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January 3, 2011 Reorganization Business Meeting

Borough Clerk Irene Ryan administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Ann Elizabeth Nelson and Councilman Donald S. Ness for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2013. George C. Nebel took the oath of office for a four-year term as mayor to expire on December 31, 2014. Councilman Ness was nominated and appointed as Council President for 2011.

Resolutions to confirm Officials, Committees and Boards for 2011, designate Official Newspapers, adopt the 2011 Local Emergency Planning Committee, naming Tax Appeal Agents, Official Depositories, Payment of Bills, setting the Temporary Budget for the 2011 Budget Year, Delinquent Tax Collection, adoption of a Cash Management Plan and to designate Signatories on Borough Bank Accounts (three signatures are required) were moved and passed.

Councilwoman Nelson commended Superintendent Bill Heckman and Larry Gilman for the exemplary job they did clearing the snow from the Borough's streets, working 24/7 to plow over and over the more than three feet and higher drifts deposited after Christmas. Mantoloking was clean; neighboring streets remained a mess for days.

E-mails were sent to residents announcing the 2011 Centennial Celebration calendar of events starting June 30, 2011. Also sent was a notice requesting "Mantoloking Memories" from whomever would wish to tell of remembered days, activities, people, etc. to be compiled for the centennial year.

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Mayor Nebel opened today's meeting promptly at 4:30 p.m. All council members were present. There were no public comments or questions about today's agenda. The minutes of the last two meetings were approved.

Councilman Witkowski moved eight resolutions; The acceptance of Municipal Finance Officer Swisher's November report; the payment of bills of \$1,564,034 for January, 2011. Of this, \$1,340,661 was for Ocean County first-quarter taxes; to authorize the award of contracts for professional services; to authorize miscellaneous supply, service and maintenance contracts; to establish employee salaries for 2011; to refund tax overpayments; to refund a veterans deduction; and to adopt appropriation reserve transfer #1.

Councilman Gillingham introduced Police Chief Wright who reported 139 incidents for December. Of these, there were three animal complaints 38 building checks, seven disabled vehicles of which six were snow-related, two public assistances (thank you Lt. Barcus), a theft, 37 time cards, and a stolen vehicle.

Fire Chief Doug Popaca reported the Fire Company responded to 24 fire calls, held two training drills and one business meeting. Twelve calls were alarms, four were gas leaks, one smoke smell, one wires down, one smoke in a church, one water leak, one smoke in a building, one oven fire and one electrical fire.

Robert McIntyre. Chair of OEM, is requesting funding for new EOC radios as the current ones are unreliable and upgrades will be mandatory in two years. He praised the PWD and the MPD for the exemplary job they all did during the snow storm. Point Pleasant requested our army truck to assist their first aid squad as their equipment was snowbound. There are four systems to notify residents of problems, the siren system, computer e-mail, telephone reverse 911 and door-to-door messengers. During power outages, internet phones are not operational. Many residents do not have land phones so it may be a good idea to get one to use if power is out.

Councilman Gillingham moved two resolutions; approval of Interlocal Services Agreement between Mantoloking and Ocean County concerning the Prosecutor's Program FY 2011 and authorize other Professional Service and Maintenance Contracts. Both were passed. A resolution for a public hearing to adopt Ordinance # 592, Land Use Amendment-Zoning Permits was held. No comments. Ordinance # 592 was passed.

Councilwoman Nelson moved four resolutions; authorize the award of contracts professional services; authorize miscellaneous supply, service and maintenance contracts; approve release of surety bond posted in conjunction with the demolition located at 974 Lagoon Lane; and providing for award of Channel Lane and Bergen Avenue improvements contract to Jads Construction Company.

Construction Official Wardell issued eleven new and six permit updates during December for plumbing and electric updates, demolitions, additions, etc.

Land Use Officer Marinaccio reported thirteen applications were received in December; all thirteen were approved

Councilman Strohm moved three resolutions: Authorize professional service and maintenance contracts; an authorization to submit 2011 Community Development Block Grant application; and, opposing the proposed legislation to remit funds collected from beach badge fees to the State of New Jersey. All were passed. He is trying to arrange a meeting with Bob Martin of the DEP. Other mayors are interested in what Mantoloking has accomplished with its beach program.

Councilman Brown said the Point Pleasant Beach Education Foundation is holding a free Electronic Recycling Drive this coming Saturday, January 22nd from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. at Yale Avenue Stadium Parking Lot behind the Donald T. Fioretti Field (snow date: January 29th.) Computers, Laptops, calculators, speakers, scanners, cell phones digital cameras, etc., etc. TVs and CRT monitors require a \$7.00 disposal fee. Information: contact Principia NP 908 400-1363.

Sandy McIntyre said what a great job was done during the storm by everyone. Walter Bray was disturbed by how badly the DOT and the state handled Rt. 35. Peter Flihan was happy about the outstanding job of clearing the snow. Larry and Bill were on vacation but came in to plow 24/7 anyway. They did go home for lunch! Drivers from surrounding towns were glad to drive on Mantoloking roads. Stan Witkowski commented those trucks we bought were put to good use.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. Council went into executive session..

The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.