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Has anyone noticed the "reed island" floating in the bay? It was first noted last weekend on the Bergen Avenue end of the south lagoon. Residents were dismayed it would foul their boating. The next day it had disappeared only to be seen south of the Mantoloking Bridge. This afternoon it was east of Herring Island on its way north. It is about 30 feet long and maybe 10 feet wide with birds' nests among the grasses. Speculation says it detached itself from somewhere along the Metedeconk River, and was last seen at the entrance to Beaver Dam. Do you suppose it is hiding a WWII submarine?

Mayor Nebel opened this meeting promptly at 4:30 p.m. All Council members were present. The minutes of of May meeting were passed.

Councilman Witkowski moved five resolutions; the Municipal Finance Officer's report, the payment of June bills; two requests for tax refunds due to state tax appeals, and amend the 2011 Capital Budget to purchase police equipment. All were passed.

Councilman Gillingham moved three resolutions: to appoint two seasonal/part time help; for bio-hazard cleanup and/or restoration services (jail cell and vehicle cleaning); introduce Ordinance #603, for the purchase of police radios and ATV at a cost of \$30,000. All were passed.

Police Chief Wright reported 310 incidents during May/June which included attempted theft, alarm/burglary, criminal mischief, domestic violence, a neighbor dispute, suspicious persons and theft. 1. He noted, in the early hours of June 5th, special Police Officer Popaca observed flames along a fence on Ocean Avenue. and with assistance from Officers Ferris and Dryburgh, the fire was distinguished without serious damage. 2. /Parking during the Centennial; Watch for the notices from the Police Department. There is just so much parking available. Make arrangements with friends. 3. Boater safety meetings have been taking place behind the scenes; trying to get Assembly to expand the boat patrol on the bay.

During May, the Fire Company responded to 16 fire calls, held four training drills and a personnel meeting. There was a fire in a painter's van, a gas leak, a person in distress and thirteen alarms.

Councilwoman Nelson moved eight resolutions; two Release of Surety bonds; appointment of temporary help; a change order request for

Channel Lane and Bergen Avenue improvements; payment for Channel Lane and Bergen Avenue improvements; consider payment for Firehouse Apron improvements; provide for sale of surplus personal property; and approve purchase of surplus equipment from Ocean County, a material-loading machine in "as is" basis for \$1.00.

Construction Official wardell issued thirteen new building permits and twelve updates during May, for fire updates, plumbing, electrical updates, remodeling, shingles, a demolition.

Land Use Officer Marinaccio received thirty-two applications during May and approved twenty-nine. One application was denied.

Councilman Strohm reported, of the twenty letters sent to ocean front owners for violations, eighteen responded and proceeded to repair and do whatever was necessary to be in compliance with the borough ordinance. One owner could not be located and the other one is delinquent. Peter said the beach is in its best shape in years.

Councilman Brown announced the new SINGLE STREAM COLLECTING of recyclables. All aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles where the neck is smaller than the base of the container, steel and tin cans, newspapers with advertisements, cardboard, mixed paper such as junk mail, writing paper, gift wrap, paper bags, magazines and catalogs can all be put in the same container for recycling. Newspapers should not be tied. Large cardboard boxes should be flattened.

Ocean County is starting a new service. If you have stuff you think is too good to waste, the county will come to your door and pick it up. Items like TVs that you don't want but someone else can use, that sort of item.

Councilman Ness moved a resolution authorizing contracts between the Borough of Mantoloking, the Mantoloking Yacht Club and Fireworks by Gucci, Inc. It was passed. He also said parking for the clambake and dance will be on both sides of Princeton and bay Avenues.

Mayor Nebel said the borough received flowers from the residents of Channel Lane to thank it for the grand improvement of their road. . . Lucille Downs is pleased with the gravel placed between her sidewalk and Bergen Avenue. . .Terri Alvator wrote the Borough a thank you letter for the splendid repair work on Channel Lane. . . . Pat Peterson wishes to thank Borough Engineer Larry Plevier for enabling her property to be restored and her irrigation system to be fixed.

Councilman Witkowski said the municipal audit will be done late this year, because of a personnel issue with the auditors, but it will be done.

Peter Flihan suggested the police watch for those displaying private fireworks on the 4th of July on the beach and on the bay. And stop them from doing it. It is against the law.

Again, residents and their guests are encouraged to participate in the parade and 4th of July activities held at the Mantoloking Yacht Club. The day begins with the Casie and Chrissy Memorial Mile Run at 8:00 am (registration is at 7:30 am), the Henry C. Barton Race at 9:00, the Robert J. Morris Memorial Flag Raising at 11:00 am. The Parade begins at 12:00 p.m. with awards and games immediately following. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be available for purchase.

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

The next Council meeting will be July 18th, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.