes from December 15, 2025, were offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Vaccaro, Wallis, and Zolezi; yea. Absent: Drake, Conniff.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

Councilman Vaccaro stated that he has reviewed the bills for tonight’s meeting.

#26-1 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$4,976,771.48 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea.

#26-2 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$1,959.57 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#26-3 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$24,314.44 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

ORDINANCES – First Reading & Introduction

#26-1 – ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 372 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, SECTION 372-16 FEES AND DEPOSIT

Council President Conniff asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council. Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#26-2 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF ROADWAYS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER DETAILED IN THE OVERALL STREET VACATION PLAN FOR ROOSEVELT CITY

Council President Conniff asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council. Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#26-3 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2024-25 IN ITS ENTIRETY

Council President Conniff asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council. Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#26-4 – ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SALARY RANGES AND POSITION OF BARGAINING UNIT

Council President Conniff asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council. Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#26-5 – ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SALARY RANGES AND POSITION OF NON-BARGAINING UNIT

Council President Conniff asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council. Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#25-6 – ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 353 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED “SOLID WASTE”

Council President Conniff asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council. Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, 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.

Council President Conniff asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda.

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

Resolutions #26-4 – #26-73 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Zolezi and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea. Wallis and Zolezi voted no on Resolution #25-67.

A. PURCHASING

#26-4 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS AND/OR PURCHASING COOPERATIVES FOR 2026

B. BONDS/ESCROWS

#26-5 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROWS POSTED FOR BLOCK 43.04 / LOT 17 (2080 Highway 37)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

#26-6 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OR SALVAGE OF VEHICLE(S) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP THAT HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT THE TOW COMPANY IMPOUND YARD

#26-7 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A CIVILITY POLICY PERTAINING TO PUBLIC INTERACTIONS WITH TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

D. APPOINTMENT

#26-8 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR AS THE AGENT TO FILE PETITIONS OF APPEAL/COMPLAINTS WITH THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION AND NAMING THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO ACT AS ALTERNATE AGENT

E. FINANCE

#26-9 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES AND UTILITIES CHARGES

#26-10 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CHARGE A FEE FOR PAYMENTS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

#26-11 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF REAL ESTATE TAXES AND UTILITIES CHARGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.A.C. 5:30-0.1 ES SEQ.

#26-12 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL OPEN BALANCES LESS THAN \$1

#26-13 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS

#26-14 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER RATES, CHARGES, RENTALS, AND FEES

#26-15 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT A MUNICIPAL LIEN SALE

#26-16 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AFFIRMING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER’S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

#26-17 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

#26-18 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR CHECKS ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

#26-19 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A DEBT MANAGEMENT AND FUND BALANCE POLICY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

#26-20 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

#26-21 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY SEWER UTILITY BUDGET EASTERN SERVICE AREA APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

#26-22 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WESTERN SERVICE AREA SEWER UTILITY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

#26-23 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WATER UTILITY BUDGET EASTERN SERVICE AREA APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

#26-24 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WESTERN SERVICE AREA WATER UTILITY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

F. MUNICIPAL CLERK

#26-25 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIXING THE ANNUAL MEETING DATES OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

#25-26 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING LEGAL NEWSPAPERS FOR MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

G. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#26-27 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPMENT AT BLOCK 99.200, LOTS 29 & 30 (RADIO TOWER)

#26-28 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL 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

#26-29 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CORONATO LAW AS TAX FORECLOSURE ATTORNEY

#26-30 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRADY & KUNZ PC AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

#26-31 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA RUMPF & BRIAN RUMPF AS RENT LEVELING ATTORNEY

#26-32 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS AS ALTERNATE WATER/SEWER OPERATOR

#26-33 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LAUREN STAIGER OF DASTI & STAIGER PC AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

#26-34 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROTHSTEIN MANDELL STROHM HALM AND CIPRIANI AS CONFLICT ATTORNEY

#26-35 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PARKER MCKAY PA AS CONFLICT TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

#26-36 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BONNIE R. PETERSON, ESQUIRE AS PROSECUTOR

#26-37 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LEVIN SHEA PFEFFER & GOLDMAN, PA AS CONFLICT PROSECUTOR

#26-38 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CORONOTO LAW AS CONFLICT PROSECUTOR

#26-39 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN WILKIE AS CONFLICT PROSECUTOR

#26-40 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROTHSTEIN MANDELL STROHM HALM AND CIPRIANI AS SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL

#26-41 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICES OF MICHAEL J. MCKENNA, LLC AS SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL

