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The School Board election is April 27th. The polls will be open between 2:00 pm and 9:00 pm at Borough Hall. Mantoloking is voting for one school board representative and its share, \$65,371.72, of general funds for the 2011-2012 school year. Mantoloking is now in the Point Pleasant Beach Borough School District.

Again, a reminder: The Centennial is fast approaching. Have you e-mailed your "Memories" to mantolokingmemories@yahoo.com? The deadline is April 30th.

Mayor Nebel opened the Council meeting promptly at 4:30 pm. All Council members were there except Councilman Brown who had been excused. There were no comments from the twenty or so attendees. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Councilman Ness moved a resolution of appreciation and condolence for Barbara Fisher Earle, a longtime resident and former Borough official who died April 7, 2011. She served as Borough Clerk, was a member and president of the Board of Education, and was a member of the Centennial Committee. Her service to the community is acknowledged and appreciated. She was a very talented person and will be greatly missed.

Councilman Witkowski moved the following resolutions: to accept the report of Municipal Finance Officer Swisher as of February 28th; for payment of April bills of \$1,774,656, of which \$1,340,661 was paid to Ocean County for second quarter taxes; to adopt temporary emergency appropriations #2; to adopt a temporary capital budget #2; to request the refund of Homestead Rebate Credits resulting in a tax overpayment; and to introduce the 2011 Municipal Budget totaling \$4,055,419. Note: This is \$29,205 less than the 2010 budget. The proposed budget will be advertised in The Ocean Star on April 22nd and a public hearing will take place at the May 16th Council meeting. All resolutions were passed.

A resolution to hold a public hearing on Ordinance #596, the purchase of computer equipment was passed. No comments were made. The ordinance authorizing the purchase of computer equipment at a cost of \$26,000, issuing bonds and notes of \$24,000 and appropriating \$2,000 from the capital improvement fund, was passed.

Councilman Gillingham introduced Lt. Barcus who gave the police report ably assisted by his son, Daniel. There were 161 incidents during the March-April period which included two animal complaints, an attempted theft, two thefts, four traffic enforcements, one warrant arrest, and criminal mischief at the Carrigan Beach access. Since there has been copper thievery again, contact the police if you see activity of that sort. Just because construction vehicles are in the yard, it may be for destruction of copper down spouts. Keep your eyes open.

On Saturday, April 30th between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, the Police Department will collect your out dated and unused medicines and drugs. They should not be flushed or placed in the trash.

Fire Chief Doug Popaca reported the Fire Company responded to twelve fire calls, held two training drills and the regularly scheduled business meeting. There were seven fire alarms, two CO alarms, two gas leaks and a cover for Brick Fire company.

Councilman Gillingham moved two resolutions; appointment of two seasonal/part time help as of May 1st, and the introduction of Ordinance #601, for emergency management radios at a cost of \$11,000, authorizing bonds and notes of \$10,000 and \$1,00 from the capital improvement fund.

Councilwoman Nelson moved resolutions to appoint an alternate electrical code inspector, effective April 18th, and to introduce Ordinance #602, amending Chapter 13 of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Mantoloking 2007, providing for construction-permit fees.

Public hearings were held on Ordinances #595 (Old Bridge Street and Bay Avenue construction,) #597, (replacement of the fire house apron,) #598, (improvements to sanitary sewer system facilities,) #599, (flap valve program,) and #600 (construction of ADA walkway #4.) All were passed.

Superintendent Heckman, among other chores, built a new barricade horse and installed it at the end of Lagoon Lane South,

repaired steps on beach accesses, shoveled sand from all beach-access steps and installed a new sign post at the corner of Lyman and Ocean.

Construction Official Wardell issued fifteen new building permits and updated four, for alarms, electric work, plumbing, decks, a detached garage, pools etc.

Land Use Officer Marinaccio received thirty applications in March. Twenty five were approved.

Councilman Strohm met with the DEP representative dune expert and will be working on the beach easement situation to change the wording.

Mantoloking Environmental Commission Chairman DeAmicis will be chairing a Barnegat Bay Stormwater Management Seminar on Thursday, April 28th at the Mantoloking Borough Hall from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. He has proposed a similar seminar for dune vegetation and maintenance.

Keavy Franzoni of Atlantic Plants manages about 20% of the properties on the ocean, installing the fences and beach grass, etc. The town of Mantoloking will enforce the Dune Maintenance Ordinance due to the sensitive condition of the dunes. The Ordinance states a 30-day time frame beginning in March to comply with the Dune Maintenance Ordinance. Keavy said this is prime storm time and the ordinance should extend the time frame to 60 days.

Last call for corrections to the 2011 Mantoloking Directory to be published in early May. Send any new addresses, e-mail addresses and/or corrections to mantoreporter@comcast.net

The next Council meeting will be Monday, May 16, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.