

The Mantoloking Directory will be going to press in just about five weeks. If you have additions, corrections or changes, please e-mail them to mantoreporter@comcast.net.

Mayor Nebel opened the meeting promptly at 4:30 p.m. All Council members, except Councilwoman Nelson, were present and animated as a photographer in the audience took 'moving pictures' (I think) of the beginning, then left.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes of the February council meeting were passed. Councilman Witkowski then moved five resolutions: to accept the Municipal Finance Officer Swisher's report, as of January 31, 2012; the payment of bills for March, totaling \$410,493; to request a tax refund of overpayment of taxes due to a tax appeal; to self-examine the 2012 budget "pursuant to NJAC 5:30-7.2 through 7.5. Mantoloking has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the CFO has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2012 budget year." The fifth resolution, was the introduction of the 2012 budget. A public hearing will be held at the next Council Meeting, April 23, 2012. Anticipated revenues are \$4,034,728.78. **((From the Council Special Meeting, April 1, 1997," Council approved the 1997 municipal budget for \$2.2 million which will increase the tax rate by 1.9. Most of the increase is due to police pension funds.))** Copies of the 2012 budget are available at Borough Hall.

Councilman Gillingham introduced Police Chief Wright. He reported 174 incidents during the February-March period. They included ten various alarms, one animal complaint, 57 building checks, four suspicious persons, two crashes-leaving-scene, two missing persons, 45 time cards, and 13 traffic enforcements. He also said that Dispatcher Beverly Konopada completed her dispatcher test and passed with a 100- percent grade.

Fire Chief Gilman reported the Fire Company responded to five alarms and held two training drills during February.

Councilman Gillingham moved four resolutions; the

introduction of capital ordinances # 608, to replace the firehouse doors for \$22,000; and #609 to purchase police cameras for \$70,000. A public hearing will take place at the April meeting. Ordinance #607, amendment of Ordinance #595, providing additional funds \$90,000, for Old Bridge Street and Bay Avenue construction was adopted. Introduction of capital ordinances #610, providing for Bay Avenue drainage improvements for \$28,000, and Ordinance #611 providing for improvement of ADA walkway #4 for \$5,000 were passed.

Councilman Strohm said the bulldozing north of Downer has been completed but south of Downer had to be postponed because of high winds. It will be completed when conditions allow. Phase two, the second bulldozing, will be done later on in the spring. He introduced Capital Ordinance #612, the Lyman Street Walkover. It will be repaired and raised and bulldozed under the walkway.

Councilman Gillingham, for absent Councilwoman Nelson, moved a resolution to consider the waiver of permit fees for Mantoloking participants in "The Project Graduation 2012 Town-wide Garage sale Charity Fund Raiser," to be held on June 2, 2012 (rain date June 3, 2012) and September 29, 2012 (rain date September 29, 2012.) It was passed.

Construction Official Wardell issued eight permits and eight updates during February, for renovations electrical updates, fireplace updates, decks, alarm systems, new house, remodeling, etc.

In February, Land Use Officer Marinaccio received ten applications, of which four were denied.

Councilman Brown reported that FEMA will maintain the Borough's low flood insurance rates, maybe to be adjusted over time.

Councilman Ness said the beach sweeps will take place Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Dress warmly, wear gloves and meet at the Downer beach.

Peter Flihan wanted to talk about the budget but was waived off until next month. He noticed a decrease in the budget from last year. . . .Anthony Grella wanted to know who is responsible for cleaning Ocean Avenue. It is a disgrace with debris over a good portion of it. The state is, he was told. But this mess is not on the road; it is between the gutter and the sidewalk. Probably property owners. It will be looked into. . . Please do not feed the geese!!! You

may have noticed they do not read signs, and they do not adhere to the Borough's pooper-scooper ordinance. But you can read so please pick up after your dog.

Council went into executive session . The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be Monday, April 23, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.