

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Council President, Michele Zolezi. 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	- present
Councilwoman Judy Noonan	- present
Councilwoman Michele Zolezi	- present

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that also present were Township Attorney Lauren Staiger, Administrator Carl Block, Chief Ellis, and CMFO Jeannette Larrison.

PUBLIC

Council President Zolezi opened a special public comment time to address the data center concern. Zolezi requested public to be respectful of one another and speak in a timely manner. She stated the significant number of discussions throughout the community and social media including proposed data centers. Distinguishing facts, she stated there is currently no data center project or application pending in Manchester Twp. Data centers are permissible within a specific area, however, should not be confused with approval.

Britta Forsberg - Haines Road Toms River - Move to a proper venue and hold a special meeting for safe participation.

Ms. Zolezi- We are absolutely open to having a planned discussion.

Nathalia Gregorio LVW- 2/3 of Manchester is within adult communities. We all work hard to retire comfortably and enjoy our golden years in Manchester; we want peace and quiet and live surrounded by nature. Data centers will affect our health, water supply, property values, utility expenses, and quality of life. Please repeal ord. 25-27.

Carl Block- Better to schedule a special meeting. Ms. Zolezi - Special meeting more conclusive, time to speak and voice concerns.

Unable to hear name 1 Georgia Way – Repeal Ordinance #25-27, remove data centers.

Mary Ellen Thornbury Lane- Over 40 other NJ towns have banned it, you have the power to just ban it.

Laura Jacobs Stonybrook Rd.- You (Council) and are voted in by us and have a responsibility to Manchester to not allow data centers.

Judy McCormack- Howell/Jackson put in ordinance; you need to recognize to protect the people.

Valerie Leisure Ridge -We are here begging for forgiveness; developers have no regard of people/wildlife. Do what’s right.

Leo Sozi Renaissance- Ord. 25-27 was three votes and two absences. Three members saw nothing wrong with this. They saw certain benefits many people do not. Remove data centers from use of that land.

White Aspen Court - Commit to consider ban. Give reasons why a ban is not a good idea.

Unable to hear name Leisure Knoll – Reject data centers.

Mary Ellen Stafford Drive - Requested data center addition in redevelopment plan to be removed immediately.

Bonnie Mallard St- Mr. Block came to the Pinelands Alliance meeting, area zoned for warehouse, also data centers, ban from Manchester.

Linda Chapman 5th Avenue Pine Lake Park - Can these meetings be moved to the High School?

Carl Block – Clarified where the mayor was tonight.

Joe Mezanos Howell - We don't want it; we will be heard. He was the one who got Howell to ban data centers. Read a prepared statement.

Amanda Tom River – I grew up and went to school here; my family lives here. Numerous studies on pollution causes and electricity/water used. Currently 80 data centers in NJ, no benefit to any additional centers.

Shannon Bedford Lane- Concerned about the water which AI center will use. Issues with radon already, concerned about removal of trees.

Kathleen Jennings Florence Drive - Environmentally sensitive area, consider existing well issues. Permanently prohibit data centers.

Peggy Middaugh Churchill Road- Immediately repeal Ord. 25-27, violates current master plan.

Caludia Lammers Westcoat Lane Whiting- Very concerned about NDAs show many of you would commit to signing NDAs?

Gavin Southampton- We don't know the size of this facility, so we can't make comments on pollution or noise. All AI centers have problems, no matter the size. I think we can pass an ordinance right now.

Phyllis LVW- What are the benefits of data centers? Why would we want one near us?

Daniel Schnitzer New York Ave- Hear the voices of the people who have spoken emphatically and in a united way.

Stacy Crestwood Parkway- Mental health therapist, we are seeing more depression and more anxiety because of technology separating us and numbing us down. If AI replaces human beings, towns will have less revenue as people lose their jobs.

Jason Howell Pinelands Preservation Alliance- Announce right now that you're going to repeal the provision of the redevelopment plan.

Council President Zolezi - We will take comments under consideration.

Max Murphy Whiting - Environmental Scientist and lifelong Whiting resident. Repeal amendments of redevelopment plan which allows 2 lots to be zoned for data centers. Adopt an ordinance banning data centers as 40 other NJ municipalities have done.

Rachel Peace- Running for Congress, non-partisan audience, over 60% of Republicans 70% Independents and Democrats are against data centers.

Joseph Renaissance - Members who voted yes, stand up right now and explain why you voted yes.

Christina Basile Thornberry Lane- I am a retired teacher, kids can't add or subtract, write a paper, tell time on a clock. They cheat, and AI does this. We are becoming a dumb species; I ask to repeal this ordinance.

Karen Argenti Clearlake Rd.- We are here to talk to you in public comment, 1 year ago you voted to promote the ability of a developer to put data centers in our town. Requesting you rescind the vote; we will come back next meeting to find out what you did. We request you videotape your meetings.

Cynthia Whiting- Speaking for youngest residents, why are you not willing to pass ban on data centers? Why are you waiting?

Britta Forsberg - Haines Road Toms River - Save Barnegat Bay Executive Director, I and my staff collected names outside. Manchester Twp. occupies a significant part of the 660 sq. mile watershed. Can affect groundwater, forests, wildlife, and Barnegat Bay. Please remove data centers as permitted use. Read a prepared statement.

