

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2026**

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

Teri read updated statement:

“Adequate notice of this meeting was providing in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 and N.J.A.C. 5:39-1. Said notice was transmitted to the Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger and was posted on all entrances to the Municipal Building, posted on the Township Website, and Township Facebook page. Due to and in accordance with Executive Order No. 8 issued on January 23, 2026, issuing a State of Emergency in the State of New Jersey effective 5 p.m. on Saturday January 24.

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

Resolution #26-112 Establishing Policies for Public Participation at Virtual meetings was approved upon a motion made by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Township Attorney Lauren Staiger, Mayor Hankins, Administrator Carl Block, Chief Ellis, Mark Rohmeyer, Morgan Engineering, Nick Dickerson, Colliers Engineering and various department heads.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The reorganization meeting minutes from January 5, 2026, were offered 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.

PRESENTATION

2025 Master Plan Reexamination Report and Public Comment – Mark Rohmeyer, Morgan Engineering

1. Pursuant to New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law Section 40:55D-89, municipalities having a master plan must reexamine their master plan and existing development regulations, at least once every ten (10) years for the purpose of determining the continued viability of each and possible need for amendment.
2. The purpose of a Reexamination Report, in accordance with NJ MLUL, is to periodically reexamine the master plan, zoning and land use and development regulations of a municipality to determine whether they continue to address the development goals and objectives of the municipality and to provide recommendations that will address proposed changes in development goals, the impact of development within the municipality and the impact of planning and development regulations by Ocean County, the State of New Jersey and the Federal government.
3. The Master Plan is considered a “GUIDANCE” document.
 - a. It is important that everyone understand the difference between a Master Plan and Township Ordinance,
 - i. the Municipal Master Plan is a non-binding, long-term vision document (updated every 10 years) outlining growth goals,
 - ii. whereas the Land Development Ordinance is the legally enforceable law (enacted by the governing body) that regulates zoning, building, and land use to implement that vision.
4. The most recent reexamination report of the Manchester Township Master Plan was adopted by the Planning Board on August 7, 2017, therefore we are due no later than August 2027, so this administration has been proactive in assembling a subcommittee to accomplish this significant effort.
5. I want to applaud the subcommittee for the numerous meetings held with key stakeholders including but not limited to the Mayor, Council President Conniff, Council Vice President Vaccaro, Manchester Police Chief, members from the Planning Board, Township Staff from Planning and Zoning Dept, Public Works, Taxation, etc.

- a. My office is one of the Township's Consulting Engineer & Planners, and we have worked alongside the subcommittee throughout this process. I valued how the different representatives from the Township brought up different topics, concerns, visions, etc. on how to improve the Township from a Planning perspective.
6. The first task was to look back to the comments made in the last report from 2017.
 - a. We provided updates to the Housing Plan per the NJ Fair Share Affordable Housing office, Town Center designation, and reviewed the status of the 3rd Round projects, where certain properties/projects that have been constructed or purchased for open space that were included with the 3rd Round.
 - b. We also provided updates to re-exam comments that are still applicable like prioritizing plans to protect the environment like stormwater management, preserving land, etc.
7. The next task was to discuss any new planning goals that should be mentioned to help better shape the future developments.
 - a. Recommending encouraging renewable energy uses such as solar and wind in development applications.
 - b. We recommend updates to the zoning districts as listed in the ordinance such as: Encouraging commercial business growth by reducing some of the Townhouse overlay zones in existing commercial zones.
 - i. §245-68 (Garden apartments)
 - ii. §245-74 (Townhouse Developments).
 - c. To rezone certain groups of properties that have sat vacant to allow for additional permitted uses (such as Along Rt 530 an area is WTRC that is not in the retirement community, and more appropriate to be WTHD which is the adjacent zone)
 - d. To recommend certain areas be deemed "Area of Redevelopment" to attract commercial business and improve infrastructure (such as 108 Lacey Road, Crestwood Shopping Center, etc.)
 - e. We proposed that the Township put ordinances in place to improve stormwater quality, specifically to require all new construction to provide privately owned recharge stormwater basins to help improve stormwater management through the Township. This requirement is considered relatively minor but can have a large positive impact on overall drainage and flooding.
 - f. Maintain the Township's Sustainable Jersey Certification to continue to be a part of that program and receive future grant monies.
8. In conclusion, this re-examination was a carefully thought-out report and "Guidance" document. We welcome any questions or comments that can help shape the Township's future and thank all of those volunteered their time for this effort.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Master Plan

Karen Argenti – Clearlake Road – In regard to the Master Plan:

