

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Manchester Township Council was called to order at 5:00 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 Mayor Hankins, Township Attorney Lauren Staiger, Administrator Carl Block, Chief Ellis, and CMFO Jeannette Larrison.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#26-373 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975

Councilman Vaccaro made a motion to close public session and go into executive session at 5:01 p.m. seconded by Councilwoman Noonan and approved upon the following roll call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi: yea.

Councilwoman Noonan made a motion to close executive session at 5:45 pm and return to public meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Drake and approve upon the following roll call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

Councilwoman Drake made a motion to reconvene to regular session at 6:00 pm and return to public meeting, seconded by Councilman Vaccaro and approve upon the following roll call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea.

FLAG SALUTE

Council President commented to introduce an ordinance for first reading to add to the agenda. Ordinance #26-48 repealing ordinance #25-27 to the redevelopment plan for block 62 lots 30 & 31.01 to remove data centers. President Zolezi also noting that section 4 of the ordinance reads data centers are not permitted within the Township of Manchester.

Council President asked for a made a motion to add ordinance #26-48 to the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Drake. Roll call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, Zolezi; yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes from August 10, 2026, were offered upon a motion by Councilwoman Noonan seconded by Councilman Vaccaro 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.

#26-374 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Current Fund in the amount of \$1,574,286.54 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.

#26-375 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Eastern Service Area in the amount of \$1,150,587.60 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.

#26-376 – Authorizing payment of bills from the Western Service Area in the amount of \$447,749.43 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

#26-45 - 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, Council President Zolezi asked if there were any comments from the public.

Seeing no other 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, Zolezi; yea.

ORDINANCES – First Reading & Introduction

#26-46 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 245, ENTITLED “LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT” SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 245-74.1 ENTITLED “MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT”

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

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.

#26-47 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 1.61 LOTS 35 & 36 ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP TO JOSEPH AND DEVORA BERGER (1325 THIRD AVENUE, \$145,000)

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. Please note this ordinance will have a 2nd reading on September 14, 2026.

#26-48 – ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING ORDINANCE #25-27 AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 62, LOTS 30 & 31.01 TO REMOVE DATA CENTERS

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 Drake. Roll Call: Councilmembers Drake, Vaccaro, Wallis, Noonan, and Zolezi; yea. Please note this ordinance will have a 2nd reading on September 14, 2026.

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.

Maureen Glubber Toms River – Concerned citizen, not a professional. Wants to make sure that by Amending the ordinance #25-27 there will be no way for data centers to be built in Manchester Twp.

Carl Block – There is no zoning allowing data centers right now. The only place is the redevelopment plan, and the Council is taking away the ability for use. Ordinance also states that there are no data center permitted.

Seeing no additional comments, Council President requested a motion to approve items on the consent agenda.

Resolutions #26-377 - #26-395 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.

A. BONDS/ESCROWS

#26-377 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING ESCROWS POSTED FOR BLOCK 99.111 / LOT 5 (1751 CHILVERS AVENUE)

B. FINANCE

#26-378 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR

C. MISCELLANEOUS

#26-379 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A LIEN AT 18 BANBURY AVENUE

#26-380 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A LIEN AT 564 WATERFORD DRIVE

#26-381 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE RATE INCREASE REQUESTED BY JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT

#26-382 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING A COMPREHENSIVE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF NEW JERSEY'S ELECTRIC UTILITIES

#26-383 - 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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D. GRANTS

#26-391 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSAL OF FUNDING THROUGH THE OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES

#26-392 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSAL OF FUNDING THROUGH THE OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES

#26-393 - RESOLUTION OF MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSAL OF FUNDING THROUGH THE OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES

#26-394 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE SAFE DRINKING WATER CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

E. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

#26-395 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FROM DYNAMIC TRAFFIC FOR A TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Ms. Drake – This Friday at the Blue Claws is Manchester Day sponsored by the Little League. This past week supported the baseball camps run by the police department. Chief Antonio Ellis and his gang did a wonderful job, thank you. With over 50 kids and guys volunteering their time, it was a great time, thank you. I encourage everyone to come out and watch the Little League games in the spring, and a Happy Birthday to Business Administrator Carl Block.

