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Mayor Nebel opened the Council meeting promptly at 4:30 p.m. All Council members were in attendance. There were no comments from the twelve or so attendees. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Councilman Witkowski moved the following resolutions: to accept the report of Municipal Finance Officer Swisher as of March 31st; payment of May bills of \$280,745; request a tax refund for overpayment of taxes due to a tax appeal; and approve the 2011 municipal budget.

Councilman Gillingham introduced Police Chief Wright. There were 221 incidents during the April-May period which included three animal complaints, 52 building checks, five thefts, 98 time cards and one water leak.

Fire Chief Popaca reported the Fire Company responded to fifteen fire calls, held two training drills and the regularly scheduled business meeting. There were ten fire alarms, one CO alarm, two gas leaks, a fire in Brick and cover for Fire Station 21.

Robert S. McIntyre, Jr. has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement from FEMA, acknowledging his completion of a course in Community Hurricane Preparedness

Councilman Gillingham moved six resolutions: appointment of twenty four seasonal/part time badge checkers including one badge-sales clerk as of June 4th, all at \$8.50/hour; appointment of Beverley Konopada as Police Dispatcher/Administrative Assistant as of May 9th; to support the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's New Jersey Metro Chapter "Coast to Coast" bike MS Ride on Saturday, May 21st and Sunday, May 22nd; to suspend enforcement of two hour time-limit parking on Bay Avenue for Mantoloking Yacht Club events; to suspend the two hour time-limit parking on Bay Avenue for the Centennial Celebration events; and after a public hearing, the adoption of Ordinance #601 providing for purchase of Emergency Management Radios at a cost of \$11,000.

Councilwoman Nelson moved four resolutions: to consider change order No. 1 for Channel Lane and Bergen Avenue improvements; approve payment for road improvements to Channel Lane and Bergen Avenue; and award the contract for the Firehouse Apron improvements to Jads Construction Company, the only bidder of six for \$7,150; and after a public hearing, the adoption of Ordinance #602, to amend construction-department fees, was adopted. (All the resolutions and ordinances can be read on the web site, mantoloking.org.)

Construction Official Wardell issued eleven new building permits and updated five, for electric work, plumbing, decks, a demolition, a new home, pools etc.

Land Use Officer Marinaccio received fourteen applications in April. All were approved.

Councilman Strohm's letter to ocean-front owners to correct faults on their dunes to conform to the Dune Ordinance has brought forth the desired result; most have complied with the requests. The safety of Barnegat Bay boating will be addressed by legislators. Penalties for excessive speed will be increased.

Councilman Ness moved two resolutions: confirming the appointment of John G. Wesson as an additional member to serve on the Mantoloking Historical Committee; and confirming the appointment of Ann Elizabeth Nelson as a member of the Mantoloking Environmental Commission.

Chief Wright said there will be about 25 parking spaces at St. Simon's during the Centennial, and parking will be available on Bay Avenue. . . . Art Harden thanked the borough for the great job repaving Channel Lane. . . . Pat Peterson was very dismayed that the 114 feet of sod on her frontage on Bergen Avenue was replaced with construction sand and stone, twigs and seed, not top soil and sod. Her irrigation system was damaged. Mayor Nebel said the borough will replace the irrigation system but the area which was sodded belongs to the town and was not part of the replacement. . . . Chip Peterson said he takes great pride in his yard and was under the impression it would be returned to the condition before the street repair.

The next Council meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.