Ivy Strasberg Cambridge Circle LVW - You represent us, this is a room and lobby full of interested people. They are clearly telling you what they want, and you represent them. Please listen to the people, they are speaking loud and clear.

Frank Southwind Circle Jackson - Let this turnout be a testament that people do not want data centers. We do not want them poisoning our ground, water, air, and peace of mind.

Cynthis Higgins - Resident since 1984, Ridgeway Blvd. Let’s protect what we have. Once it’s gone, it’s gone. It’s our responsibility to protect what we have been entrusted with.

Marcia Cozy Way Toms River - Not many people have mentioned anything about specific animals that this will affect and kill. Owls, 5 frog species, and bats. The Ocean County Animal Facility will affect all the animals there too.

Emily Fine Dartmouth Way- The word fiduciary is very important; we have elected you to protect our interests and be impartial. It seems you are not really open-minded and listening to us. You should obey your fiduciary duties.

Max Oak Knoll Drive- Attends Meriden Academy of Tech/Environmental Science, environmental destruction will be detrimental to our community and nature. Please consider our voices.

Claire Isabella Drive - Ball is in your court, what are the next steps? When will you ban data centers?

Patricia Madison Ave - Have lived here since I was 3 years old. My concern is you have not been able to clean up Pine Lake Park; how will you manage cleaning up the mess from data centers.

There being no further comments to come before Council at this time, motion to close public comment to continue with Township business at 7:15 p.m. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Noonan, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes from July 27, 2026, were offered upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro seconded by Councilwoman Noonan and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Noonan, Wallis and Zolezi; yea.

SUBMISSION OF BILLS

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

#26-351 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$14,198,852.20 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro seconded by Councilwoman Noonan and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea. Zolezi abstained from check # 3072 in the amount of \$53,443.54.

#26-352 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$449,543.65 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro and seconded by Councilwoman Noonan and approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

#26-353 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$2,138,186.68 was offered by Councilman Vaccaro seconded by Councilwoman Noonan and approved by the following roll call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Final Action

#26-9 - REPEALING ORDINANCE #24-40 IN ITS ENTIRETY

Council President asked for a motion to carry ordinance until the meeting of September 14, 2026. Councilman Vaccaro Zolezi made a motion to carry seconded by Councilwoman Noonan. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

#26-34 – AMENDING CHAPTER 345-30, ENTITLED “FENCES, WALL, SCREENING, HEDGES, TREES, AND SIGHT TRIANGLES”

Council President Zolezi asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Council President Zolezi 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 Noonan. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

#26-39 – REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTIOND OF CHAPTERS 133 & 179 ENTITLED UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

Council President Zolezi asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Council President Zolezi 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 Noonan. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

#26-40 – AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF LANDS – BLOCK 1.350 LOTS 9-11 (GRINNEL AVE.) FOR BLOCK 1.349 LOTS 5-7 (FAIRFAX ST.) BETWEEN MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP AND BRECKENRIDGE PROPERTIES LLC PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-16

Council President Zolezi asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Council President Zolezi 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 Noonan. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

#26-41 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$5,257,327 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,847,500 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY

Council President Zolezi asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Council President Zolezi 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 Noonan. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

#26-42 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 359 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED “SPECIAL EVENTS”, SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 359-22, ENTITLED “STANDARDS FOR PARADE PERMIT ISSUANCE”

Council President Zolezi asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance. Seeing no comments from Council, Council President Zolezi 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 Noonan. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

#26-43 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 90, LOT 20.02 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO THE KOKES COMMUNITY GARDEN OF MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.

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

Gail Apgar – Will current renters be able to stay and use the garden plots?

Carl – Yes, the new lease will be for 4 years.

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading & Introduction

#26-44 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ATTACHMENT 8, THE ZONING MAP SO AS TO ADOPT AN UPDATED COMPLETE MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

Council President Zolezi asked if any member of Council had any comments on this ordinance.

Carl – We have created a high-resolution map for the Pinelands. There were no new zoning changes, just all updates on the map. It is available online.

Seeing no additional comments from Council. Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Noonan. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea. Please note this ordinance will have a 2nd reading on September 14, 2026, after Planning Board review.

#26-45 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE SO AS TO CREATE CHAPTER 147, ENTITLED “ELECTRONIC FILE SUBMISSION STANDARDS”

Council President Zolezi 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 Noonan. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; 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 Zolezi asked if any member of Council had any comments on any item on the consent agenda.

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

Resolutions #26-354 - #26-372 were considered routine by the Manchester Township Council and were enacted by one motion offered by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Noonan and adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea. Councilwoman abstained from resolution #26-371.

A. PURCHASING

#26-354 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID 26-07 UNIFORM SUPPLY AND CLEANING SERVICES TO AMERICAN WEAR UNIFORMS INC.