#26-42 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DYNAMIC TRAFFIC, LLC AS TRAFFIC ENGINEER

#26-43 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC COMPLIANCE OFFICER

#26-44 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CONNOR YATAURO AS DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

#26-45 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CCP&H LLC AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

#26-46 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KING MOENCH HIRNIAK & COLLINS FOR UTILITIES ENGINEER

#26-47 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS AS UTILITIES ENGINEER

#26-48 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SEAS CANNING FOR QPA CONSULTING SERVICES

#26-49 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMOLI & COMPANY PC AS RENT LEVELING CPA

#26-50 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR

#26-51 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PARKER MCKAY, PA AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ATTORNEY

#26-52 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PARKER MCKAY, PA AS OPRA ATTORNEY

#26-53 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ARMANDO V. RICCIO LLC AS LABOR ATTORNEY

#26-54 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEGHAN ANN BENNETT, ESQ OF DILWORTH PAXSON LLP AS BOND COUNSEL

#26-55 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HENRY MANCINI & ASSOCIATES AS APPRAISER

#26-56 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MERIDIAN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES

#26-57 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN AS TOWNSHIP PLANNER

#26-58 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MORGAN ENGINEERING LLC AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

#26-59 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN AS CONFLICT TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

#26-60 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRENCH & PARELLO ASSOCIATES AS SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEERS

#26-61 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF OWEN LITTLE & ASSOCIATES INC. AS SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER

#26-62 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN AS SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER

#26-63 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CME ASSOCIATES AS SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER

#26-64 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA RUMPF & BRIAN RUMPF AS CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER

#26-65 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PEPE & WINTRODE AS PUBLIC DEFENDER

#26-66 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LEIB KLEIN ESQ. INC. AS CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER

#26-67 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUPLEE CLOONEY & CO. AS AUDITOR

#26-68 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES A. VACCARO SR. AS A CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

#26-69 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION TO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL BETWEEN MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP AND THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST

#26-70 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ADDENDUM BETWEEN MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP AND TRACY BARCUS

#26-71 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP AND OPEIU LOCAL 32 SUPERVISORY UNIT REGARDING COURT SHARED SERVICES

#26-72 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SIDE LETTER BETWEEN MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP AND OPEIU LOCAL 32 WHITE COLLAR UNIT REGARDING COURT SHARED SERVICES

REPORTS:

Mrs. Drake – I apologize for missing last meeting. A great job by Tracey and staff for Christmas in the Pines. I wish Officer Ventura a successful and safe career. Happy New Year!

Mr. Vaccaro – Welcome to the reorganization meeting and welcome and thank you for your attendance. As always, take pride in your home, your residence, known as the Gemstone of the Jersey Shore, bar none. Council, employees and residents, have a blessed, prosperous and joyous new year – 2026.

On 12/17 – I attended with the mayor, the menorah lighting. 12/29 – I reviewed bills.

We as members of council achieved a lot of tasks in 2025 and look forward to 2026. I look forward to commercial establishments and pursuing a much-needed medical health village and senior center and youth center. Looking forward to economic progress but maintaining a rural setting. That concludes my report and thank you for the time allotted to me and God Bless America and the residents of Manchester Township!

Mr. Wallis – I want to thank the employees and also thank the police along with Director Baran with the first aid. Paul Bachovchin will be sorely missed.

Ms. Zolezi – Congratulations to Mayor Hankins and Councilwoman Drake. I look forward to working with council in collaboration on all fronts. Happy Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Conniff – Congratulations to Mayor Hankins and Councilwoman Drake. I am disappointed with my colleagues and their opinion that we lack transparency. Communication works both ways. Thank you to Councilman Vaccaro and Councilwoman Drake for their support.

Mayor Hankins – I want to thank everyone for your support. Thank you to the department heads. I look forward to working with everyone, this is a great group to lead as Mayor. Thank you to everyone for their efforts, Chief and Lt. Bachovchin.

Chief Ellis – Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

PUBLIC:

Judy Noonan – Stonybrook – Congratulations to everyone, especially my mayor, whom I work closely with. I had a meeting with JCP&L regarding the recent outage. Nicole, a JCP&L rep, will be meeting residents at Somebody Cares to assist with their bills. There is bills S4994 and A6220 in which Atlantic City is trying to take funds away from seniors and Ocean Ride to pave their roads. Thank you and Happy New Year!

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, motion to close public and adjourn meeting at 3:34 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

Roxanne Conniff
Council President

Teri Giercyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

1/26/2026
Date Approved