Mr. Vaccaro – A warm welcome to everyone, thank you for your continued concern and interest that you've shown. As always, we all have great pride in our Township, it is your home and residence. Let it be further known Manchester is the gemstone of the Jersey Shore and the gateway to the Jersey Shore. Manchester Township was established in 1865 as a proud Ocean County Community. Madam President, I yield my report time so the residents may voice their concerns. Remember one act of kindness can change the complexion of our Township. May God Bless America and the residents of Manchester Township.

Mr. Wallis – I'd like to thank the Chief of Police, Police Department, First Aid team, and dispatchers for the showing they put on at National Night Out over in Lakehurst. It was a great show and a great canine team show. Thank you all. Thank you, Roger Grenier, Chairman of the Veteran's Committee. We had 2 flag raisings here in the parking lot. One of the flags, a 94 old veteran. Thank you, Roger, for all the work you've done.

Ms. Noonan – Thank you to all the seniors because I was once told that there were too many seniors. Thank you for showing up, it is important that you come to Council meetings and pay attention. I think you are getting an eye on how the town works, things happening, why do we do this? I hear you all talk about development, goes with data centers. You have to look at the future. No traffic, no businesses, we need younger people. I am so proud you stood up for what you believe. I met with the Department of Community Affairs and I have a bill coming out to address many issues. It is great to see so many people here and implore you to continue to be as passionate about these issues that you've been bringing before the Council.

Ms. Zolezi – Note the agenda is always available online on the Manchester Twp. website and you've seen this is where Council does conduct business. Someone asked me who comes and who's here. This is a Council meeting and the Mayor is typically here, he did have a preexisting agenda for this evening, but he was here and involved for the executive session. He rearranged his schedule to make the executive session as he is very passionate about the items we speak about in executive. We have the highest population of veterans in Manchester Township. You can go to the committee or our website to purchase a flag for a family member. I would like to thank our Police Department/Emergency Services, they do a wonderful job of keeping us safe. Please be diligent while driving, accidents are avoidable, so please remind friends and neighbors to be conscious.

Ms. Noonan – Thank you Councilwoman Drake, she does so much for the Little League. I want to give her a big compliment. She goes out of her way for the Little League, thank you very much.

Carl Block mentioned that Mayor Hankins is in full support of Ordinance #26-48.

PUBLIC:

Natalie Gregorio – Coventry Court – So the 1st reading was tonight, correct? And the 2nd reading on Sept. 14th, 2026? And after the 2nd reading, how long until it is a law?

Carl Block – yes that is correct for the readings, it becomes effective 20 days after the 2nd reading.

Larry – Renaissance – 2 Basic concerns: I want to see everything done possible to eliminate the probability of it being built. Towns with bans have been beaten and are building data centers. What can we do to preclude people from coming in with proposals? We cannot protect ourselves from now until this ordinance is effective.

C. Block - You are asking about a moratorium and some other towns have passed it in an ordinance. No matter what you do, whether it's zoning, a redevelopment plan, mortgage—it's all an ordinance which has the same time frame as introduction. You have to publish it, second reading and adoption. So, nothing can be done any quicker. Only solace you have is that this is not a zoning issue or use. It's a permitted use in a redevelopment plan. It only applies to two lots and one developer. It's not a wide open for anybody to come in.

Vito Verga – Crestwood Village 1 – This is a golden opportunity, and we made a big mistake. This crowd is frightening and frightening to the data centers. We can ask for anything! We can have them build a power plant for their electricity, water recycling, lower our real estate taxes and electric bills. I understand this is an unpopular decision, it's the beginning, somebody else will get it and they'll reap the benefits.

Carl Block – When you try to regulate it, it becomes more attractive to developers.

Councilwoman Zolezi – Data Centers aren't zoned in Manchester Township.

