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The Centennial is getting closer and closer; many activities are planned. E-mail your "Memories" to mantolokingmemories@yahoo.com.

The 2011 Mantoloking Directory will be published in the spring. Send any new addresses, e-mail addresses and/or corrections to the Reporter.

All council members attended this meeting, called to order by Mayor Nebel at 4:30 p.m. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Councilman Witkowski moved six resolutions: the report of Municipal Finance Officer Swisher as of December 31, 2010; the payment of \$339,302 bills for February; authorize other professional service and maintenance contracts for 2011; adopt appropriation reserve transfer #2; and, provide for an increase of the bid threshold to \$36,000 (from \$20,000) which includes the certification of Irene Ryan by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, as its Qualified Purchasing Agent.

Councilman Gillingham introduced Police Chief Wright who reported 188 incidents for the January-February period. These included six burglary and two robbery alarms, three animal complaints, 61 building checks, two crashes and one crash causing property damage, two DWIs, three first aid calls, one harassment, one suspicious person and three suspicious vehicles, 46 'time cards,' two water leaks and one wires down.

Fire Chief Doug Popaca reported the Mantoloking Fire Company responded to eleven fire calls, held one training drill and one regularly scheduled business meeting. Nine of the calls were alarms, one call was to cover for Brick Fire Company and one was an ice rescue on Twilight Lake in Bay Head.

A resolution to approve an interlocal services agreement between Mantoloking and Ocean County concerning the driving while intoxicated enforcement program Fy2011 was passed. This is the Prosecutor's program aimed at reducing traffic fatalities in Ocean County which led the state in traffic-related fatalities in 2009. DWI checkpoints and other traffic enforcement activities will be organized utilizing our police department who will be compensated by the county at the rate of \$50 per hour.

As of this writing, only a few patches of the January-February snows remain in Mantoloking. All residents should be forever grateful for our superintendent Bill Heckman and able assistant Larry Gilman for their super efforts of clearing snow during and after those storms. Irene Ryan is responsible for getting monies from the state to cover some snowstorm expenses.

Courtney Bixby, in dealing with Jersey Central Power and Light, said when residents are experiencing a power failure, it is necessary to call JCP&L, not the police department or 911. Calls to the police and 911 are registered as one call while calls to JCP&L are listed as individual calls and tracked as such and will show a larger volume of outage, thus quicker response from JCP&L. Outage number: 1 888 544-4877.

Councilwoman Nelson moved one resolution; consider waiver of permit fees for Mantoloking participants in the "Project Graduation 2011 town-wide garage sale charity fund raisers" to be held June 4th (rain date June 5, 2011) and October 1st (rain date October 2, 2011.)

Construction Official Wardell issued five new building permits and seven updates during January for one new house, shingling, roofing, plumbing, furnace replacement, electric updates. He also recommends raising permit fees to be in line with fees charged in other towns. We are operating at a loss as we have not changed fees in several years.

Land Use Officer Marinaccio received three applications during January.

Councilman Strohm, Councilman Ness and Engineer Plevier will meet in Trenton with DEP head Bob Martin to discuss beach access, parking and other beach nourishment issues. He also said fencing is available now and if more is needed it can be ordered.

Councilman Ness moved one resolution; the appointment of Steve Gillingham as deputy OEM coordinator for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2013.

Councilman Witkowski and his committee are preparing the budget for the year. They've had one meeting and expect to have two more. Their goal is 2% over last year, the full legal limit, to come in under four million.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m. The next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.