1. The 2011 Master Plan does not say anything about redevelopment, even though the town has been discussing this and acting on this for years.
2. It does appear as a recommendation as part of the Housing Element in the 2017 Reexamination Report. It was due to the Redevelopment Plan for the Heritage Minerals property. That was almost 10 years ago and since then nothing changed. Do you remember the CAFRA Hearing on Heritage Minerals?
3. All the redevelopment, area of need of redevelopment, plan endorsement, center designation. that passed had NO HOUSING ELEMENT! How do you explain that? Do we really want to include this? Why do you want housing in commercial, industrial and business?
4. Meanwhile the 2025 Reexamine Report does the opposite. It takes Residential and makes it into commercial, industrial or business. Why?
5. The report adds the 2020 Natural Resources Inventory to the 2025 Reexamination. Including it does no good if you did not review what it says about our natural resources for the last five years! But then again, this 2025 Report only reviews documents to 2017 – the NRI is not there.
6. The 2025 Reexamination Report does not review the cumulative impacts due to redevelopment a. the potential impact of extra imperviousness caused by new development
 - b. the likelihood that we will do any different this time, then in 2014 to meet our affordable housing element. Or even 2017
 - c. The impact on the aquifer -- our drinking water source
 - d. How much water, sewer pipes, or electricity is available for developing proposals
7. These major changes have large impacts on our quality of life, our natural resources, and our infrastructure. They do not, as the report concludes meet policies, goals and objectives of the previous Master Plan Reexamination (2017). We need an update to the 14-year-old 2011 Master Plan.
8. Due to the potential for large impacts in the current report, we urge an Environmental Impact Statement prior to your vote.
9. There is no Fiscal Element for the 2025 Reexamination. How much will this cost the town, in terms of taxes and cost estimates of any new development?

10. Finally, the 2025 Reexamination seems like there is a lot of spot zoning. You need to hire a Planner to help you with all this – because so far, you are not getting anywhere – except cutting down more trees. In conclusion, this 2025 Reexamination is fatally flawed; the current 2011 Master Plan is inadequate for what is proposed in the flawed 2025 Reexamination Report; there is no impact analysis, fiscal analysis, forward looking plan based on climate impact (like our current storm), infrastructure impact analysis, etc.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

Councilwoman Drake stated the bills have reviewed for tonight's meeting.

#26-74 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$6,597,553.66 was offered by Councilwoman Drake, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea.

#26-75 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$1,615,499.87 was offered by Councilwoman Drake, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea.

#26-76 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$592,468.65 was offered by Councilwoman Drake, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Final Action

#26-1 – AN 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, Council President Conniff asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no comments from public, Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to close public comments and approve seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#26-02 – 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, Council President Conniff asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no comments from public, Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to close public comments and approve seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#26-03 - 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, Council President Conniff asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no comments from public, Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to close public comments and approve seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#26-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

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

Seeing no comments from public, Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to close public comments and approve seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#26-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES AND POSITIONS OF NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

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

Seeing no comments from public, Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to close public comments and approve seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

#26-06 – AN ORDINANCE 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, Council President Conniff asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no comments from public, Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to close public comments and approve seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi and Conniff; yea.

ORDINANCES – First Reading & Introduction

#26-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 1.231, LOTS 37 & 39 ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP TO GOLD EAGLE ENTERPRISES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13; 1909 COMMONWEALTH BLVD. (\$301,000.00)

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.

#26-08 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 430 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED “WATER AND SEWER”

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.

#26-09 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2024-40 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.

#26-10 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 424 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

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.

#26-11 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING PORTIONS OF THE GENERAL REEXAMINATION OF THE MASTER PLAN

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 Councilman Wallis. 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. No public comment.

Resolutions #26-77 – #26-111 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Zolezi, and Conniff; yea.

A. GRANTS

#26-77 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE 2025 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT AND DESIGNATION OF A MUNICIPAL RECYCLING & CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR FOR 2026

#26-78 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR LEWIS PARK

B. PURCHASING

#26-79 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF THE BID THRESHOLD THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS AND/OR PURCHASING COOPERATIVES FOR 2026

#26-80 - 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 MRC INC. THROUGH #65MCECCPS - ESCNJ 24/25-01

#26-81 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

#26-82 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND AND PARK EQUIPMENT THOUGH RUBBERECYCLE THROUGH STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONTRACT #24-FOOD-1188185

C. BONDS/ESCROWS

#26-83 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROW POSTED FOR BLOCK 1.29 / LOT 1 (112 SOUTHAMPTON BOULEVARD)

#25-84 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROWS POSTED FOR BLOCK 1.666, L 26

#26-85 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROW POSTED FOR BLOCK 31.04, L 8

D. APPOINTMENT

#26-86 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND APPOINTING TERI GIERCYK TO THE OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL CLERK WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133

E. FINANCE

#26-87 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 52.412, LOT 26 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#26-88 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 75, LOT 93 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#26-89 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 52.412, LOT 26 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#26-90 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 111, LOT 8 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#26-91 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#26-92 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#26-93 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR UNIFORM FIRE SAFTEY ACT PENALTY MONEYS PER NJSA 52:27D–192 et seq.

F. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#26-94 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING R#25-253 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BLUUM USA INC. THROUGH OMNIA NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #01-150 FOR TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

#26-95 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR 2006 RECREATION THEATER TRIPS

#26-96 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HERITAGE FAMILY RESTAURANT

#26-97 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TOAST CAFÉ & RESTAURANT

#26-98 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC. FOR A PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION

#26-99 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING 2025 PINE LAKE PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – FINAL CHANGE ORDER

#26-100 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH GOLD EAGLE ENTERPRISES FOR THE SALE OF BLOCK 1.231, LOTS 37 & 39 (\$301,000.00)

#26-101 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027

#26-102 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR POLICE SERVICES WITH THE OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE, NARCOTICS STRIKE FORCE (NSF)

#26-103 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND MARK WHITE, PH.D. P.A.

#26-104 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER AND BRIGHT HARBOR HEALTHCARE TO UTILIZE THE ON P.O.I.N.T. PROGRAM

#26-105 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

#26-106 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, JOSHUA SCHNOOR AND MICHAEL SABIE

#26-107 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE

#26-108 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH MANCHESTER LOCAL 81

#26-109 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH OPEIU LOCAL 32 (SUPERVISORY UNIT)

#26-110 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH OPEIU LOCAL 32 (WHITE COLLAR UNIT)

#26-111 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE POLICEMAN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 246 (SUPERVISORY POLICE PERSONNEL)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mrs. Drake – I have been working with Chief Ellis on the fundraiser for the Police Unity Tour. I will send the information to Bob Vosseler.

Mr. Vaccaro – Thank you madam president, and thankful we all survived the snowstorm. Remember, we have pride in the Gemstone of the Jersey Shore, also known as the Gateway of the Jersey Shore. On 1/6 - I attended the Planning Board reorganization meeting. 1/7 – I attended the retirement of Lt. Paul Bachovchin. 1/9 – I attended with the Mayor and Councilwoman Drake the meeting with JCP&L at Crestwood Village 5. This was organized by Judy Noonan. 1/13 - Renaissance board meeting. 1/16 – myself, Mayor Hankins, Councilwomen Drake and Zolezi attended the 57th annual evening of song celebrating Martin Luther King. 1/17 – myself, Mayor Hankins, and Councilwoman Drake attended the Ridgeway Fire company installation dinner. On 1/20 – myself and Council President Conniff attended the biweekly meeting. 1/21 – myself and Mayor Hankins attended the ribbon cutting at the Jersey National Guard. 1/22 – zoning board of adjustments reorganization meeting. 1/24 – I attended the Whiting Fire company installation dinner. That concludes my short report and thank you for the time allotted to me. God Bless America and the residents of Manchester Township.

Mr. Wallis – I had a meeting with Commissioner Arace in regard to needed veterans acute care clinic. It will be taken to Congressman Smith for assistance with at least a mobile unit. Also, I noticed a mattress and other garbage on the side of Route 70 that has been there for a while. Since the prisoners do not come out anymore, I have discussed having groups organizing clean-ups and maybe asking the Environmental Commission to help.

Ms. Drake – There is a meeting tomorrow night, do you want me to mention it?

Ms. Zolezi – I need just a few minutes. Public safety – the storm we just had, I want to thank everyone especially DPW. I would request residents give them time. Just know they are always doing their best. Thank you to the police, fire and EMS. Lastly, public keep in mind, there is no parking for public safety. Please stay home and check on your neighbors.

Mrs. Conniff – Thank you to Al and his team. This was a rough storm for us. Thank you Chief and the police department for keeping everyone safe and for the Nixle sent out updating everyone. Thank you Teri and congratulations.

Chief Ellis – Thank you. Sgt. Sharry and OEM stayed in touch during the storm. We had a lot of slips and falls. We did have a fire on January 22nd. It was quickly knocked down and everyone returned to their homes except for the owners of the unit where the fire occurred. On January 17th after 27 years, Lt. Paul Bachovchin retired. On February 4th, we will be promoting Christian Nazario. On a sad note, retired Officer Howard Bixler Badge #263 passed away. On 1/19 – there was a new E-Bike law that came out. We have the Police Unity Tour with 17 riders this year. Each has to raise \$2200.00. We are having Bingo event on March 10th. I want to thank Sandy Drake for all her help. On April 18th there will be a fundraiser 5k run and fun run at Manchester High School and a Dine to Donate at Burger 25 in Brick on February 25th.

MAYORS REPORT - Mayor Hankins – The fire company did respond to juveniles on the ice. Hopefully the parents will keep their kids off the ice and keep everyone safe. With the cleanup, Judy Noonan did call the jail, and they will come out for a cleanup, we just have to supply lunch.

PUBLIC: No public comment.

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, motion to close public and adjourn meeting at 6:47 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
President

Teri Giercyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

2/9/2026
Date Approved