Bonnie McFarlane – Mallard Street – Thank you for repealing the ordinance and reconsidering and doing the first reading of the new ordinance tonight. We've learned to be very vigilant. We need to attend more Council meetings to really see and find out what's going on in our town. So thank you, I also want to say we have an open space preservation fund, I would like to see it be used more widely. Manchester is being developed, I've lived here all my life. It's sad seeing the wildlife displaced, everything paved over. Thank you for listening.

Valerie Harold – I am appreciative of the Manchester Times weekly issue, where Mayor Hankins dittoes my sign “No data centers in Manchester Township.” Hopefully you and the Mayor oblige to follow your heart in what he's expressing. Thank you.

Paul – Leisure Knoll – I have experienced sleeping on floors of many data centers as a Java Developer. I am concerned about AI in general, so the question for data centers going in is; what is the defensive profile of the installation? Google, Meta everybody else, all going to bond market. They will keep coming. Whatever we pass, we appreciate your efforts.

Cynthia Higgins – Ridgeway Blvd. – You've drafted an ordinance, last year we had an ordinance that changes and gave permission for data centers. Is this just going to be a false sense of security?

Councilwoman Zolezi - The ordinance that was drafted was specifically related to a redevelopment plan, which is referenced here. We have the new ordinance and realize that when Council conducts business, things change. At the time, Council members thought that was in the best interest. Now there are new circumstances, and so now we have this ordinance. The ordinance proposed for first reading is repealing the permissible use of a data center. There are no data centers, no applications that came before us, but it was a permissible use. Realize that's not necessarily an approval; it's just permissible. That ordinance is removing

that, and in that faction, it's also included in here. But there are no zones, there's no zoning in Manchester where data centers are allowed. Period.

Ernest – Ordinance isn't effective yet, how come it can't be passed now as an emergency?

Lauren Staiger – There are procedures that allow for that, I can look to see if this is something that would be covered. I honestly do not think it will, but I will do the research.

Catherine – Revena Court – I'd like to know if you've been approached by the proposed developer to sign a NDA. Some people on other committees have done that and then they can't talk about anything to do with the data centers.

Councilwoman Zolezi – We do not sign NDA's, we have not been approached, and that's not how we do business here.

Catherine – If there were an AI center, who pays for decommissioning if it fails? If there's nothing in the contract, the taxpayers have to. The decibels and the low frequency damage. I have heard a lot about this low frequency damage. The low frequency is something that I may not hear and you may not hear, but the dogs hear it, the deer hear it, and the bees. No bees, no fruit. The bees are leaving; the animals are leaving.

Hope Hastings Leisure Village West - I went to see the site where this intended property is. This site is and there are beautiful homes back there, all the Quarry, Grove and the Renaissance and everything. And I understand what you're saying that there's no approval now in place to put up data centers. But something's on the horizon, something's pushing. This is an issue. So where is it going?

Councilwoman Zolezi – Not here in Manchester Township

Karen Argenti – I'd like to present you with a package of letters people signed at the last meeting that couldn't get it. Thank you for allowing us to have a nice meeting, I'm very happy to see all these people who've been saying things. Save Barnegat Bay is here, we'll help everybody, we'll post on our Facebook page.

41 Gladstone, Leisure Knoll- Can this ordinance really close loopholes?

Councilwoman Zolezi – The ordinance we passed is repealing the permitted use of data centers, the 2nd reading on 9/14/2026 is when the public is welcome to come and comment specifically on that ordinance.

J.D. Leeds (Jason Howell, Pinelands Preservation Alliance) – I want to thank the Council for introducing the ordinance to repeal. I want to make one suggestion, that you consider nominating these parcels involved with the data center development for preservation under the Ocean County Natural Land Program. And protect the pine barrens.

Anthony – Hawks Way- My concern is mass surveillance. Near Shoprite there's 3 flock cameras. Do we currently have a contract with Flock Safety for Manchester Township or our Police Department?

Chief Ellis - There's no public cameras on any of the public properties or roadways. Only the private properties that they join or enter into an agreement with them, like you said, shop right. We do not have anything on the Township side.

Hope Hastings – Leisure Village West – The gentleman that owns the subject site by Renaissance, doesn't he own Shoprite Manchester Plaza?

Carl Block – Active Acquisitions is the contract purchaser from Stavola of the site we're talking about.