B. BONDS/ESCROWS

#26-355 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROWS POSTED FOR WESTON SOLUTIONS

C. FINANCE

#26-356 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 52.40, LOT 12 FOR A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#26-357 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 109.03, LOT 12 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#26-358 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 102.09, LOT 19 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#26-359 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK 99.252, LOT 17 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

#26-360 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

#26-361 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE FOR THE FEDERAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANT

D. MISCELLANEOUS

#26-362 - 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

#26-363 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES FOR FALL/WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS

#26-364 - 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

#26-365 - 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

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E. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#26-371 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #1 & FINAL FOR EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE FY2025 NJDOT LOCAL AID IMPROVEMENTS TO CONGASIA ROAD – PHASE 1

#26-372 - 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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Ms. Drake – Manchester Day at the Blue Claws sponsored by the Manchester Little League is at the end of the month, I will send out an email if anyone is interested. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the Toms River Little League softball representing Ocean County. We did have one of our little leaguers that went to her 1st game, and she did awesome! They took 4th, which is quite an accomplishment, and some of the little leaguers went to watch, along with people on TV.

Mr. Vaccaro – 7/31/2026 Councilmembers Zolezi, Drake, Noonan, and Mayor Hankins attended the Hawaiian Luau. The show was fabulous and was outstanding. Tremendous job by Caitlin Sloan, Director of Recreation and her staff. 8/3/2026 attended the Planning Board meeting and next month plan to report on transpired approvals. 8/4/2026 attended the Bi-Weekly meeting with President Zolezi and 8/10/2026 attended a zoom meeting with Carl Block and Council President Zolezi to clarify the master plan. Remember one act of kindness can change our Township in all aspects. May God Bless America and the residents of Manchester Township.

Mr. Wallis - I appreciated all the comments from the people. A lot of people made a lot of sense. I hope before we have our next meeting that we'll have a closed session for council to discuss what we want to do and which way we want to go. I think that'll happen, but I do appreciate all you who came out and commented.

Mrs. Noonan - I thought it was great that you all came out. I wish a lot of these seniors had come out years ago when some of these zoning and building were being put in. But I must tell you, I really like the fact that you came out here and paid attention. That's important moving forward. JCP&L is asking for a fourteen-dollar increase. I find that unfortunate. Also, over the months, I collected petitions for the underage purchasing in senior communities. I have over two thousand now, I am proud to say I am going to be meeting

with the DCA regarding this. In 2000, approximately six hundred and five million people were sixty years and older. By 2035, the number is expected to be two billion. For the 1st time, seniors will outnumber fourteen and under. So, when people say anything about seniors in this area, we bring a lot to this area. That's why I was so proud you came up and made your voice heard. And I wish you would come to more meetings or pay attention; not just listen to everything that's on the internet. I want to thank you for your opinion, and I think this council works very hard and tries to serve the people. And I want to thank you for your time for coming out despite the court thing. Thank you.

Ms. Zolezi - I'm extremely grateful for all the veterans that have served our great nation. We have the highest population of veterans here in Manchester. We have those veteran flags that are hanging up and I think they do a wonderful program. We also have them at the high school. If anybody is a veteran or has a veteran in their family and they'd like to purchase them, you can call the clerk or you can go on the website. August 18th at 9:00am you can stop by to see how they are hung. Please be mindful when you are driving. If there is inclement weather, just be mindful not only for yourself but for others that are driving. If you have a question, by all means feel free to come to the meetings. We're glad to see you; that's what we're here for.

Carl Block - I had a Zoom call with DOT at the intersection of 570 and 571, some alternatives and some turning movements that the traffic engineers were analyzing. I talked to our traffic consultant Dynamic this afternoon. They had forwarded to the county an alternative they think will be halfway between the alternatives that new DOT has supplied, and it's currently at the county for review.

Jeannette Larrison CMFO - The estimated bills are out. There were a lot of questions about how they were calculated or concerns that the next bill, the final bill that comes out in November, is going to be different from what this is. We were required to do estimated bills because we still wait for our levy certification from the state for our budget. The due date/grace period has been extended to 8/31. Should come in on 9/1, the interest statutorily must revert back to the due date of 8/1, make sure that you get in by 8/31.

Chief Ellis – Wednesday August 12th National Night out for Lakehurst/Manchester. Myrtle and Chestnut from 6pm-9pm. Military/1st Responders/vendors/officers. There will be gift raffles and auctions.

PUBLIC:

Patricia Madison Ave - Thank you for the traffic light on Commonwealth. The lake breaks my heart nobody can swim. Is the rumor true of the Pine Lake Park clubhouse coming down? It’s 100 years old, we need to keep it, it’s historical.

Gail Columbus Blvd- Rt 70 trees coming down, fire hydrants being moved.

Chief Ellis - It’s for piping for water

McFarley Mallard St.-Do we have a fund? We should use it for the clubhouse, need to use the money while there’s still something to buy with it.

Britta Forsberg - Haines Road Toms River - Ocean County Natural Lands Trust - if the seller is willing it (Pine Lake Park Clubhouse) can be nominated for historic use.

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, motion to adjourn meeting at 8:02 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Drake, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approved by the following Roll call vote: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

Michele Zolezi
Council President

Teri Giercyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

8/24/2026
Date Approved