Nina Charlton – Rockingham Way – I live across from proposed data centers. I appreciate you rescinding the ordinance, are we going to revisit the master plan?

Carl Block – Not a set up but yes, the last item on the agenda referring to Dynamic Engineering to do the traffic study. The traffic study is going to be the beginning of the master plan kickoff. It'll do a study, and then it will put into what's called a circulation element. We are currently going through State planning, the Office of Professional Planning Advocacy used to be State Planning Commission for a certain designation. We actually had a meeting today. We meet every two weeks going through the punch list on those items, which will include most of the things we need to do for a planning board as well as our affordable housing element, which has to be updated. It affects the land use element of the master plan. I mentioned before that once we enter, school starts traffic will start being counted. There'll be an interim report to the Council. There'll be a following to the master plan discussion at the end of the year and probably about the beginning of next year. You're into a full master plan, which a lot of it happens at the planning board itself. The master plan approval is done at the Planning Board by vote of the board. The zoning, any requirements and ordinance changes, zoning changes if any are done here at the Council. All public hearings are done by ordinance for those zoning changes and the approvals come back to this board at a public hearing.

Peggy Middough Churchill Road - First, I just want to thank all of you, and particularly Madam President for running two excellent meetings, for keeping it under control. And I know it was challenging, but you did a great job. And thank you for listening to everybody and coming back with an ordinance that we haven't seen yet, but hopefully that we're going to like and maybe even agree upon. I hope that in the part of the ordinance, if it's not there, maybe we can add a definition of data centers.

Max Murphy – Brooklyn Ave. - I want to thank you for taking the first step to protect our land, our water and the residents. I'm currently working alongside the Pinelands Alliance and other organizations to get the Mullica River a National Wild and Scenic Rivers designation. The Mullica River watershed is one of New Jersey's most ecologically significant river systems, flowing through the heart of the Pinelands National Reserve and supporting globally rare habitats, exceptional biodiversity, outstanding water quality, and critical wildlife corridors. It also provides important recreational opportunities including paddling, fishing, birding, hiking and nature-based tourism that contribute to the region's economy and quality of life. We are asking towns to pass a resolution expressing support for the designation of the Mullica River.

Christina – Thornberry Lane - I just want to know why we have to keep building these high density, massive people housing. Why can't we preserve our land?

Nina – 92 Halsted Drive – Thank you for repealing ordinance to ban data centers. Manchester does not have flock cameras, but private people do and they face homes. What should we do about that?

Lauren Staiger – If you see something directed at your home, you may contact the police department.

Gail Apgar – Thank you for resolution #26-381 repealing the increase by JCPL. Harry Wright Lake music and car show were fabulous. Thank you to the police for making us feel safe. Thank you.

Sean Coleman - Whiting – Rumors of re-purposing or the land use of the American Sportsman from New Jersey Gun Club opening a range. I believe it is 10 acres and Fish & Wildlife requires 50.

Carl Block – Yes, we saw they are clearing trees, we had to stop them as they didn't have any approvals.

Sean Coleman - The second topic is the transfer of ownership of property from the joint base to the Bureau of Prisons, located on Jersey Avenue, or better known as St. Mary's Avenue, which is adjacent to Cedar Glen Lakes.

Carl Block - I'll confirm that we have not been contacted, I can pass this to Congressman Smith as this is a federal issue.

Linda Chapman – 5th Avenue - A medical building with Old Lacey Road behind it. Is there a lawsuit from the developer who wanted that land, who owns that land and wants to build? And there was an ordinance from the planning board in April. It states that they put some type of ordinance blocking this zoning.

Carl Block - We have two lawsuits in writing over a similar issue. What the Council did is remove townhouses and apartments as a permitted use with the consent of the planning commission certified. However, there was a piece over on Street Seventy. There's a piece a little further up that the owners have sued us, saying that we have diminished their ability to develop the land.

There being no further comments or business to come before Council at this time, motion to adjourn meeting at 7:29 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Vaccaro, seconded by Councilwoman Noonan 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

9/14/2026
Date Approved